

## EPOXYGARD

High protection epoxy primer



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### SUBSTRATE

Polyester | GRP | Aluminium | Epoxy | Steel



8.5m<sup>2</sup>/L

## DESCRIPTION

EPOXYGARD is a two-component epoxy primer used for hull protection and adhesion of antifouling paints. It offers very high protection against humidity. Primers play an essential role in adhesion or protection through their hardness or barrier effect.

EPOXYGARD is applied to a sound substrate in thin coats no thicker than 130µm. Its formulation has been optimised to provide a long covering time without sanding. This epoxy primer can also be applied above the waterline as an undercoat for topcoats.

## MAIN FEATURES

COVERAGE	<b>8.5m<sup>2</sup>/L per layer</b> <small>(see «application» section for details)</small>
DRY EXTRACT	<b>58.2 (% volume)   77.8 (% weight)</b>
VOLUME RATIO	<b>4 base   1 hardener</b>
WEIGHT RATIO	<b>88g base   12g hardener</b>
FLASH POINT	<b>23°C &lt; FP &lt;55°C</b>
UNIT SIZE	<b>0.75L - 2.5L - 5L - 20L</b>
TYPICAL SHELF LIFE	<b>5 years</b>
THINNER / CLEANER	<b>DE</b>
COLORS	<b>Ivory, Grey</b>
FINISH	<b>Satin</b>

### DRYING AND OVERCOATING

TEMPERATURE	10°C	15°C	20°C	30°C
Life pot	12h	8h	6h	3h
Overcoating by itself	8h-5d	6h-4d	5h-3d	3h-36h
Overcoating by antifouling	8h-36h	6h-30h	5h-24h	3h-12h
Sandable	24h	20h	16h	8h
Immersion	48h mini	48h mini	48h mini	48h mini

d=days h=hours min=minutes

## SURFACE PREPARATION

### ON A NEW POLYESTER OR EPOXY HULL

- Degrease with Nautix SD.
- Polish the surface with P120 to promote adhesion.
- Make sure the substrate is dry and dust-free.

### ON EXISTING ANTIFOULING OR PRIMER

- Remove existing antifouling:
  - 1 to 3 coats: Nautix Stripper
  - More than 4 coats: sanding, scrubbing or scraping
- Check the condition of the primer: to be covered, paint must not come off the substrate or crumble. Scratch with a brush in various places to test the adhesion of the substrate. Remove any non-adherent coatings.
- Check the residual humidity of the hull. Do not apply if the differential between above and below the waterline is greater than 5%.
- Degrease and roughen the surface with P120 to promote adhesion.
- Make sure the substrate is clean, dry and dust-free.

### CURATIVE OR PREVENTIVE OSMOSIS

- See the technical guide on our website

### SPECIAL ADVICE

Respect the overcoating windows. Overcoating too quickly locks the solvents in at the layer interface. If the window is exceeded, the surface is chemically too closed to allow adhesion.

### COMPATIBILITY

#### Important :

A two-component (hard) epoxy primer cannot be applied over a single-component (soft) primer.

Check the moisture content of the hull with a moisture meter before applying epoxy paint.

If you have any doubts about the compatibility or quality of the existing primer or antifouling, remove the existing paint completely.



## HINTS

- Application methods: brush, roller, spray gun
- Apply between 10 and 30°C (ideally indoors with humidity below 85%).
- Do not paint a surface if there is the slightest risk of condensation forming on the surface (dew point): The temperatures of the ambient air, the substrate and the product must be very close.
- Avoid application in adverse weather conditions: strong wind, direct sunlight, high/low temperatures, high humidity or rain.
- Mix the base thoroughly before adding the hardener. Mix only as much as you need.
- Allow the mixture to stand for 10 minutes before application.
- Correct the profile with an Epoxy filler between the first 2 coats of primer.
- Apply 5 coats of primer. Apply several thin coats to increase the effectiveness of the protection. Recoat within the recommended time or roughen with P120 once dry.

## APPLICATION

### BRUSH/ROLLER

- Cross strokes when applying.
- Dilute with Nautix DE from 0 to 10% max.
- Use a roller with a textured polyamide sleeve such as the Nautix 10cm sleeve.

### SPRAY GUN

- 2.0 to 2.5 bar, nozzle 1.8mm to 2.0mm.
- Dilute with Nautix DE from 10 to 20% max.
- Do not filter below 300µm.

### INFOS

#### Number of coats:

Partial renewal : 2 to 3 coats

Protection : 5 coats

**Theoretical coverage per coat: 8.5m<sup>2</sup>/L**

Recommended WFT\* per coat: 130µm

Recommended final DFT\*\*: 300µm

\*WFT : Wet Film Thickness / \*\*DFT : Dry Film Thickness

The selection of EPOXYGARD's constituents means that it can be covered by itself without depolishing within a wider window than conventional epoxy formulations.

## INFORMATIONS

### OPERATOR PROTECTION

- Paint for amateur and professional use.
- Before use, read this sheet, the label and the product information carefully.
- Work in a well-ventilated area, wear protective clothing, gloves, goggles and a suitable mask.

### TRANSPORT AND STORAGE

- The product must be transported and stored in hermetically sealed containers that are not permeable to solvents.
- Do not expose to the open air, sunlight or extreme temperatures. To keep the product in good condition, recap the can after use, turn the jars upside down and store between 10°C and 25°C. Do not expose to sunlight.

### SAFETY

- Read the label and product information before use. Observe the precautions for use. Carefully read the safety advice given in the Health and Safety section, which is also available from Nautix and its retailers.
- All professional operators must wear appropriate protective clothing: coveralls in a colour that contrasts with the product being applied, disposable hooded under-suits, appropriate gloves and protective footwear that protects the lower limbs. Wear a respirator when spraying.

### WASTE

- Empty cans and soiled waste must be disposed of in accordance with current municipal regulations on the treatment of hazardous products, for example by taking them to a waste collection centre or using dedicated bins. Do not dispose of waste in drains or waterways. Use the bins provided. It is advisable to allow paint residues to harden before disposing of them.

### GENERAL

- The information given in this data sheet is not exhaustive. Anyone using this product for purposes other than those recommended, without prior written confirmation from us as to the feasibility of such use, does so at their own risk. Nautix cannot be held responsible. This information is subject to change without notice.