



AMERLOCK[®] VOC



The Next Generation of Amerlock 400

Fast drying, surface tolerant, VOC compliant epoxy Amerlock Series

Product Data/ Application Instructions

- Fast dry, dry to touch in 2 hours at 70°F (21°C)
- Recoat in 3 hours at 70°F (21°C)
- Low temperature cure down to 0°F (-18°C)
- Exceptional corrosion protection in industrial and marine corrosive environments
- Surface tolerant, excellent adhesion to tight rust and prepared damp surfaces
- Self priming topcoat over most existing coatings
- Can be overcoated with a wide range of topcoats
- Meets all existing VOC regulations including SCAQMD Rule 1113 requirements
- Temperature resistance to 450°F on insulated or uninsulated surfaces when mixed with Amercoat 880 glass flake additive.

Amerlock 2 VOC's low solvent level meets VOC requirements, reduces the chances for film pinholing and solvent entrapment at the substrate-coating interface, often a major cause of coating failure with conventional epoxies and lower solids systems.

Amerlock 2 VOC is available in a variety of colors, and therefore does not require a topcoat. For extended weatherability or special uses, a topcoat may be desired.

Typical Uses

Amerlock 2 VOC is designed for use in a variety of areas, even those where surface preparation is impossible. As a maintenance coating, Amerlock 2 VOC protects steel structures in industrial facilities, bridges, tank exteriors, marine weathering, offshore, oil tanks, piping, roofs, water towers and other exposures. Amerlock 2 VOC has good chemical resistance to splash/spillage, fumes and immersion in neutral, fresh and salt water (see resistance table). Contact your Ameron representative for specific information.

Qualifications (Amerlock 2 VOC)

1. USDA – Incidental food contact
2. FDA 21 CFR 175.300 extraction test for direct food contact

Physical Data

Finish	Semigloss			
Color	Standard, Rapid Response, custom colors and aluminum			
Components	2			
Curing mechanism	Solvent release and chemical reaction between components			
Volume solids (ASTM D2697 modified) Amerlock 2 VOC	83% ± 3%			
Dry film thickness (per coat)	4-8 mils (100-200 microns)			
Coats	1 or 2			
Theoretical coverage 1mil (25 microns) Amerlock 2 VOC	ft ² /gal	m ² /L		
	1331	32.6		
5 mils (125 microns) Amerlock 2 VOC	266	6.5		
VOC Amerlock 2 VOC mixed	lb/gal	g/L		
	0.7	84		
Temperature resistance,*	wet	dry		
	°F	°C	°F	°C
continuous	100	38	200	93
intermittent	100	38	350	177
with 880 (1 gal can/ 2gal mix)	wet	dry		
continuous	100°F (38°C)	425°F (218°C)		
intermittent	100°F (38°C)	450°F (232°C)		
Flash point (SETA)	°F	°C		
Amerlock 2/400 resin*	131	55		
Amerlock 2 VOC cure	40	4		
Amercoat [®] 8	20	-7		
Amercoat 65	78	25		
Amercoat 101	145	63		
Amercoat 12	2	-17		

*At temperatures above 200°F, dry film thickness must not exceed 10 mils (250 microns).

*Amerlock 2 VOC resin and Amerlock 400 resin are identical, and are packaged under a common label as Amerlock 2/400 resin. Amerlock 2 VOC cure and Amerlock 400 cure are different, and are labeled individually.

Typical Properties (Amerlock 2 VOC)

Physical

Abrasion resistance (ASTM D4060)	
1 kg load/1000 cycles	weight loss
CS-17 wheel	102 mg
Impact resistance (ASTM D2794)	
Direct	24 in · lb
Reverse	6 in · lb
Moisture vapor transmission (ASTM F1249)	
	4.0 gm/m ² /day
Adhesion (ASTM D4541)	
	1200 psi

Performance

Salt spray (ASTM B117) 3500 hours		
Face corrosion/blistering		None
Humidity (ASTM D2247) 1500 hours		
Face corrosion/blistering		None
Prohesion (ASTM G85-A5) 3000 hours		
Face corrosion/blistering		None

Chemical Resistance Guide

Environment	Immersion	Splash and Spillage	Fumes and Weather
	2 VOC	2 VOC	2 VOC
Acidic	*	F	G
Alkaline	*	E	E
Solvents	*	G	E
Salt water	E	E	E
Water	E	E	E
F-Fair	G-Good	E-Excellent	

*Contact your Ameron representative.

This table is only a guide to show typical resistances of Amerlock 2 VOC. For specific recommendations, contact your Ameron representative for your particular corrosion protection needs.

Systems using Amerlock 2 VOC

1 st coat	2 nd Coat	3 rd coat
Amerlock 2 VOC	None	None
Amerlock 2 VOC	Amerlock 2 VOC	None
Amerlock 2 VOC	450H Series	None
Amerlock 2 VOC	Amershield	None
Amerlock 2 VOC	PSX 1001	None
Dimetcote® 9 Series	Amerlock 2 VOC	None
Dimetcote 9 Series	Amerlock 2 VOC	450H Series

Surface Preparation

Coating performance is, in general, proportional to the degree of surface preparation. Abrasive blasting is usually the most effective and economical method. When this is impossible or impractical, Amerlock 2 VOC can be applied over mechanically cleaned surfaces. All surfaces must be clean, dry and free of all contaminants, including salt deposits.

Amerlock 2 VOC may be used over most types of properly prepared and tightly adhering coatings. A test patch is recommended for use over existing coatings.

Steel – Remove all loose rust, dirt, moisture, grease or other contaminants from surface. Power-tool clean SSPC-SP3 or hand-tool clean SSPC-SP2. For more severe environments, dry abrasive blast SSPC-SP7. Water jetting is also acceptable. For immersion service – dry abrasive blast SSPC-SP10.

Aluminum – Remove oil, grease or soap film with neutral detergent or emulsion cleaner, treat with Alodine® 1200, Alumiprep® or equivalent or blast lightly with fine abrasive.

Galvanizing – Remove oil or soap film with detergent or emulsion cleaner, then use zinc treatment such as Galvaprep® or equivalent or blast lightly with fine abrasive.

Concrete – Acid etching (ASTM D4260) or abrasive blast (ASTM D4259) new concrete cured a minimum of 14 days.

Application Data

Applied over	Steel, concrete, aluminum, galvanizing
Surface preparation	
Steel	SSPC-SP2, 3, 6, 7, 10 or 11
Concrete	ASTM D4259 or 4260
Aluminum	Alodine®, Alumiprep® or light abrasive blast
Galvanizing	Galvaprep® or light abrasive blast
Method	Airless or conventional spray. Brush or roller may require additional coats.
Mixing ratio (by volume)	1 part resin to 1 part cure
Environmental conditions	Air and surface temperature 20° to 120°F (-6° to 49°C)

Surface temperatures must be at least 5°F (3°C) above dew point to prevent condensation. At freezing temperatures, surface must be free of ice.

Drying time (ASTM D1640) (hours)

	touch °F/°C					
	120/49	90/32	70/21	50/10	32/0	20/-6
Amerlock 2 VOC	0.5	1	2	8	24	48
through						
Amerlock 2 VOC	1	2	4.5	13	38	96
Amerlock 2 VOC (cure to immersion* (days)	1	2	3	7	21	—

*non-potable water

Thinner	Amercoat 8 or 65
Equipment cleaner	Thinner or Amercoat 12
	°F/°C
Recoat/Topcoat time	90/32
minimum (hours)	1
	70/21
	50/10
	3
	6
Recoat/Topcoat time @ 70°F (21°C)	
System	Maximum time
Amerlock 2 VOC/Amerlock 2 VOC	1 month
Amerlock 2 VOC/Amershield or 450H Series	1 week
Amerlock 2 VOC/Amercoat 5405	1 day

Drying times are dependent on air and surface temperatures as well as film thickness, ventilation and relative humidity. Maximum recoating time is highly dependent upon actual surface temperatures - not simply ambient air temperatures. Surface temperatures should be monitored, especially with sun-exposed or otherwise heated surfaces. Higher surface temperatures shorten the maximum recoat window.

Note: If maximum time is exceeded, roughen surface. For topcoats (finish coats) not listed, see Product Data sheet for specific topcoat time limitations.

Pot life (hours)	°F/°C			
	90/32	70/21	50/10	32/0
Amerlock 2 VOC				
unthinned	0.75	1	2	4
½ pint thinner	1	1.5	2.5	5

Pot life is the period of time after mixing that a five-gallon unit of material is sprayable when thinned as recommended. Mixture may appear fluid beyond this time, but spraying and film build characteristics may be impaired.

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 having a 45:1 or higher pump ratio, with a 0.017- to 0.021-inch fluid tip.

Conventional spray – Industrial equipment, such as DeVilbiss MBC or JGA or Binks 18 or 62 spray gun. A moisture and oil trap in the main air supply line, a pressure material pot with mechanical agitator and separate regulators of air and fluid pressure are recommended.

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

Brush or roller – Additional coats may be required to attain proper thickness.

Application Procedure

1. Flush all equipment with thinner or Amercoat® 12 before use.
2. Stir resin and cure using an explosion-proof power mixer to disperse pigments.
3. Add cure to resin. Mix thoroughly until uniformly blended to a workable consistency.
4. Do not mix more material than can be used within the expected pot life.
5. For optimum application, material should be from 50° to 90°F (10° to 32°C). Above 122°F (50°C), sagging may occur.
6. Use only Ameron recommended thinners. For applications above 70°F (29°C) use Amercoat 8, at lower temperatures use Amercoat 65. A small amount of thinner greatly reduces viscosity; excessive thinning will cause running or sagging. Thin cautiously as follows:

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Airless – up to ½ pt/gal
Conventional – up to ½ pt/gal

Below 50°F additional thinning may be needed and multiple coats required to achieve specified thickness.

7. To minimize orange peel appearance, adjust conventional spray equipment to obtain adequate atomization at lowest air pressure.
8. Apply a wet coat in even, parallel passes with 50 percent overlap to avoid holidays, bare areas and pinholes. If required, cross spray at right angles.
9. When applying Amerlock 2 VOC 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 Dimetcote®, surface roughness and conditions during curing.
10. Ventilate confined areas with clean air during application and while curing the final coat. Prevent moisture condensation on the surface between coats.
11. Repair damaged areas by brush or spray.
12. Clean equipment with thinner or Amercoat 12 immediately after use.

Shipping Data

Packaging unit	2 gal	5 gal
cure	1-gal can	2.5-gal can
resin	1-gal can	2.5-gal can
Shipping weight (approx)	lbs	kg
2-gal unit		
Amerlock 2 VOC cure	12.8	5.8
Amerlock 2 VOC/400 resin	13.7	6.2

5-gal unit		
Amerlock 2 VOC cure	33.0	15.0
Amerlock 2 VOC/400 resin	35.0	15.9z
Shelf life when stored indoors at 40° to 100°F (4° to 38°C) resin and cure	1 year from shipment date.	

Numerical values are subject to normal manufacturing tolerances, color and testing variances. Allow for application losses and surface irregularities. This mixed product is photochemically reactive as defined by the South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rule 102 or equivalent regulations.

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 solvent 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.

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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.

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