

RESUFLOTM TOPCOAT SD

The following information is to be used as a guideline for the installation of Resufloor Topcoat SD. Contact the Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department for assistance prior to application.

APPLICATION INFORMATION — SURFACE PREP PROFILE CSP 2-3

VOC MIXED	APPLICATION STEP	MATERIAL	MIX RATIO	THEORETICAL COVERAGE PER COAT CONCRETE	PACKAGING
CONDUCTIVE SYSTEM					
<50 g/L	Conductive Primer	3424 1-1.5 pints water per 1.25 gallon kit	4:1	250 sq. ft./gal.	1.25 gals.
<100 g/L	Topcoat	3725	2:1	275-400 sq. ft./gal.	3 or 15 gals.
<100 g/L	Second Topcoat	3725	2:1	275-400 sq. ft./gal.	3 or 15 gals.
STATIC DISSIPATIVE SYSTEM					
<50 g/L	Standard Primer	3579	2:1	250 sq. ft./gal.	3 or 15 gals.
<100 g/L	Topcoat	3725	2:1	275-400 sq. ft./gal.	3 or 15 gals.
<100 g/L	Optional Second Topcoat	3725	2:1	275-400 sq. ft./gal.	3 or 15 gals.

IMPORTANT!

Read these instructions carefully several days prior to starting your work. Seek answers to any questions you may have before you begin. Sherwin-Williams HPF maintains a technical staff that will be glad to answer your questions and give you advice pertaining to your particular installation. Large areas will require two or more mixers.

INSTALLATION

Sherwin-Williams materials shall only be installed by approved contractors. The following information is to be used as a guideline for the installation of Resufloor Topcoat SD. Contact the Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department for assistance prior to application.

SURFACE PREPARATION — GENERAL

Sherwin-Williams systems can be applied to a variety of substrates if the substrate is properly prepared. Preparation of surfaces other than concrete will depend on the type of substrate, such as wood, concrete block, quarry tile, etc. Should there be any questions regarding a specific substrate or condition, please contact the Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department prior to starting the project. Refer to Surface Preparation Form G-1.

SURFACE PREPARATION — CONCRETE

Concrete surfaces shall be abrasive blasted to remove all surface contaminants and laitance. The prepared concrete shall have a surface profile depending upon system selected. Refer to Form G-1.

After initial preparation has occurred, inspect the concrete for bug holes, voids, fins and other imperfections. Protrusions shall be ground smooth while voids shall be filled with a system-compatible filler. For recommendations, consult the Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department.

TEMPERATURE

Throughout the application process, substrate temperature should be 50°F-90°F. Substrate temperature must be at least 5°F above the dew point. Applications on concrete substrate should occur while temperature is falling to lessen offgassing. The material should not be applied in direct sunlight, if possible. Protect material from freezing prior to installation.

PRIMER

CONDUCTIVE FLOORING MIXING AND APPLICATION

Install copper grounding prior to installation of the Resufloor Aqua 3424. Contact Technical Service for more information.

A. Premix 3424A (hardener) and 3424B (resin) separately, using a low-speed drill and Jiffy® blade. Mix for one minute until uniform, exercising caution not to whip air into the material.

- B. Add 4 parts 3424A (hardener) to 1 part 3424B (resin) by volume. Mix with low-speed drill and Jiffy blade for three minutes until uniform. 3424 must be reduced with potable water up to 10-15% minimum. DO NOT reduce product until after both components have been mixed together for 90 seconds. Mix side A and side B for a minimum of 90 seconds, then ADD 1-1.5 pints of water per 1.25-gallon kit. Reduction water must be added after A side and B side is mixed first.
- C. Apply using a short nap roller at a rate of 250-320 square feet per gallon (5-6 WFT mils). Allow to cure at least 4 hours prior to topcoating but no more than 24 hours. A light sanding may be required prior to applying topcoat.
- D. Inspect primer coat prior to application of system. Test surface resistance in accordance with NFPA 99. Resistance range should be less than 150,000 ohms. If deviation from this range occurs, consult the Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department immediately.

STATIC DISSIPATIVE MIXING AND APPLICATION

- A. Premix 3579A (resin) using a low-speed drill and Jiffy mixer. Mix for one minute until uniform, exercising caution not to introduce air into the material.
- B. Add 2 parts 3579A (resin) to 1 part 3579B (hardener) by volume. Mix with low-speed drill and Jiffy mixer for three minutes until uniform. To ensure proper system cure and performance, strictly follow mix ratio recommendations.
- C. 3579 may be applied via spray, roller or brush. Apply at 250 square feet per gallon to yield 5-6 mils WFT evenly with no puddles, making sure of uniform coverage. Coverage will vary depending upon porosity of the substrate and surface texture.
- D. Wait until primer is tacky (usually one hour minimum) before applying the topcoat.
- E. Install copper grounding prior to installation of the Resufloor 3725. Contact Technical Service for more information.

TOPCOAT (3725)

MIXING AND APPLICATION

Both A & B components of 3725 must be premixed to disperse conductive elements evenly throughout the resin. It is normal to have color variations in the components even after premixing.

- A. Premix 3725A (resin) and 3725B (hardener) separately, using a low-speed drill and Jiffy mixer. Mix for one minute until uniform, exercising caution not to whip air into the material.
- B. Add 2 parts 3725A (resin) to 1 part 3725B (hardener) by volume. Mix with low-speed drill and Jiffy mixer for three minutes until uniform. Apply material using a squeegee and backroll at a spread rate of 275-400 square feet per gallon to yield 4-6 mils WFT. Two coats of 3725 are required over 3424. Allow material to cure 8-10 hours.
- C. Inspect topcoat. Test surface resistance in accordance with NFPA 99. Average resistance range should be 25,000-1,000,000 ohms for conductive coating and 1,000,000-1,000,000,000 ohms for static dissipative coating. If deviation from range occurs, consult the Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department immediately. Allow to cure for at least 24 hours before opening to light foot traffic.
- D. The previously installed copper grounding should be connected to a tested and verified earth grounding electrode.

STATIC CONTROL FLOORS

Static control flooring can be defined as a flooring system that can drain and/or dissipate static charges by grounding personnel, equipment or other objects contacting the floor's surface or that controls the generation and accumulation of static charges. The resistance to the movement of electrons across the material's surfaces defines static control floorings into the following two categories:

- A. Conductive Floor has a resistance of $2.5 \times 10^4 - 10^6$ ohms per 3 feet. It can drain static charge, dissipating a 5,000-volt charge to zero in 0.05 seconds.
- B. Static Dissipative Floor has a resistance of $10^6 - 10^9$ ohms per 3 feet. It adds no static electricity to the environment and drains off a 5,000-volt charge to zero in less than 0.2 seconds.

A conductive floor has a much lower electrical resistance than a dissipative floor. It will carry the static charges to a ground quickly and efficiently to prevent accidental discharge and ignition. If the floor is too conductive, an operator on the floor can become too effectively grounded and will suffer electrical shock. For this reason, the NFPA requires all flooring surfaces to have a minimum resistance of 25,000 ohms. Frequent contact between tools and equipment or dropping tools on the floor will cause spark and ignition. For those circumstances, a spark-proof conductive flooring system is highly recommended. The rapid rate of charge dissipation of conductive flooring can create a magnetic field, which can present a problem for manufacturers of electronic components.

Dissipative flooring systems have greater resistance to electric current flow than conductive floorings. In a working environment dealing with high test voltages, such as facilities where electronic components are manufactured or assembled, a dissipative floor should be installed so that the static charges can be gradually transferred to the ground, protecting personnel from electrical shock while also protecting sensitive electronic equipment.

CONDUCTIVE FLOORING MEASUREMENT GUIDE

There are three test standards available for the evaluation of static dissipative or conductive floors. They are ANSI/ESD-S7.1, ASTM F 150 and NFPA 99 (56A). These test methods describe three types of measurements to be taken, which are summarized below:

- A. Surface-to-surface resistance: Two 2.5-inch diameter electrodes, each weighing 5 lbs., are placed 3 feet apart on the floor. Apply the prescribed voltage (10VDC for Conductive or 100VDC for Static Dissipative) and take the readings 5 seconds after the application of voltage or once the reading has reached equilibrium. The resistance in ohms is read on a properly calibrated Megohmmeter ("megger").
- B. Point-to-groundable-point resistance: An electrode with a 2.5-inch diameter, weighing 5 lbs., is connected to a Megohmmeter and placed on the surface being tested. The other megger lead is connected directly to a groundable point on the surface being tested.

C. Surface resistance: Two parallel metal electrodes of equal length and cross section are placed on the surface being tested. The distance between the electrodes should be the same as the length of the electrodes. Resistance is read on a Megohmmeter connected to the two electrodes and is expressed in ohms/square.

For quality control and lab procedures, the surface-to-surface test is most convenient. The measurements of point-to-groundable-point tests on smaller lab samples usually vary considerably from readings on a practical large floor. Based on these test results, a facility manager can check if the flooring conforms to the specification when initially installed and track continual performance of the floor periodically.

NFPA 99 requires 5 measurements in each room and the average of the five readings is used to determine the resistance level. ANSI/ESD standards also require 5 measurements per room and a minimum of 5 tests per 5,000 square feet for larger areas. At least 3 of the 5 readings must be conducted in areas of wear due to traffic, chemical or water exposure. The ANSI/ESD and NFPA standards require testing records to include date, temperature, humidity, testing voltage, duration of the test and the equipment used.

MAINTENANCE OF RESINOUS STATIC CONTROL FLOORS

Providing floors with good maintenance is always the best solution to lasting service life for any type of floor. The standard of NFPA 99 describes the appropriate maintenance for a conductive floor to maintain its conductive property through its service life. There are four maintenance guidelines for static dissipative floors.

- A. The surface of conductive or dissipative floors shall not be insulated by a film of oil or wax. Any waxes, polishes or dressings used for maintenance of conductive floors shall not adversely affect the conductivity of the floor.
- B. Floors that depend upon applications of water, salt solutions or other treatments of a nonpermanent nature for their conductivity are not acceptable.
- C. Cleaning instructions for conductive and dissipative floors shall be established, such as a daily basic cleaning, non-abrasive brush or pads being used and requirements for cleaners. They should be carefully followed to assure that conductivity characteristics of the floor are not adversely affected by such treatments.
- D. The floor's resistance shall be periodically tested to ensure it still falls in the range as initially specified.

GROUNDING STATIC CONTROL FLOORING

All static control flooring systems must be connected through an equipotential couple to a permanent earth ground. It is absolutely critical that a true earth ground be established and that a reference ground not be used. The ground couple is established over the primer layer with a conductive strip, mesh, wire or tape in accordance with EOS/ESD S6. "Standard for Protection of Electrostatic Discharge susceptible Items—Grounding—Recommended Practice". Contact the Technical Service Department for additional information.

CLEANUP

Clean up mixing and application equipment immediately after use. Use toluene or xylene. Observe all fire and health precautions when handling or storing solvents.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Refer to the SDS before use. Published technical data and instructions are subject to change without notice. Contact your Sherwin-Williams representative for additional technical data and instructions.

MATERIAL STORAGE

Store materials in a temperature-controlled environment at 40°F-90°F and out of direct sunlight. Keep resins, hardeners and solvents separated from each other and away from sources of ignition.

MAINTENANCE

Occasional inspection of the installed material and spot repair can prolong system life. For specific information, contact the Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department.

DISCLAIMER

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CAUTION! As with all chemical products, individuals may have different reactions to exposure to specific products. This is dependent upon many factors, including the individual's personal characteristics, the size of the installation, the ventilation available, the intensity of the exposure or the length of the exposure. Individuals may experience discomfort during the installation process of one product, but not another.

In some cases this is experienced as a skin irritation and in others it is experienced as an inhalant irritation. Typically, it disappears once the exposure is eliminated. In some cases people can become "sensitized" to a product and experience the discomfort every time there is exposure without Personal Protective Equipment ("PPE").

To protect yourself from various exposures or discomfort during the mixing and application of our products, we recommend covering exposed skin including using gloves, long sleeves, safety glasses and a respirator such as the 3M 8577 P95 Universal Disposable Carbon Respirator or a cartridge respirator.

Use only as directed. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

Do not reseal moisture-contaminated hardener. This will result in carbon dioxide generation or possible violent rupture of container.

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