

# **ECHOSTAR 25 GLASS BEADS**

1180-212µm TYPE 2 GLASS BEADS



The Echostar 25 glass beads are high performance beads with a very high physical and chemical resistance and have excellent retroreflectivity due to a high quality manufacturing process ensuring over 80% bead roundness. Echostar 25 is a Type 2 bead which is designed to provide retro-reflectivity in both wet and dry conditions. The Echostar 25 beads are 1180-212µm which is suitable for use on line marking material applications of at least 590µm DFT. The beads are CE marked according to EN 1423.

# **FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

- High retro-reflectivity over 80% roundness
- Suitable for use on applications at least  $590\mu m$
- · Coatings available for a range of line marking products



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## APPLICATION:

Application should be made at a temperature no lower than 5°C. These beads must be applied immediately after the product has been applied, with suitable equipment. For best performance we recommend using a pressurised bead system to apply the beads. The dosage rate for type 2 beads is typically 400-1000g/m², however dosage rates do vary depending on what product the beads are being applied onto, refer to the relevant product technical data sheet for further dosage recommendations.

## **TECHNICAL:**

PARTICLE SIZE DIS	STRIBUTION: 1180-212µm	
Sieve (µm)	Accumulated retainment (%)	
1400	0-2	
1180	0-10	
1000	0-10	
850	15-50	
710	15-50	
600	50-90	
500		
425	80-100	
355		
300	90-100	
250		
212	95-100	

Chemical composition: Soda lime glass

Roundness: >80%
Refractive index: Class A >1.5

Physical and Chemical resistance: In accordance to EN 1423

# **AFTERCARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

Sweep up excess beads and dispose of suitably.

## STORAGE AND PACKAGING:

#### STORAGE CONDITIONS:

Storage area should be dry, protected from direct sunlight and extremes of temperature - i.e. between  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  &  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

#### SHELF LIFE:

12 months when stored under cover, in original unopened containers, in accordance with Storage Condition guidelines listed above.

#### SIZES AVAILABLE:

Supplied in 25kg bags.

## **HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

Familiarise yourself with the material safety data sheets before using this product. If you need a copy please call our technical team on 023 9220 0606.

# **CHOOSING THE RIGHT BEAD:**

There are two key considerations when choosing what glass bead to use. These are the bead size and the bead coating. Echostar 25 beads are 1180-212µm which are suitable for applications at least 590µm dry film thickness (DFT). Glass bead coatings affect both the adhesion and the flotation of the bead. It is important to use a bead coating which is designed for use with the product being applied otherwise the beads will not adhere or sink adequately into the product. The below table sets out which bead coating is compatible with each type of product:

PRODUCT TYPE	COATING TYPE	FULL NAME
Cold Plastic	ВСР	Echostar 25 BCP Type 2 Glass Beads

Echostar 25 Beads are available as an anti-slip mix called SRT, for example: Echostar 25 BCP SRT Type 2 Glass Beads.

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