

### PRODUCT CODE: C411033

AQUAGUARD® XH GELCOATS are high performance, hybrid, cosmetic finishes for the production of FRP composite materials intended for service in demanding indoor and outdoor applications. These gelcoat finishes show excellent chemical ,UV and weathering resistance properties, and feature a stone-like cosmetic appearance, with reflective highlights to create a highly decorative finish.

AQUAGUARD® XH GELCOATS are the ideal gelcoat choice for FRP swimming pool composite applications.

### FEATURES

- Good flow/levelling properties
- One step application spray system to obtain an attractive reflective finish
- Rapid air release
- Highly resistant to pre-release
- Good sag resistance
- Highly resistant to triping/wrinkling
- Excellent UV resistance
- Good gloss retention
- Excellent chemical resistance
- Excellent sprayability

### BENEFITS

- Easy control of film thickness
- Productivity improvements and cost savings achievable, compared with other methods for producing this type of finish
- Minimal air entrapment
- Improved part quality
- Consistent film thickness
- Improved part quality. Increased tolerance to application variability
- Maintains original colour for longer following outdoor exposure
- Superior appearance of finished articles during service life
- Products maintain original cosmetic appearance for longer
- Can be sprayed using industry standard spray equipment, however modifications may be required

### TYPICAL LIQUID RESIN PROPERTIES @ 23°C

Summer/Spray grade: contains chip

| PROPERTY   | TYPICAL VALUES  | TEST DETAILS                                          |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Gel time   | 10 – 14 minutes | 2% v/w MEKP NR20                                      |
| Viscosity  | 5000 – 6000 cP  | Brookfield RVF sp 4/4 rpm                             |
| Shelf Life | 4 months        | When stored in original closed container in the shade |

Aquaguard® XH Gelcoats are available in a number of colours. Please refer to your local allnex Composites representative.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Aquaguard® XH Gelcoats contain particulate materials (polyester chips) suspended in the gelcoat.

### SWIMMING POOL APPLICATIONS

During the development of AQUAGUARD®XH Gelcoat, the product was tested and qualified to meet the critical requirements of Australian Standard AS1838, indicating suitability for use as a surface finish in FRP swimming pool constructions, utilizing standard salt water chlorination

systems. As part of this R&D program, well cured panels faced with AQUAGUARD®XH Gelcoat were also subjected to accelerated chlorine exposure tests. Based on the resulting performance data, these gelcoats are regarded as suitable for use in FRP swimming pool and spa constructions, fitted with standard chlorination filter systems, and operating at ambient temperatures.

AQUAGUARD®XH Gelcoat is not recommended for use in elevated temperature pool or spa applications where the surface finish will be subjected to continuous, long term exposures to treated pool water above 32°C. Irrespective of operating water temperature, the chlorine level should be maintained in the ideal range of 1.5 – 2.5 ppm, and a maximum level of 5 ppm should not be exceeded. pH must also be maintained in the ideal range of 7.2 – 7.4.

AQUAGUARD®XH GELCOAT is not suitable for direct contact with Ozone – which is an extremely aggressive oxidiser. Alternative sanitiser systems involving Ozone generation can be successfully used with pool constructions surfaced with AQUAGUARD®XH GELCOAT provided that the ozone generation system is isolated and does not allow any ozone to come in contact with the Gelcoat surface.

Note: Over time, with increased exposure to climatic / chemical conditions, some lightening of colour and reduction in reflective properties of the cured Gelcoat may occur. This product contains dispersed particulate material which necessitates the removal of filters from spray equipment prior to application. (see application notes below).

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Aquaguard® XH Gelcoats contain particulate materials suspended in the gelcoat. These materials are required to achieve the final cosmetic appearance. All filters from the equipment should be removed before spray up. Refer to your equipment supplier for assistance with modification if difficulty is experienced.

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|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Temperature                              | 15 - 30°C                    |
| Catalyst Level (MEKP, 9% Active Oxygen)  | 1.5 – 2.5% v/w               |
| Film Thickness (wet apply 3 to 4 passes) | 22 – 32 thou (0.55 – 0.80mm) |
| Coverage to achieve above film thickness | 625 - 875gm <sup>-2</sup>    |

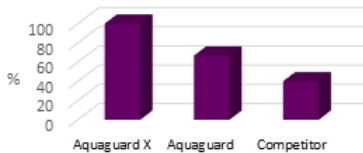
Gun Tip (Remove all filters) – 60 thou minimum tip size

### AQUAGUARD IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

#### Water Resistance Rating



#### Chemical Resistance Rating



The higher the number ratings indicate better performance

### TYPICAL MECHANICAL PROPERTIES IN CURED STATE

(FULLY POSTCURED CASTING)

| PROPERTY                    | TYPICAL VALUE          | TEST DETAILS     |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Density                     | 1.19 gcm <sup>-3</sup> | ISO/R 1183-1970  |
| Tensile Strength            | 70 MPa                 | ASTM D638        |
| Tensile Elongation          | 3.09 %                 | ASTM D638        |
| Flexural Strength           | 129 MPa                | ASTM D790        |
| Flexural Modulus            | 3.55 GPa               | ASTM D790        |
| Volume Shrinkage            | 7-8%                   | ISO 3521-1976    |
| Heat Distortion Temperature | 89°C                   | ISO 75-1974      |
| Barcol 934-1 Hardness       | 40                     | Barcol Impressor |

### STORAGE AND HANDLING

To ensure maximum stability and maintain optimum resin handling properties, Gelcoat should be stored in closed containers, away from heat sources and sunlight. The product be stored away from all sources of ignition. Stored resin quantities should be kept to a reasonable minimum and used on a first in/first out stock rotation basis. Prolonged storage, or unfavourable storing conditions, may cause separation, therefore agitation of the Gelcoat before use is recommended.

### STANDARD PACKAGING

Mild steel drums (open top)

Mild steel pail

Refer MSDS before use