



Protective & Marine Coatings

MACROPOXY® 646 FAST CURE EPOXY

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

MACROPOXY 646 FAST CURE EPOXY is a high solids, high build, fast drying, polyamide epoxy designed to protect steel and concrete in industrial exposures. Ideal for maintenance painting and fabrication shop applications. The high solids content ensures adequate protection of sharp edges, corners, and welds. This product can be applied directly to marginally prepared steel surfaces.

- Low VOC
- Low odor
- Outstanding application properties
- Meets Class A requirements for Slip Coefficient, 0.36 @ 6 mils / 150 microns dft (Mill White only)
- Chemical resistant
- Abrasion resistant

PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

Finish:	Semi-Gloss
Color:	Mill White, Black and a wide range of colors available through tinting
Volume Solids:	72% ± 2%, mixed, Mill White
Weight Solids:	85% ± 2%, mixed, Mill White
VOC (EPA Method 24):	Unreduced: <250 g/L; 2.08 lb/gal Reduced 10%: <300 g/L; 2.50 lb/gal
Mix Ratio:	1:1 by volume

Recommended Spreading Rate per coat:

	Minimum	Maximum
Wet mils (microns)	7.0 (175)	13.5 (338)
Dry mils (microns)	5.0* (125)	10.0* (250)
~Coverage sq ft/gal (m²/L)	116 (2.8)	232 (5.7)
Theoretical coverage sq ft/gal (m²/L) @ 1 mil / 25 microns dft	1152 (28.2)	

*May be applied at 3.0-10.0 mils (75-250 microns) dft as an intermediate coat in a multi-coat system. Refer to Recommended Systems (page 2). See Performance Tips section also.

NOTE: Brush or roll application may require multiple coats to achieve maximum film thickness and uniformity of appearance.

Drying Schedule @ 7.0 mils wet (175 microns):

	@ 35°F/1.7°C	@ 77°F/25°C 50% RH	@ 100°F/38°C
To touch:	4-5 hours	2 hours	1.5 hours
To handle:	48 hours	8 hours	4.5 hours
To recoat:			
minimum:	48 hours	8 hours	4.5 hours
maximum:	1 year	1 year	1 year
To cure:			
Service:	10 days	7 days	4 days
Immersion:	14 days	7 days	4 days
Pot Life:	10 hours	4 hours	2 hours
Sweat-in-time:	30 minutes	30 minutes	15 minutes

If maximum recoat time is exceeded, abrade surface before recoating. Drying time is temperature, humidity, and film thickness dependent. Paint temperature must be at least 40°F (4.5°C) minimum.

When used as an intermediate coat as part of a multi-coat system:

Drying Schedule @ 5.0 mils wet (125 microns):

	@ 35°F/1.7°C	@ 77°F/25°C 50% RH	@ 100°F/38°C
To touch:	3 hours	1 hour	1 hour
To handle:	48 hours	4 hours	2 hours
To recoat:			
minimum:	16 hours	4 hours	2 hours
maximum:	1 year	1 year	1 year

PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS (CONT'D)

Shelf Life:	36 months, unopened Store indoors at 40°F (4.5°C) to 100°F (38°C).
Flash Point:	91°F (33°C), TCC, mixed
Reducer/Clean Up:	Reducer, R7K15
In California:	Reducer R7K111 or Oxsol 100

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Substrate*: Steel

Surface Preparation*: SSPC-SP10/NACE 2

System Tested*:

1 ct. Macroxy 646 Fast Cure @ 6.0 mils (150 microns) dft

*unless otherwise noted below

Test Name	Test Method	Results
Abrasion Resistance	ASTM D4060, CS17 wheel, 1000 cycles, 1 kg load	84 mg loss
Accelerated Weathering-QUV¹	ASTM D4587, QUV-A, 12,000 hours	Passes
Adhesion	ASTM D4541	1,037 psi
Corrosion Weathering¹	ASTM D5894, 36 cycles, 12,000 hours	Rating 10 per ASTM D714 for blistering; Rating 9 per ASTM D610 per rusting
Nuclear Decontamination	ASTM D4256/ANSI N 5.12	99% Water Wash; 95% Overall
Direct Impact Resistance	ASTM D2794	120 in. lb.
Dry Heat Resistance	ASTM D2485	250°F (121°C)
Exterior Durability	1 year at 45° South	Excellent, chalks
Flexibility	ASTM D522, 180° bend, 3/4" mandrel	Passes
Fuel Contribution	NFPA 259	5764 btu/lb
Humidity Resistance	ASTM D4585, 6000 hours	No blistering, cracking, or rusting
Immersion	1 year fresh and salt water	Passes, no rusting, blistering, or loss of adhesion
Radiation Tolerance	ASTM D4082 / ANSI 5.12	Pass at 21 mils (525 microns)
Pencil Hardness	ASTM D3363	3H
Salt Fog Resistance¹	ASTM B117, 6,500 hours	Rating 10 per ASTM D610 for rusting; Rating 9 per ASTM D1654 for corrosion
Slip Coefficient, Mill White[*]	AISC Specification for Structural Joints Using ASTM A325 or ASTM A490 Bolts	Class A, 0.36
Surface Burning	ASTM E84/NFPA 255	Flame Spread Index 20; Smoke Development Index 35 (at 18 mils or 450 microns)
Water Vapor Permeance	ASTM D1653, Method B	1.16 US perms

Epoxy coatings may darken or discolor following application and curing.

*Refer to Slip Certification document

Footnotes:

¹ Zinc Clad II Plus Primer

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RECOMMENDED USES

- Marine applications
- Fabrication shops
- Pulp and paper mills
- Power plants
- Offshore platforms
- Nuclear Power Plants
- Nuclear fabrication shops
- Mill White and Black are acceptable for immersion use for salt water and fresh water, not acceptable for potable water
- Suitable for use in USDA inspected facilities
- Conforms to AWWA D102 OCS #5
- Conforms to MPI # 108
- This product meets specific design requirements for non-safety related nuclear plant applications in Level II, III and Balance of Plant, and DOE nuclear facilities*.

- Refineries
- Chemical plants
- Tank exteriors
- Water treatment plants
- DOE Nuclear Fuel Facilities
- DOE Nuclear Weapons Facilities

* Nuclear qualifications are NRC license specific to the facility.

RECOMMENDED SYSTEMS

		Dry Film Thickness / ct.	
		Mils	(Microns)
Immersion and atmospheric:			
Steel:			
2 cts.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
Concrete/Masonry, smooth:			
2 cts.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
Concrete Block:			
1 ct.	Kem Cati-Coat HS Epoxy Filler/Sealer <i>as needed to fill voids and provide a continuous substrate.</i>	10.0-20.0	(250-500)
2 cts.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
Atmospheric:			
Steel:			
(Shop applied system, new construction, AWWA D102, can also be used at 3 mils / 75 microns minimum dft when used as an intermediate coat as part of a multi-coat system)			
1 ct.	Macropoxy 646 Fast Cure Epoxy	3.0-6.0	(75-150)
1-2 cts.	of recommended topcoat		
Steel:			
1 ct.	Recoatable Epoxy Primer	4.0-6.0	(100-150)
2 cts.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
Steel:			
1 ct.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
1-2 cts.	Acrolon 218 Polyurethane	3.0-6.0	(75-150)
	or Hi-Solids Polyurethane	3.0-5.0	(75-125)
	or SherThane 2K Urethane	2.0-4.0	(50-100)
	or Hydrogloss	2.0-4.0	(50-100)
Steel:			
2 cts.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
1-2 cts.	Tile-Clad HS Epoxy	2.5-4.0	(63-100)
Steel:			
1 ct.	Zinc Clad II Plus	2.0-4.0	(50-100)
1 ct.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
1-2 cts.	Acrolon 218 Polyurethane	3.0-6.0	(75-150)
Steel:			
1 ct.	Zinc Clad III HS	3.0-5.0	(75-125)
	or Zinc Clad IV	3.0-5.0	(75-125)
1 ct.	Macropoxy 646	3.0-10.0	(75-250)
1-2 cts.	Acrolon 218 Polyurethane	3.0-6.0	(75-150)
Aluminum:			
2 cts.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
Galvanizing:			
2 cts.	Macropoxy 646	5.0-10.0	(125-250)
FIRETEX ONLY:			
Steel & Galvanized Substrates being primed for FIRETEX only:			
1 ct.	Macropoxy 646	2.0-5.0	(50-125)

The systems listed above are representative of the product's use, other systems may be appropriate.

SURFACE PREPARATION

Surface must be clean, dry, and in sound condition. Remove all oil, dust, grease, dirt, loose rust, and other foreign material to ensure adequate adhesion.

Refer to product Application Bulletin for detailed surface preparation information.

Minimum recommended surface preparation:

Iron & Steel

- Atmospheric: SSPC-SP2/3
- Immersion: SSPC-SP10/NACE 2, 2-3 mil (50-75 micron) profile
- Aluminum: SSPC-SP1
- Galvanizing: SSPC-SP1; See Surface Preparations section on page 3 for application of FIRETEX intumescent coating systems

Concrete & Masonry

- Atmospheric: SSPC-SP13/NACE 6, or ICRI No. 310.2, CSP 1-3
- Immersion: SSPC-SP13/NACE 6-4.3.1 or 4.3.2, or ICRI No. 310.2, CSP 1-3

Surface Preparation Standards

Condition of Surface	ISO 8501-1 BS7079:A1	Swedish Std. SIS055900	SSPC	NACE
White Metal	Sa 3	Sa 3	SP 5	1
Near White Metal	Sa 2.5	Sa 2.5	SP 10	2
Commercial Blast	Sa 2	Sa 2	SP 6	3
Brush-Off Blast	Sa 1	Sa 1	SP 7	4
Hand Tool Cleaning	C St 2	C St 2	SP 2	-
Pitted & Rusted	D St 2	D St 2	SP 2	-
Rusted	C St 3	C St 3	SP 3	-
Power Tool Cleaning	Pitted & Rusted	D St 3	SP 3	-

TINTING

Tint Part A with Maxitones at 150% strength. Five minutes minimum mixing on a mechanical shaker is required for complete mixing of color.

Tinting is not recommended for immersion service.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS

- Temperature: 35°F (1.7°C) minimum, 120°F (49°C) maximum (air and surface)
40°F (4.5°C) minimum, 120°F (49°C) maximum (material)
At least 5°F (2.8°C) above dew point
- Relative humidity: 85% maximum

Refer to product Application Bulletin for detailed application information.

ORDERING INFORMATION

- Packaging: Part A: 1 gallon (3.78L) and 5 gallon (18.9L) containers
Part B: 1 gallon (3.78L) and 5 gallon (18.9L) containers
- Weight: 12.9 ± 0.2 lb/gal ; 1.55 Kg/L mixed, may vary by color

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Refer to the MSDS sheet before use.

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SURFACE PREPARATIONS

Surface must be clean, dry, and in sound condition. Remove all oil, dust, grease, dirt, loose rust, and other foreign material to ensure adequate adhesion.

Iron & Steel, Atmospheric Service:

Minimum surface preparation is Hand Tool Clean per SSPC-SP2. Remove all oil and grease from surface by Solvent Cleaning per SSPC-SP1. For better performance, use Commercial Blast Cleaning per SSPC-SP6/NACE 3, blast clean all surfaces using a sharp, angular abrasive for optimum surface profile (2 mils / 50 microns). Prime any bare steel within 8 hours or before flash rusting occurs.

Iron & Steel, Immersion Service:

Remove all oil and grease from surface by Solvent Cleaning per SSPC-SP1. Minimum surface preparation is Near White Metal Blast Cleaning per SSPC-SP10/NACE 2. Blast clean all surfaces using a sharp, angular abrasive for optimum surface profile (2-3 mils / 75-75 microns). Remove all weld spatter and round all sharp edges by grinding. Prime any bare steel the same day as it is cleaned.

Aluminum

Remove all oil, grease, dirt, oxide and other foreign material by Solvent Cleaning per SSPC-SP1.

Galvanized Steel

Allow to weather a minimum of six months prior to coating. Solvent Clean per SSPC-SP1 (recommended solvent is VM&P Naphtha). When weathering is not possible, or the surface has been treated with chromates or silicates, first Solvent Clean per SSPC-SP1 and apply a test patch. Allow paint to dry at least one week before testing adhesion. If adhesion is poor, brush blasting per SSPC-SP7 is necessary to remove these treatments. Rusty galvanizing requires a minimum of Hand Tool Cleaning per SSPC-SP2, prime the area the same day as cleaned. In preparing galvanized steel substrates for the application of FIRE-TEX intumescent coating systems, Surface Preparation Specification SSPC-SP 16 must be followed obtaining a surface profile of minimum 1.5 mils (38 microns). Optimum surface profile will not exceed 2.0 mils (50 microns).

Concrete and Masonry

For surface preparation, refer to SSPC-SP13/NACE 6, or ICRI No. 310.2, CSP 1-3. Surfaces should be thoroughly clean and dry. Concrete and mortar must be cured at least 28 days @ 75°F (24°C). Remove all loose mortar and foreign material. Surface must be free of laitance, concrete dust, dirt, form release agents, moisture curing membranes, loose cement and hardeners. Fill bug holes, air pockets and other voids with Steel-Seam FT910.

Concrete, Immersion Service:

For surface preparation, refer to SSPC-SP13/NACE 6, Section 4.3.1 or 1.3.2 or ICRI No. 310.2, CSP 1-3.

Follow the standard methods listed below when applicable:

ASTM D4258 Standard Practice for Cleaning Concrete.
ASTM D4259 Standard Practice for Abrading Concrete.
ASTM D4260 Standard Practice for Etching Concrete.
ASTM F1869 Standard Test Method for Measuring Moisture Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete.
SSPC-SP 13/Nace 6 Surface Preparation of Concrete.
ICRI No. 310.2 Concrete Surface Preparation.

Previously Painted Surfaces

If in sound condition, clean the surface of all foreign material. Smooth, hard or glossy coatings and surfaces should be dulled by abrading the surface. Apply a test area, allowing paint to dry one week before testing adhesion. If adhesion is poor, or if this product attacks the previous finish, removal of the previous coating may be necessary. If paint is peeling or badly weathered, clean surface to sound substrate and treat as a new surface as above.

Surface Preparation Standards

Condition of Surface	ISO 8501-1 BS7079:A1	Swedish Std. SIS055900	SSPC	NACE
White Metal	Sa 3	Sa 3	SP 5	1
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Pitted & Rusted	D St 2	D St 2	SP 2	-
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Pitted & Rusted	D St 3	D St 3	SP 3	-

APPLICATION CONDITIONS

Temperature:	35°F (1.7°C) minimum, 120°F (49°C) maximum (air and surface) 40°F (4.5°C) minimum, 120°F (49°C) maximum (material) At least 5°F (2.8°C) above dew point
Relative humidity:	85% maximum

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

The following is a guide. Changes in pressures and tip sizes may be needed for proper spray characteristics. Always purge spray equipment before use with listed reducer. Any reduction must be compliant with existing VOC regulations and compatible with the existing environmental and application conditions.

Reducer/Clean Up Reducer R7K15
In California..... Reducer R7K111

Airless Spray

Pump.....	30:1
Pressure.....	2800 - 3000 psi
Hose.....	1/4" ID
Tip017" - .023"
Filter	60 mesh
Reduction.....	As needed up to 10% by volume

Conventional Spray

Gun	DeVilbiss MBC-510
Fluid Tip	E
Air Nozzle.....	704
Atomization Pressure.....	60-65 psi
Fluid Pressure.....	10-20 psi
Reduction.....	As needed up to 10% by volume
Requires oil and moisture separators	

Brush

Brush.....	Nylon/Polyester or Natural Bristle
Reduction.....	Not recommended

Roller

Cover	3/8" woven with solvent resistant core
Reduction.....	Not recommended

Plural Component Spray ... Acceptable

Refer to April 2010 Technical Bulletin - "Application Guidelines for Macropoxy 646 & Recoatable Epoxy Primer Utilizing Plural Component Equipment"

If specific application equipment is not listed above, equivalent equipment may be substituted.



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APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Surface preparation must be completed as indicated.
Mix contents of each component thoroughly with low speed power agitation. Make certain no pigment remains on the bottom of the can. Then combine one part by volume of Part A with one part by volume of Part B. Thoroughly agitate the mixture with power agitation. Allow the material to sweat-in as indicated prior to application. Re-stir before using.
If reducer solvent is used, add only after both components have been thoroughly mixed, after sweat-in.
Apply paint at the recommended film thickness and spreading rate as indicated below:

Recommended Spreading Rate per coat:

	Minimum	Maximum
Wet mils (microns)	7.0 (175)	13.5 (338)
Dry mils (microns)	5.0* (125)	10.0* (250)
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*May be applied at 3.0-10.0 mils (75-250 microns) dft in atmospheric conditions. Refer to Recommended Systems (page 2). See Performance Tips section also.

NOTE: Brush or roll application may require multiple coats to achieve maximum film thickness and uniformity of appearance.

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maximum:	1 year	1 year	1 year
To cure:			
Service:	10 days	7 days	4 days
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If maximum recoat time is exceeded, abrade surface before recoating.

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Paint temperature must be at least 40°F (4.5°C) minimum.

Pot Life:	10 hours	4 hours	2 hours
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When used as an intermediate coat as part of a multi-coat system:

Drying Schedule @ 5.0 mils wet (125 microns):

	@ 35°F/1.7°C	@ 77°F/25°C 50% RH	@ 100°F/38°C
To touch:	3 hours	1 hour	1 hour
To handle:	48 hours	4 hours	2 hours
To recoat:			
minimum:	16 hours	4 hours	2 hours
maximum:	1 year	1 year	1 year

Application of coating above maximum or below minimum recommended spreading rate may adversely affect coating performance.

CLEAN UP INSTRUCTIONS

Clean spills and spatters immediately with Reducer R7K15. Clean tools immediately after use with Reducer R7K15. In California use Reducer R7K111. Follow manufacturer's safety recommendations when using any solvent.

PERFORMANCE TIPS

Stripe coat all crevices, welds, and sharp angles to prevent early failure in these areas.

When using spray application, use a 50% overlap with each pass of the gun to avoid holidays, bare areas, and pinholes. If necessary, cross spray at a right angle

Spreading rates are calculated on volume solids and do not include an application loss factor due to surface profile, roughness or porosity of the surface, skill and technique of the applicator, method of application, various surface irregularities, material lost during mixing, spillage, overthinning, climatic conditions, and excessive film build.

Excessive reduction of material can affect film build, appearance, and adhesion.

Do not mix previously catalyzed material with new.

Do not apply the material beyond recommended pot life.

In order to avoid blockage of spray equipment, clean equipment before use or before periods of extended downtime with Reducer R7K15. In California use Reducer R7K111.

Tinting is not recommended for immersion service.

Use only Mil White and Black for immersion service.

Insufficient ventilation, incomplete mixing, miscatalyzation, and external heaters may cause premature yellowing.

Excessive film build, poor ventilation, and cool temperatures may cause solvent entrapment and premature coating failure.

Quik-Kick Epoxy Accelerator is acceptable for use. See data page 4.99 for details.

When coating over aluminum and galvanizing, recommended dft is 2-4 mils (50-100 microns).

Acceptable for Concrete Floors.

Refer to Product Information sheet for additional performance characteristics and properties.

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