



FIRETEX M90

PRODUCT TECHNICAL DATA

FULL DESCRIPTION	: FIRETEX M90 EPOXY INTUMESCENT COATING			
MATERIAL TYPE	: A solvent free thick film epoxy intumescent coating.			
RECOMMENDED USE	: As a thick film exterior durable intumescent coating for the treatment of offshore structures, LPG storage tanks and other steelwork requiring fire protection especially to hydrocarbon and Jet fires.			
ENDORSEMENTS	: 1998 COMPLIANT - 1990 EPA-PG6/23(97) Clause 20(d) - Industrial : BS476 Part 7 - Surface Spread of Flame Material - for details of substrate/scheme, consult Leigh's Customer Service Department. : Approved by Lloyds Register of Shipping. : Approved by Det Norske Veritas. : Approved by Bundesanstalt fur Materialforschung und-prufung. : Approved by the Head of the Netherlands Shipping Inspection.			
RECOMMENDED APPLICATION METHODS	: Twin component spray. : Single component spray. : Trowel.			
COLOUR AVAILABILITY	: Pale Blue (White base plus blue additive).			
FLASH POINT	: Base : Above 55°C		: Additive : Above 55°C	
% SOLIDS BY VOLUME	: 100%			
V.O.C.	: None			
TYPICAL THICKNESS	: See Fire Rating Tables.			
PRACTICAL APPLICATION RATES- microns per coat	: Twin Component Spray : Dry 5000* : Wet 5000 <i>*Maximum sag tolerance with overlap typically 7000µm dry by twin component spray.</i>			
AVERAGE DRYING TIMES		At 5°C	At 10°C	At 15°C
To touch	:	6 hours	5 hours	4 hours
To recoat	:	6 hours	5 hours	4 hours
To handle	:	36 hours	30 hours	16 hours
				At 23°C
				2 hours
				2 hours
				12 hours
				<i>These figures are given as a guide only. Factors such as air movement and humidity must also be considered.</i>
RECOMMENDED THINNER	: Leigh's Cleanser/Thinner No. 9			
RESISTANCE TO	: Moisture - Excellent : Acid spillage - Good : Alkali spillage - Good : Petroleum solvents - Good		: Aliphatic solvents - Good : Abrasion - Excellent : Weather - Excellent (subject to chalking)	
RECOMMENDED PRIMERS	: The primer used must be approved by Leigh's Paints. Consult Leigh's for details of the approved primers list and the qualification protocol. See additional notes overleaf. : An extensive range of Leigh's own primers has been approved including Metagard L574 Blast Primer; Epigrip L425HS Zinc Phosphate Primer; Epigrip J984 Zinc Rich Primer/Epigrip M330 Sealercoat; Epigrip M111 Wet Blast Primer; Epigrip M900 Winterfast Primer/Undercoat and Epigrip M902 Winterfast Hi-Build Brushing Aluminium.			
RECOMMENDED TOPCOATS	: Indefinitely overcoatable with epoxy systems provided the surfaces to be coated have been suitably cleaned. Where a high degree of gloss and colour retention is required overcoat with Resistex C137V2, Resistex C237, Resistex K651 within 7 days at a minimum dft of 50 microns or in the case of C750V2 overcoat within 4 days. These overcoating times refer to achievement of optimum adhesion at 23°C and will vary with temperature. : Firetex M90 is indefinitely overcoatable with itself.			
POT LIFE	: 30 minutes at 15°C		: 15 minutes at 23°C 5 minutes at 60°C	
PACKAGE	: A two component material supplied in separate containers to be mixed prior to use. Pack Size : 60kg, 20kg and 8kg units when mixed. Mixing Ratio : 2.4 parts base to 1 part additive by weight (2 parts base to 1 part additive by volume). Applied Density : Independently tested : 1035 kg/m ³ (see additional notes overleaf) Shelf Life : Minimum 2 years.			

SURFACE PREPARATION:

Firetex M90 is designed for use over a suitably prepared and primed substrate. Ensure surfaces to be coated are clean, dry and free from all surface contamination.

WIRE MESH REINFORCEMENT

Where mesh or scrim reinforcement of the Firetex M90 is necessary, this should be carried out in accordance with Leigh's Paints Firetex M90 Application Manual.

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT:**Twin Component Spray**

Nozzle Size : 0.89-1.09mm (35-43 thou)
Fan Angle : 40°
Operating Pressure : 210kg/cm² (3000 psi)

The details of twin component spray tip orifice size, fan angle and pressure are given as a guide only. The fan angle given is for work on large flat surfaces. Smaller fan angles should be used where the size of the work to be sprayed makes this appropriate. It may be found that slight variation in tip orifice size or pressure will provide optimum atomisation in some circumstances. In general, the operating pressure should be the lowest possible consistent with satisfactory atomisation.

Material is to be applied using twin component airless spray equipment which utilises a minimum 10" King or air motor. Both base and additive need pre-heating to a minimum temperature of 60°C while re-circulating through the unit, so that satisfactory spray application properties are obtained. Suitable insulated and heated lines should be used to maintain temperature prior to spraying.

NB Hot water can be used effectively for flushing out lines and equipment. Care should be taken as water will not dissolve epoxy resin based materials. If a true solvent is desirable for equipment maintenance then the use of Cleanser/Thinner No. 9 is recommended.

Single Component Spray

Firetex M90 can be applied unthinned using a Premix 90 pump available from Hydraspray Ltd, Middlesborough (or equivalent) at temperatures ranging from 23-35°C. Maximum length of fluid line is 30m.

All equipment and lines must be flushed out using Leigh's Cleanser/Thinner No. 9.

Trowel and Preformed Castings

The material may be applied by trowel. It is also suitable for the manufacture of preformed castings.

Consult Leigh's Customer Service Department for further details of recommended application equipment and methods.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS AND OVERCOATING:

The material should preferably be applied at temperatures in excess of 10°C. In conditions of high relative humidity, ie 80-85% good ventilation conditions are essential. Substrate temperature should be at least 3°C above the dew point and always above 0°C.

At application temperatures below 10°C, drying and curing times will be significantly extended.

Application at ambient air temperatures below 5°C is not recommended.

In order to achieve optimum water and chemical resistance, temperature needs to be maintained above 10°C during curing.

If it is desired to overcoat outside the times stated on the data sheet, please seek advice of Leigh's Customer Service Department.

For full notes, see data sheet entitled 'Spreading Rates and Overcoating Times'.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Drying times, curing times and pot life should be considered as a guide only.

The curing reaction of epoxies commences immediately the two components are mixed, and since the reaction is dependent on temperature, the curing time and pot life will be approximately halved by a 10°C increase in temperature and doubled by a 10°C decrease in temperature.

There may be slight variations in colour from batch to batch. Larger variations in colour, when using twin component spray, may indicate a fault with the spray equipment and this should be checked to ensure the correct ratio of base and additive are being delivered.

Leigh's Paints maintain an extensive approved primer list. Details of the protocols for approving primer approvals can be supplied on request. Primer approvals are given on a project by project basis and may vary due to factors such as operating conditions, overcoating interval etc.

Applied Density is dependant on many variables such as temperature, test method, and application method and as such will always fall within a range.

Numerical values quoted for physical data may vary slightly from batch to batch.

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Consult Product Health and Safety Data Sheet for information on safe handling and application of this product.

Any person or company using the product without first making further enquiries as to the suitability of the product for the intended purpose does so at their own risk, and Leigh's Paints can accept no liability for the performance of the product, or for any loss or damage arising out of such use.

The information detailed in this Data Sheet is liable to modification from time to time in the light of experience and of normal product development, and before using, customers are advised to check with Leigh's Paints, quoting the reference number, to ensure that they possess the latest issue.