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Performance Coatings & Finishes

# Amercoat® 233H

## Epoxy coating

### Product Data/ Application Instructions (For Marine & Offshore use)

- **Low VOC**
  - 1.41 lbs/gal (170 grams per liter)
- **Outstanding corrosion resistance**
  - Suitable for fresh and salt water immersion
  - Suitable for corrosive environments
  - Resistant to many solvents and chemicals
  - Resistant to cathodic disbondment
- **Low temperature cure-fast recoat**
  - Cures down to 0°F (-18°C)
- Speeds up production; fast recoat and cure even at low temperatures
- Multi-purpose, surface tolerant coating

### Typical Uses

Amercoat 233H coating is recommended for application on:

- Ballast tanks, water tanks, bilges and any other water containment structures
- Cargo and fuel tanks
- Potable water service
  - Water tanks
  - Water pipes
  - Water valves
- Fabrication and New Construction

### Qualifications

**NSF-61** \* - For use in drinking water (CLD 23);

Amercoat 233H

- Colors: Buff, Off-White, and Light Blue
- Number of Coats: 1-3
- Maximum Field Use Dry Film Thickness (in mils): 15
- Maximum Thinner: 12.5% Amercoat #7
- Recoat / Cure Time: 24 hours at 77°F
- Final Cure: 7 days at 77°F
- Tanks 1,000 gallons or greater
- Pipes 30 inches in diameter or greater
- Valves 6 inches in diameter or greater

\*Certain restrictions do apply

**AWWA C-210**



### Physical Data

Finish	Flat	
Color	Buff, Light Blue, Oxide Red, Off-White and Black	
Components	2	
Curing mechanism	Solvent release and chemical reaction between components	
Volume solids (ASTM D2697 modified)	80% ± 3%	
Dry film thickness per coat	4 to 20 mils (100 to 508 microns)	
Coats	1 or 2	
Theoretical coverage	ft <sup>2</sup> /gal	m <sup>2</sup> /L
1 mil (25 microns)	1283	31.6
6 mils (152 microns)	214	5.3
20 mils (508 microns)	64	1.6
VOC (EPA method 24)	lb/gal	g/L
Temperature resistance	1.41	170
	°F	°C
continuous	250	121
Flash point (SETA)		
base	83	28
converter	103	39
T-4	100	39
T-5	80	27
Amercoat 12	2	-17

### Application Data

Applied over substrates Steel, aluminum  
Method Airless, conventional spray, brush or roller

Mixing ratio (by volume)

4 parts base to 1 part converter

**Pot life** (hours)

	°F/°C	
90/32	70/21	50/10
1 1/2	4	6
10	20	40

**Induction time** (min.)

**Drying time** (ASTM D1640) @ 6 mils, DFT (hours)

	°F/°C				
	90/32	70/21	50/10	32/0	20/-7
hard	6	8	13	26	53
through	8	11	20	40	64

**Topcoat or recoat time**

minimum (hours)	2.5	4.5	7	14	26
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**Topcoat or recoat time**

(days) (maximum)	30 days				
	°F/°C				
	90/32	70/21	50/10	32/0	20/-7

Product					
379, 450HS, & Amershield™	4	5	5	7	7

**Time before service** @ 12 mils (days) °F/°C

	70/21				
immersion	7				

Thinners (up to 1/2 pt) T-4, T-5  
Equipment cleaner Thinner or Amercoat 12

**Formerly Bar-Rust™ 233H**

## Typical Properties

Abrasion Resistance	ASTM D 4060, CS-17 1000 gram load, 1000 cycles	110 mg loss
Adhesion	ASTM D 4541	900-1100 psi
Chemical Resistance	ASTM D 1308, 24 hour contact at 77°F  50% Sodium hydroxide 28% Ammonia 5% Trisodium phosphate 25% Citric acid 25% Lactic acid 10% Sulfuric acid 10% Hydrochloric acid 20% Tannic acid Crude oil 5% Sodium chloride 10% Ammonium hydroxide Sewage	Excellent, no effect on film integrity
Elongation	ASTM D 522, Method B	Passes 180° bend 1/4 inch mandrel
Humidity Resistance	ASTM D 2247, 1000 hours	No effect on film integrity or adhesion.
Immersion	25% Sodium Hydroxide	Excellent. 117 days Resistance at 140°F exposure. No loss of film integrity or adhesion. Deionized Water at 160°F
Moisture Permeability	ASTM D 96	0.7 perms
Pencil Hardness	ASTM D 3363	3H
Salt Fog Resistance	ASTM B 117, 1000 hours	No effect on film integrity or adhesion. Less than 1/16 inch undercutting at scribe. Less than 3% rust at edges.
Tensile Strength	ASTM D 2379	2406 psi
Modulus	ASTM D 2370	411,300 psi
Flexural Strength (Yield Strength)	ASTM D 790	5290 psi
Hardness (Durometer)	ASTM D 2240 (Type D)	72

## Environmental Conditions

Temperature                      °F                      °C

air and surface                      20 to 120                      -7 to 49

Surface temperatures must be at least 5°F (3°C) above dew point to prevent condensation.

## Application Equipment

**Airless spray** – Standard equipment such as Graco Bulldog or larger with a 0.021- to 0.027 - in. (0.53 to 0.69 mm) fluid tip.

**Conventional spray** – Industrial equipment such as DeVilbiss MBC or JGA spray gun with 78 or 765 air cap and “E” fluid tip, or Binks No. 18 or 62 gun with a 66 x 63PB nozzle set up. Separate air and fluid pressure regulators, mechanical pot agitator, a moisture and oil trap in the main air supply line are recommended.

**Power mixer** – Jiffy Mixer powered by an air or an explosion-proof electric motor.

**Brush** – Natural bristle. Maintain wet edge.

**Roller** – Use industrial roller. Level any air bubbles with bristle brush.

## Application Procedure

Amercoat 233H consists of two components which must be mixed together before use. It is packaged in the proper portions in 1- or 5-gallon units.

1. Flush equipment with thinner or Amercoat 12 before use.
2. Stir each component thoroughly, then combine base and converter and mix until uniform.
3. Thin only if necessary for workability. Use only Ameron recommended thinners.
4. Do not mix more material than will be used within pot life. Pot life is shortened by higher temperatures.
5. For conventional spray, use adequate air pressure and volume to ensure proper atomization.
6. Apply a wet coat in even, parallel passes; overlap each pass 50 percent. If required, cross-spray at right angles to avoid holidays, bare areas and pinholes.  
**Note:** When applying directly over inorganic zincs or zinc-rich primers, a mist coat/full coat technique may be required to minimize bubbling. This will depend on the age of the primer, surface roughness and environmental conditions during application and curing.
7. Normal recommended dry film thickness per coat is 4 to 6 mils.
8. A wet film thickness of 7.5 mils (191 microns) normally provides 6 mils (150 microns) of dry film.
9. When using brush or roller application method, additional coats may be required to achieve proper film thickness.
10. When used as a tank lining, check film continuity of material with a nondestructive holiday detector such as Tinker and Rasor Model M-1 for thickness at 12 mils DFT. At 20 mils DFT use Tinker and Rasor Model AP/W at lowest voltage practical. Apply additional coating to areas requiring touch up.
11. Clean all equipment with thinner or Amercoat 12 immediately after use.

Adhere to all application instructions, precautions, conditions and limitations to obtain the maximum performance. When used over recommended primers, refer to

Application Instructions for the specific primer being used for surface preparation data and application and drying procedures. For conditions outside the requirements or limitations described, contact your Ameron representative.

## Surface Preparation

Coating performance is proportional to the degree of surface preparation. Refer to specifications for the specific primer being used. Prior to coating, primed surface must be clean, dry, undamaged and free of all contaminants including salt deposits. Round off all rough welds and remove all weld spatter.

**Steel** – Remove all loose rust, dirt, grease or other contaminants.

Blast to achieve an anchor profile of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mils (38-64 microns) as indicated by a Keane-Tator Surface Profile Comparator or Testex Tape. Increase coating thickness if profile greater than 3 mils.

**Aluminum** – Blast lightly with fine non-metallic abrasive.

**Repair** – Prepare damaged areas to original surface preparation specifications, feathering edges of intact coating. Thoroughly remove dust or abrasive residue before touch up.

## Safety Precautions

Read each component's material safety data sheet before use. Mixed material has hazards of each component. Safety precautions must be strictly followed during storage, handling and use.

**CAUTION – Improper use and handling of this product can be hazardous to health and cause fire or explosion.**

**Do not use this product without first taking all appropriate safety measures to prevent property damage and injuries. These measures may include, without limitation: implementation of proper ventilation, use of proper lamps, wearing of proper protective clothing and masks, tenting and proper separation of application areas. Consult your supervisor. Proper ventilation and protective measures must be provided during application and drying to keep spray mists and vapor concentrations within safe limits and to protect against toxic hazards. Necessary safety equipment must be used and ventilation requirements carefully observed, especially in confined or enclosed spaces, such as tank interiors and buildings.**

**This product is to be used by those knowledgeable about proper application methods. Ameron makes no recommendation about the types of safety measures that may need to be adopted because these depend on application environment and space, of which Ameron is unaware and over which it has no control.**

**If you do not fully understand these warnings and instructions or if you cannot strictly comply with them, do not use the product.**

**Note:** Consult Code of Federal Regulations Title 29, Labor, parts 1910 and 1915 concerning occupational safety and health standards and regulations, as well as any other applicable federal, state and local regulations on safe practices in coating operations.

***This product is for industrial use only. Not for residential use.***

## Shipping Data

Packaging	1- and 5-gal units	
Shipping weight (approx.)	lb	kg
1 gal unit		
base	11.6	5.3
converter	2.0	0.9
5 gal unit		
base	57.7	26.2
converter	9.0	4.1

Shelf life when stored indoors at 40 to 100°F (4 to 38°C)

base and converter 1 year from shipment date

Numerical values are subject to normal manufacturing tolerances, color and testing variances. Allow for application losses and surface irregularities. See application instructions for complete information and safety precautions.

The mixed product is photochemically reactive as defined by the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 102 or equivalent regulations.

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