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**ASTEC ANTI-GRAFFITI CLEAR COATING** 

POLYURETHANE SILICONE MODIFIED





Aliphatic 2 Pack Polyurethane Anti-graffiti coating.

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Astec Sumolac is a two component polyurethane clear finish that can be applied to most construction materials to achieve a surface that is guaranteed resistant to most graffiti. The product is a speciality formula that has been heavily modified to repel and make the removal of graffiti a simple, safe and repeatable process. Most importantly, the product's performance does not degrade even after repeated attacks of graffiti and it's removal.

Sumolac is the most advanced anti-graffiti coating available and is the only choice when long-term permanent protection is required. The cured film is a tough, flexible and has very strong surface adhesion and gloss, that does not degrade even when exposed to strong cleaning solvents during the removal of stubborn graffiti. Sumolac has excellent U.V. stability and provides a full gloss finish that is impervious to most spray pack paints and marker pens.



## PRINCIPAL USE

Transport industries Toilet blocks Concrete Block Construction industry Bus shelters Tilt up concrete Commercial buildings Buses Galv metal Rail Cars Fences Fibro Cement.

## **FEATURES & BENEFITS**

- Permanent anti-graffiti protection
- Low V.O.C. removal of graffiti.
- Simple tape removal of graffiti.
- Water removal of graffiti.
- Low skill level required for graffiti removal.



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#### SURFACE COMPATIBILITY

Sumolac can be applied to most coating and construction materials. However, as Sumolac is a solvent based coating and may be applied over existing water based products, the surface to be coated should be first tested for surface compatibility with Sumolac prior to full area application. A small amount of product should be applied to an inconspicuous section of the substrate, if no wrinkling of the existing paint occurs within 30 minutes, application of Sumolac is suitable.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces must be clean, dry and free of contaminants such as grease, oils and silicones. Remove dirt or dust and any grease with a household detergent or sugar soap. Sand any high gloss surfaces to a flat finish. Do not apply to any existing paint that exhibits a complete lack of adhesion. Apply two coats Sumolac.

#### **APPLICATION**

Do not apply Sumolac in direct sunlight or during the hottest part of the day. Application is best carried out in early morning.

Apply Sumolac at recommended coverage rates, excessively thick films do not provide any better protection.

Sumolac can be applied by brush, spray or roller. Do not apply Sumolac with used brushes or roller covers. Rollers that are contaminated with old paints could effect the products final performance.

Only apply Sumolac with new rollers or brushes and absolutely clean spray equipment.

Any surfaces that have been freshly painted with water based paints should be allowed to fully cure for at least seven days in direct sun prior to the application of Sumolac.

Sumolac can be applied in one single uniform coat however, it is preferred that the product be applied in two thin coats to ensure no areas are missed and that full anti graffiti protection is achieved.

Important: two coat application.

The second coat must be applied within the re-coat window of 1 hr to 6 hrs max. Second coats applied outside the re-coat window will bead and run off the first coat and will require the entire surface to be sanded free of gloss prior to the second coat.



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Important: application to textured surfaces.

Textured surfaces. Any sharp textured profiles may required additional coats of Sumolac to ensure that the sharp profile of the texture is completely covered and does not protrude through the film of Sumolac.

Roller application: Use a short nap synthetic cover, do not use lambs wool or foam covers.

Brush application: Use any hair brush.

**Spray application:** Use hand held or airless spray equipment, but remember that the product

will start to set hard in the equipment within 60 minutes.

**NOTE:** do not use high cost equipment as Sumolac is difficult to completely remove from equipment and in most cases the brushes and rollers are discarded at the end of application.

MIXING RATIO 2 Parts component A 1 Part component B

**POT LIFE** 60 Min @ 25°C

**RE-COAT WINDOW** Minimum 1 hr Maximum 6 hrs

#### **MIXING**

The product is mixed on site at a ratio of 2 to 1 just prior to application and has a pot life of approximately 60 minutes at 25°C. Pour the entire content of Part A into a clean dry container. Ensure the container has enough capacity to allow for the addition of the Part A and the Part B. Using a low speed drill mixer, add Part B to the Part A while stirring. Thoroughly mix the materials for 3 minutes.



**MIXING** 

**NOTE:** Only mix the required amount of materials that will be used in a 55 min period. Care must be taken to ensure that the product is not air entrained during mixing.

## **GRAFFITI REMOVAL (Spray paint)**

Removal of graffiti is carried out in the following order.

- Use masking tape to remove paint by pressing the tape firmly into the surface and then pealing back.
- Use a ball of masking tape as a blotter to remove any remaining fine spray.
- Use hot water and detergent to remove any remaining spots with a piece of towelling material.
- Use a garden hose and nail brush to remove some types of paint.
- Use straight high pressure water cleaning for the removal of some paints.
  Some stubborn graffiti will require the use of stronger cleaning agents for it's removal.
- Solvent selection should be done in a step wise manner use the weakest solvent first and then gradually increasing strength until the graffiti is removed. EG; Sol-clean 1 first, then Sol-clean 5 last.

Increasing solvent strength slowly provides the best possible service life of the product is achieved .

## **GRAFFITI REMOVAL (Marker pens)**

Sumolac is resistant to most maker pens however, some marker pens may leave slight "ghosting" To remove marker pen from the surface, dampen a cloth with methylated spirit, hold over the area for 5 to 10 seconds, then wipe off. Some marker pens may require several repeats of this process.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Do not under any circumstances use a wire brush to remove the graffiti, the harsh nature of the wire bristles may damage the coating surface and reduce the antigraffiti properties.



PACKAGING Part A 4 ltr and 20 ltr

Part B 2 ltr and 10 ltr

## **WASH UP**

All equipment must be thoroughly washed with Astec All Purpose Thinners prior to the system set.

## **COVERAGE**

Coverage will be approximately  $6-8~m^2$  per ltr dependant on surface porosity and applicator technique.

## **PRODUCT DATA**

Gloss level	Full Gloss
Drying Time at 25°C	
Re-coat window	Min 1 hr Max 6 hrs
Recommended thinners	Do not thin
Wash up thinners	Astec All Purpose Thinners
Abrasion resistance	
Solvent resistance	
UN number	1263
Dangerous Goods Class	
Subsidiary Risk	
Hazchem Code	
Poisons Schedule	5
Theoretical spread rate at	
required D.F.T (85 microns Dry)	6.0 m <sup>2</sup> per ltr
Theoretical spread rate at	
30 microns dry	17 m <sup>2</sup> per ltr
Specific gravity	
Solid content	51% Vol

#### **LIMITATIONS**

Sumolac is an accelerated moisture cure polyurethane and therefore should not be applied to wet surfaces or during wet or inclement weather.

## **SAFETY / DISPOSALS**

Avoid contact with skin and eyes, always use a respirator during spray applications. Discard any waste as solid fill in accordance will local regulatory authority.

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