RESUFLOR™ TOPFLOOR SL12 SD

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APPLICATION INFORMATION – SURFACE PREP PROFILE CSP 4-6

VOC MIXED	APPLICATION STEP	PRODUCT	MIX RATIO	THEORETICAL COVERAGE PER COAT	PACKAGING
<50 g/L	Conductive Primer	Resuflor Aqua 3424 1-1.5 pints per 1.25 gallon kit	3:1	250 sq. ft./gal.	1.25 gals.
<50 g/L 0	Slurry	Resuflor 3564 5305 Static Dissipative Aggregate	3:1 9 lbs./1 gal.	37.5 sq. ft./gal.	4 or 20 gals. 18 lbs.
<50 g/L	Topcoat	Resutile™ SDS Satin	Pre-measured kit	600 sq. ft./gal.	1.09 gals.

For additional topcoat options, consult the Sherwin-Williams Topcoat Selection Guide or contact your Sherwin-Williams Representative.

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 the Resuflor Topfloor SL12 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 Sherwin-Williams system 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.

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:

(1) Conductive floor has a resistance of 2.5 x 10^4-10^6 ohms per 3 ft. It can drain static charge, dissipating a 5,000-volt charge to zero in 0.05 seconds.

(2) Static dissipative floor has a resistance of 10^6-10^9 ohms per 3 ft. 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 sparkproof 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:

(1) Surface-to-surface resistance: Two 2.5-inch diameter electrodes, each weighing 5 lbs., are placed 3 ft. 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").

(2) 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.

(3) 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 test 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 five measurements in each room and the average of the five readings is used to determine the resistance level. ANSI/ESD standards also require five measurements per room and a minimum of five tests per 5,000 sq. ft. for larger areas. At least three of the five 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.

(1) 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.

(2) Floors that depend upon applications of water, salt solutions or other treatments of a nonpermanent nature for their conductivity are not acceptable.

(3) Cleaning instructions for conductive and dissipative floors shall be established, such as a daily basic cleaning, nonabrasive 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.

(4) The floor's resistance shall be periodically tested to ensure it still falls within 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 is 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 Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department for additional information.

CONDUCTIVE PRIMER – RESUFLOR AQUA 3424

MIXING AND APPLICATION

1. 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.

2. 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 water per 1.25 gallon kit. Reduction water must be added after A side and B side is mixed first.

3. Apply using a short nap roller at a rate of 250-320 sq. ft./gal. (5-6 WFT mils). Allow to cure for at least 4 hours prior to topcoating but no more than 24 hours. A light sanding may be required prior to applying topcoat.

4. 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.

SLURRY COAT – RESUFLOR 3564 AND 5305 STATIC DISSIPATIVE AGGREGATE

MIXING AND APPLICATION

1. Premix 3564 A (resin) using a low-speed drill and Jiffy blade. Mix for one minute until uniform, exercising caution not to whip air into the material.

2. Add 3 parts 3564A (three quarts resin) to 1 part 3564B (1 quart hardener) by volume. Mix with a low-speed drill and Jiffy blade for three minutes until uniform. Slowly add 9 lbs. of 5305 Static Dissipative Aggregate until material is wet out. Apply using a V-notched trowel or notched squeegee and backroll with a looped roller. Allow to self-level (approximately 10-15 minutes). Allow to cure overnight.

3. Inspect base coat prior to application of seal coat. Test surface resistance in accordance with NFPA 99. Average resistance range should be less than 1,000,000,000 ohms. If deviation from this range occurs, consult the Sherwin-Williams Technical Service Department immediately.

SEAL COAT – RESUTILE SDS

MIXING AND APPLICATION

1. PREMIX PART A USING A JIFFY MIXER BLADE with slow speed drill. POT LIFE: Mix only enough material which can be used within 30 minutes. NOTE: Once opened, this material cannot be resealed for later use.

2. CONTINUE TO MIX AND ADD PART B. MIX FOR ONE MINUTE using a Jiffy mixer blade and slow speed drill. POUR MIXED PARTS A/B INTO PART C while mixing. NOTE: The Part C is not blended – DO NOT SPLIT MIX OR PRODUCT MAY NOT MEET PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS. MIX FOR THREE MINUTES using a Jiffy mixer blade and slow speed drill. Move the blade up and down the sides of the pail and across the bottom to ensure contents are thoroughly mixed so no dry filler remains.

COLORS: Use colorants at a rate of one-half unit per one gallon of Resutile SDS Satin. Premix Sherwin-Williams colorant before adding to the combined Parts A/B/C to ensure uniform color. Add colorant to combined Parts A/B/C and mix using a Jiffy mixer blade and slow speed drill. Mix until well blended. Pour into application tray.

3. APPLY RESUTILE SDS SATIN at the rate of 600 sq. ft./gal. with a 3/8” nap roller. For proper appearance and development of physical properties, it is crucial that material is not applied above or below this rate. Material applied at a lower application rate will tend to foam at higher humidities and temperatures. Dip the roller in the coating and lightly roll out excess in the application tray. Apply material in an area no wider than 10 feet. One dip should cover about 45 sq. ft.

SPREAD THE MATERIAL evenly with V-shaped cross passes.

MAKE SURE THE FLOOR HAS JUST ENOUGH COATING TO COVER EVENLY. Excess material could cause the floor to blister, especially in high humidity, and will show more roller marks. Insufficient material will cause the floor to look non-uniform. If you cannot see the grit texture, the material is too thick.

LEVEL THE AREA with straight passes that cross the initial material paths. These final strokes will reduce roller marks. If the appearance is not satisfactory, reroll the area.

REMIX THE MATERIAL in the tray occasionally (with the roller) to prevent settling of the Part C (filler).

NOTE: This product cannot be finish-rolled by a separate individual. Late finish rolling may introduce foam in the coating, especially at higher humidities and temperatures.

4. ALLOW COATING TO DRY 24 HOURS at 75°F, 50% relative humidity before opening to light traffic. Allow more time at low temperatures, low humidity or for heavier traffic. Full coating properties take 7-14 days to develop.

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

Brush/Roller

Use 1/4” phenolic core rollers and professional quality, medium stiff natural bristle brushes.

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 (50°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.

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