

Technical Datasheet



ENGUARD™ FR Series Fire Retardant Gelcoat

Enguard FR Series is a flame retardant gelcoat, for spray application, based on a special formula of resin and mineral fillers. The gelcoat has good resistance to flame formation with low smoke emission.

Typical liquid gelcoat properties

| Typical Properties at 23°C ¹ | Value | Unit |
|---|-------|------|
| Viscosity, Brookfield RV 4, 20 rpm | 6000 | cps |
| Thix Index, Brookfield RV 4, 2/20 rpm | 6 | |
| Film cure time, 1.8% MEKP | 60 | min |
| Hide, complete | 12 | mils |

(1) Properties are typical values based on material tested in our laboratories. Typical values should not be construed as a guaranteed analysis of any specific lot or as specification items.

Application and use

Enguard FR series gelcoats contain mineral fillers and halogenated compounds that help to suppress both smoke and flame when used in conjunction with a fire retardant laminating system. Proper protective equipment is required for any surface disruption.

Laminates made with the Enguard FR series gelcoats have met a V-0 self extinguishing UL-94 rating within 10 seconds with no dripping. Laminates made with the Enguard FR Series Gelcoats have also met the ASTM E162-98 (Flame Spread) and ASTM E662-97 (Smoke Density) criteria for Mass Transit applications and ASTM E84-01 (Flame Spread) Class I for Enguard FR series colors, Class II for Enguard FR series whites. This product also provides the end user with good initial gloss as well as acceptable outdoor weatherability.

It is recommended that the gelcoat be catalyzed at a level of 1.5% to 2.0% MEKP and applied at a thickness of no less than 12 mils. Optimum results are obtained at a uniform thickness of 15-18 mils.



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Certificates and approvals

The manufacturing, quality control and distribution of products, by Ashland Performance Materials, are complying with one or more of the following programs or standards: Responsible Care, ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.

Note: The values given for fire resistance are purely indicative. The finished parts manufactured by our customers must be tested according to the laws in force or to specific technical specifications. Optimum fire resistance is obtained on completely hardened resins and laminated parts.

Handling and use

For good handling and working practices, see Ashland "Gelcoat Handling Guide". It is highly recommended that all materials are stored at stable temperature under 25 °C preferably indoors, and away from direct sunlight. A high quality methyl ethyl ketone peroxide (MEKP) catalyst should be used between 1.5 - 2.5%. The gelcoat with the catalyst must be gently stirred before taken in use.

DOT label: flammable. It is highly recommended that all materials are stored at 25 °C, preferably indoors and away from direct sunlight or heat sources. The commercial warranty period for this product is 30 days from shipment.

All other conditions being equal, higher storage temperatures will reduce product stability and lower storage temperature will extend product stability.

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herein and the current Material Safety Data Sheet.



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