



W-ECOLOFLEX SPC HBR

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

Self-polishing antifouling paint based on copper acrylate copolymer combined with synthetic resins, tin-free.

**RECOMMENDED USE**

Product specially developed for vessels in general, requiring excellent and long-lasting performance. The W-ECOLOFLEX SPC HBR series ensures durability and provides fuel savings.

**CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROVALS**

Certified by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping (RMRS) and Det Norske Veritas (DNV) as tin-free antifouling (TBT-Free).

When supplied to comply with the ROHS Directive (Restriction of Certain Hazardous Substances), this product includes the letter R in its nomenclature description.

This product contains no organotin active components acting as biocides, therefore complies with the International Convention on the Control of Harmful Antifouling Systems on Ships, as adopted by the IMO in October 2001 (Document IMO AFS/CONF/26).

**PACKAGING**

<b>Single Component</b>	0.95 US gal Package containing 0.95 US gal 5.28 US gal Package containing 5.28 US gal
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**CHARACTERISTICS**

<b>Color</b>	Blue. Brown. Black. Red.  NOTE: Due to variations in color between batches of the biocidal additive, the product in BLACK color may present a reddish tone, without compromising its performance or compliance with technical specifications.
<b>Gloss</b>	Matte
<b>Volume Solids</b>	58 ± 2% (ISO 3233)
<b>Shelf Life</b>	6 months
<b>Dry Film Thickness</b>	4.7 mils - 5.1 mils
<b>Theoretical Coverage</b>	189.1 ft <sup>2</sup> /gal without dilution at a dry film thickness of 4.9 mils. Loss factors during application are not considered.

**DRYING**

Drying	41 °F    68 °F    86 °F		
	<b>Touch</b>	5 hours	2 hours
<b>Before the flooding</b>	24 hours	12 hours	12 hours
Recoat Drying	50 °F    77 °F    95 °F		
	<b>Minimum</b>	6 hours	5 hours
<b>Maximum</b>	24 hours	24 hours	24 hours

**SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Standard Surface Preparation**

The performance of this product is related to the degree of surface preparation. In case of doubts, for more information, consult WEG's Technical Department.

The surface must be clean, dry, and free of contaminants. Completely remove oils, greases, and fats according to SSPC-SP1.



**Maintenance and Repair**

When exposed to long service periods, the product may present a leached layer. This must be removed before application by washing with fresh water under high pressure (above 3,000 psi). This procedure also removes slime, salinity, and encrustations.

Initially remove all dirt and oil from the surface with clean cloths soaked in cleaning Diluent according to SSPC SP1. Avoid using rags or colored cloths. Repair damaged areas and redo the anticorrosive scheme.

The product should not be directly applied to other TBT-free antifoulings, whether from WEG or other manufacturers, without prior consultation with WEG. Any application without consultation is not authorized.

NOTE: Respect the recoating interval for subsequent coat application. If exceeded, perform light manual/mechanical sanding to break the previous coat gloss, followed by dust and residue cleaning to ensure better adhesion between paint layers.

**New Constructions**

The antifouling paint must be applied over specific primer and sealer, forming an appropriate coating system. The sealer surface must be clean, dry, and free of contaminants, respecting the recoating interval between sealer coats. Consult the sealer technical bulletin for correct application.

Recommended primers for application over steel: Weg Tar Free 712 N 2851 and Wegpoxi Wet Surface 89 PW. Recommended sealers: Weg Tie Coat and W-nilica Tar Free CVI 810.

**APPLICATION PREPARATION**

<b>Mixing</b>	Homogenize the content of the container using mechanical or pneumatic stirring. Ensure no sediment remains at the bottom of the container.
<b>Thinner</b>	ANTIFOULING DILUENT
<b>Dilution</b>	Depending on the application method, dilute to a maximum of 5%.
<b>Notes</b>	The amount of Diluent may vary depending on the type of equipment used and environmental conditions during application. Only add Diluent after complete mixing of the other components. Do not dilute with solvents not allowed by local legislation, and do not exceed the indicated dilution percentage. Excessive dilution may affect film formation, appearance, and make it difficult to achieve the specified thickness.
<b>Pot Life</b>	Not relevant.

**APPLICATION METHODS**

<b>Airless Spray Gun</b>	Airless: Use minimum pump 60:1 Fluid pressure: 2000 - 3000 psi Hose: 3/8" inner diameter Nozzle: 0.019" - 0.023".
<b>Roller</b>	Recommended only for small areas or touch-ups. Use a low-pile seamless wool roller or synthetic roller for epoxy paints. For application with brush and/or roller, it may be necessary to apply two or more coats to achieve a uniform layer and the recommended film thickness.
<b>Brush</b>	Recommended only for small area touch-ups or "stripe coat" (screws, nuts, weld beads, sharp corners, and touch-ups).
<b>Cleaning of the equipments:</b>	ANTIFOULING DILUENT
<b>Notes</b>	The data presented serves as a guide and similar equipment may be used. Changes in pressures and nozzle sizes may be necessary to improve spraying characteristics. Purge the compressed air line to avoid paint contamination. Before application, ensure that the equipment and respective components are clean and in optimal condition. In spray application, overlap each gun pass by 50%.



finishing with a cross pass. This technique avoids uncovered or unprotected areas and ensures proper aesthetic finish.  
 Reinforce all sharp corners, gaps, and weld beads with a brush to avoid premature failures in these areas.  
 Clean all equipment immediately after use.  
 Do not leave material in hoses, guns, or equipment used for spraying. Thoroughly wash all used equipment.  
 It is considered good practice to periodically wash the spraying equipment during the day. The cleaning frequency depends on the amount sprayed, temperature, and elapsed time, including all delays.

**APPLICATION PERFORMANCE**

The product must be applied within the recoat interval specified in the technical data sheet.

An increase in viscosity of this material may occur during storage, being a normal characteristic of the product.

For coatings applied in coastal areas exposed to sea spray, it is recommended to wash with fresh water between coats to remove deposited impurities.

For optimal application properties, the paint temperature must be between 69.8°F - 80.6°F before mixing and application.

Before application, observe weather conditions: there must be no threat of rain or drizzle. Surface temperature must be at least 37.4°F above the dew point, and relative humidity should not exceed 85%. Adverse conditions may cause color variations and other characteristics. Consult WEG Technical Department.

We recommend painting only if the measured surface temperature is at least 5.4°F above the dew point.

Substrate temperature, climatic and environmental conditions during application and curing, as well as applied film thickness, may affect drying time.

**PERIODS WITHOUT APPLICATION:**

Thoroughly wash all material and equipment with the recommended Diluent. Keep all unused paint stored in well-sealed containers. Material stored in partially filled containers may show skinning or viscosity increase after long periods. In such cases, it is recommended to filter the product before application.

**WELDING:**

In case of welding or cutting operations on coated metal, fumes and gases will be released, requiring the use of appropriate PPE and adequate ventilation and exhaust systems.

**LIMITATIONS:**

Product performance depends on the specified dry film thickness, which may vary according to the type of water and the vessel's daily service time. Wear rate depends on water temperature, vessel speed, operating regions, among other factors. The interval before immersion is related to environmental conditions, ventilation, dry film thickness, and the number of coats applied.

Maximum recommended exposure time before immersion: 30 days.

Performance test results were obtained in a laboratory under controlled conditions. WEG does not guarantee that the results exactly represent all field environments, such as highly polluted waters, rivers, etc. Environmental factors may vary significantly; attention is required in paint selection, performance verification, and use.

The surface must always be coated with an appropriate primer and/or sealer. Consult WEG for the best primer or sealer to use.

Paintings performed with varying application methods on the same project may result in differences in gloss and final appearance.

After 3 months of product application without water immersion, performance may be affected. Recoating information is provided mainly as guidance and is subject to regional climatic variations.

Small variations in color, appearance, and gloss (more noticeable in dark colors), as well as delayed curing and performance compromise, may occur during high humidity, rainy days, cold locations, or when parts dry outdoors.

Under adverse weather conditions in indoor and/or outdoor environments with high relative humidity, rain or drizzle, low or very low temperatures, and excessively high temperatures, variations in color and other product characteristics may occur. Please consult WEG's Technical Department for more information.

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## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Product developed for industrial use intended for handling by qualified professionals. Carefully read all information contained in the SDS of this product, available at: [www.weg.net](http://www.weg.net).

Store in a covered and well-ventilated place. Keep the container tightly closed and away from sources of heat or ignition.

Use only in well-ventilated areas, avoiding the accumulation of flammable vapors. Keep the product away from heat and sources of ignition.

Do not inhale mists/vapors/aerosols generated during handling and/or application. Use protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

Empty containers and materials with paint residues must be disposed of according to current legislation. Take care of the environment.

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## NOTE

The information contained in this technical bulletin is based on the experience and knowledge acquired in the field by WEG's technical team.

In the event of using the product without prior consultation with WEG regarding its suitability for the purpose for which the customer intends to use it, the customer acknowledges that the use will be at their own exclusive responsibility, and WEG is not liable for the behavior, safety, suitability, or durability of the product.

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