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Performance Coatings & Finishes

Amercoat® 873

High-heat modified silicone topcoat

Product Data/ Application Instructions

- High temperature resistance to 1000°F (colors) or 1200°F (black and aluminum)
- Color stable
- Resists thermal cycling
- Excellent weathering resistance
- Low VOC

Amercoat 873 is a high performance, high-temperature resistant topcoat used over Amercoat 872 modified zinc silicone primer, as part of a complete high temperature resistant coating system.

Typical Uses

High temperature, exterior exposures for pipes, stacks, equipment etc. in

- Chemical plants
- Power plants
- Oil production, refining plants
- Marine structures, ships
- Cement plants

Application Equipment

The following is a guide; suitable equipment from other manufacturers may be used. Changes in pressure, hose and tip size may be needed for proper spray characteristics.

Airless spray – Standard equipment with a 30:1 pump ratio, or larger, with a fine finish tip. Use the lowest possible pressure to achieve adequate atomization while retaining film thickness control.

Conventional spray – Industrial equipment, such as DeVilbiss MBC 510 gun (or equal) with an “E” needle and tip and 704 air cap (or equal). A moisture and oil trap in the main air supply line and separate air and fluid pressure regulators are essential. Adjust pressure as needed, to achieve adequate atomization.

Surface Preparation

Coating performance, in general, is proportional to the degree of surface preparation. Prior to coating, the primer surface must be clean, dry and free of all contaminants, including salt deposits.

Physical Data

Finish	Flat	
Color	Selected colors	
Components	1	
Curing mechanism	Solvent loss and heat cure	
Volume solids	34 % ± 3%	
Dry film thickness per coat*	1.5-2.0 mil (38-50 microns)	
Coats	1	
Theoretical coverage	ft ² /gal	m ² /L
1 mil (25 microns)	545	11.1
2 mils (50 microns)	272	5.5
VOC	lb/gal	g/L
unthinned	3.5	420
thinned (1 pt/gal)	3.9	467
Temperature resistance, continuous	°F	Dry °C
colors	1000	538
black and aluminum	1200	649
Flash point (SETA)	°F	°C
Amercoat 873	0	-18
Amercoat 65	78	26
Amercoat 12	2	-17

Application Data

Applied over Prepared and primed steel,
A mist coat/full coat technique may be required to minimize bubbling when applied over inorganic zinc or zinc-rich primers.

Surface preparation See specific primer
Primer Amercoat 872
Method Airless, conventional spray, roller or brush

Environmental conditions

Temperature	°F	°C
air	50 to 95	10 to 35
surface	50 to 104	10 to 40

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

Drying time (hours)	°F / °C		
	90 / 32	70 / 21	50 / 10
touch	½	1	4
through	12	24	36
Recoat time (hours)	°F / °C		
	90 / 32	70 / 21	50 / 10
minimum	2	4	8
maximum		none	

* See note on curing on next page.

Thinner Amercoat 65
Equipment cleaner Thinner or Amercoat 12

**Do not exceed 2.0 mils DFT. If maximum thickness is exceeded, remove excess coating thickness by abrading, otherwise cracking may occur.*

Application Procedure

1. Flush all equipment with thinner or Amercoat 12 before use.
2. Stir material thoroughly to a uniform consistency.
3. If necessary for workability, thin with up to 1 pint of Amercoat 65 per gallon of Amercoat 873.
4. Apply a wet coat in even, parallel passes, holding the spray gun at a right angle 10-12 inches from the surface. Overlap 50 percent to avoid holidays, bare areas and pinholes. If required, cross spray at right angles. Over inorganic zincs, a mist coat/full coat technique may be required to minimize bubbling.
5. When dry to touch, check film thickness with non-destructive dry film thickness gauge such as Elcometer or Mikrotest. Recoat if greater thickness is required. Do not exceed 2.0 mils dry film thickness.
6. Clean all equipment with thinner or Amercoat 12 immediately after use.

Curing

Equipment coated with Amercoat 873 in the air-dried state can be handled and shipped prior to heat curing as long as appropriate care during handling and shipping is observed. Avoid mechanical abrasion during shipping and handling.

Full properties are attained when the coated surfaces are put into service and have been exposed for at least 1 hour at a temperature of 350°F (177°C) or higher. Continuous operating temperature must not exceed the coating's upper temperature limits 1000°F (538°C). Peak operating temperatures (not to exceed 12 hours duration) must not exceed 1200°F (649°).

Safety Precautions

Read material safety data sheet before use. 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	11.9	5.4
5-gal	62.0	28.2
Shelf life when stored indoors at 40 to 100°F (4 to 38°C)	1 year from manufacture date	

Numerical values are subject to normal manufacturing tolerances, color and testing variances. Allow for application losses and surface irregularities.

This product is nonphotochemically reactive as defined by South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 102 or equivalent regulations.

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