



# **Application Instructions**

# STEEL-IT 1006B Polyurethane Aerosol - Charcoal

#### System

- 4 coats STEEL-IT 1006B Polyurethane Aerosol Charcoal
- For harsh conditions, an additional 2 coats are recommended.
- A single coat is 8 mils (0.008"; 205 microns) Wet Film Thickness (WFT) and dries to 1.5 mils (0.0015"; 38 microns) Dry Film Thickness (DFT) when applied at a swift moving speed across the surface.

# Surface Preparation

STEEL-IT coatings adhere to metal surfaces through mechanical adhesion and require a rough profile on the bare metal – ideally achieved by grit-blasting or power-sanding. The surface once properly prepared should feel like the striking area on a matchbox.

- Surfaces should be clean and free of all rust, paint, greases, waxes, salts, dirt, scale, etc.
- For best results, grit-blast to SSPC SP-6 (Commercial Blast).
- Anchor pattern should be cut and angular at 1.5 2.0 mils deep (0.0015" 0.0020"; 38-50 microns).
- Power-sanding with a dual-action sander or random orbital sander using #36 grit sandpaper will achieve similar results on steel. After grit-blasting, blow any remaining grit material off using an air hose and/or solvent clean the surface with acetone or alcohol. Avoid using products that leave behind an oily residue (such as mineral spirits).

## **Ambient Conditions**

- Apply when ambient and substrate surface temperatures are 50 °F -120 °F (10 °C 49 °C)
- Relative humidity less than 85%
- Temperature of substrate surface and coating are at least 5 °F (2.75 °C) above the dew point.
- Climate conditions (e.g. high humidity or high aridity) will impact coating dry/cure time. Longer cure times may be necessary for higher humidity or colder climates. Spraying speed and technique may need to be adjusted.

### Agitation

- Shake the can vigorously for 2 minutes, ideally with a power shaker.
- Shake the can periodically while spraying

## **Application** Method

- Spray from a distance of 12-16" (30-40 cm) making multiple passes to achieve proper coating wet film build.
- Overlap the spray paint pattern by 50%.
- Spraying speed should be faster in drier and hotter climates.

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AMOUNT TO APPLY:	8 mils (0.008"; 205 microns) Wet Film Thickness (WFT)	
AIR DRY TIME AFTER APPLICATION:	30 minutes - 1 hour	

2<sup>nd</sup> COAT

AMOUNT TO APPLY:	8 mils (0.008"; 205 microns) Wet Film Thickness (WFT)	
AIR DRY TIME AFTER APPLICATION:	4 - 6 hours	

3rd COAT

AMOUNT TO APPLY: 8 mils (0.0	008"; 205 microns)	
Wet Film	8 mils (0.008"; 205 microns) Wet Film Thickness (WFT)	
AIR DRY TIME AFTER APPLICATION: 30 mi	30 minutes - 1 hour	

4th COAT

AMOUNT TO APPLY:	8 mils (0.008"; 205 microns) Wet Film Thickness (WFT)	
AIR DRY TIME AFTER FINAL COAT:	5-7 days	





# Additional Coats

If applying optional additional coats for enhanced durability:

- Allow 4<sup>th</sup> coat to cure for 4-6 hours
- Apply 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> coats with one-hour dry time in between
- After applying 6<sup>th</sup> coat (final coat), air cure for 5-7 days

## Wet/Dry Film Build

- For each coat, apply 8 mils (0.008"; 205 microns) Wet Film Thickness (WFT) to achieve 1.5 mils (0.0015"; 38 microns) Dry Film Thickness (DFT) per coat.
- Use a Wet Film Thickness Gauge when the coating is wet to measure film build per coat during application.
- For proper performance, the end total DFT of STEEL-IT coating applied should be 6 mils (0.006"; 150 microns) DFT.
- For parts exposed to harsher conditions, we recommend achieving 9 mils (0.009"; 225 microns) total DFT.
- We do not recommend using an electronic gauge to measure Dry Film Thickness. For an explanation, please refer to the FAQs on <u>STEEL-IT.com</u>

# Dry Time and Recoat Windows

- Dry to touch: 1-2 hours
- Tack-free to handle: 2 hours
- Dry to recoat window: 4-24 hours
- If more than 24 hours passes between coats, a light scuff-sanding using #400-600 grit sandpaper is required before applying an additional coat

#### Curing

- Full cure in 5-7 days after final coat
- Recommended cure time can vary based on ambient temperature and humidity.
- Air cure with ambient and substrate surface temperatures of 50 °F -120 °F (10 °C 49 °C)
- Heating to expedite curing time is not recommended and may interfere with proper cure.
- Cure time required before part can be packaged or put into service depends on how the part will be used. Please refer to FAQs on <a href="STEEL-IT.com">STEEL-IT.com</a> for details.
- Cure and corrosion resistance is accelerated initially and will continue to improve over 4–6 week period.

### Welding

- Allow a full 7-days cure before welding
- TIG or MIG welding
- Seamless touch-up with STEEL-IT Polyurethane Aerosol

#### Safety

- Wear a NIOSH-approved respirator with an organic vapor cartridge
- Use nitrile gloves
- Apply STEEL-IT in a well-ventilated area

#### Cleanup

• Use mineral spirits for clean up

#### **Physical Properties**

Property	STEEL-IT 1006B Aerosol	
Color	Charcoal, matte finish	
Weight (calculated)	14 oz/can (397 g/can)	
Coverage @ 3 mil	7.5 sq ft/can	
(0.003"; 75 microns) DFT*	(0.7 sq m/can)	
* Values assume 20% loss due to overspray.		

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and Technical Data Sheets (TDS) are available online at:

STEEL-IT.com

Please contact us to discuss your specific application needs:

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