

W-THANE DF 445

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: High-performance two-component aliphatic acrylic polyurethane direct to metal. It has zinc anti-corrosion phosphate-based pigments. Especially formulated for direct application on galvanized steel surfaces; it can also be applied to carbon steel. It has excellent resistance to continuous weathering, very good color and gloss retention.

RECOMMENDED USES: Excellent topcoat to paint machinery and equipment that need weathering resistance.

Recommended for coating electric energy towers and communication towers, metal structures, galvanized parts and equipment.

CERTIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL: This product, when supplied to comply with the RoHS Directive (Restriction of Certain Hazardous Substances) has the letter R in its description.

PACKAGING:	Component	Content	Package	Unit of measurement
	Component A	3,15	3,6	L
		17,5	20	
	Component B	0,45	0,5	L
		2,5	4	

CHARACTERISTICS:				
Color:	Ral, Munsell or as per customer standard.			
Gloss:	Semigloss			
Volume solid:	43 ± 2% (ISO 3233).			
Shelf-Life:	12 months			
Thickness per coat (dry):	40 µm –50 µm			
Theoretical coverage:	9,5 m2/l without dilution in the thickness of 45 µm dry. Without considering loss factors in application.			
Resistance to dry heat:	Maximum temperature 90 °C . The product retains its physical and chemical properties up to the temperature of 90 °C however, variations in the coating color and gloss may occur from 60 °C (140°F).			
Drying:				
	10 °C	25 °C	35 °C	
Touch:	4 hours	2 hours	1 hour	
Handling:	24 hours	16 hours	10 hours	
Final:	240 hours	168 hours	168 hours	

Overcoating Drying:

	10 °C	25 °C	35 °C
Min	20 hours	16 hours	12 hours
Max	48 hours	36 hours	24 hours

SURFACE PREPARATION

The performance of this product depends on the degree of surface preparation.

The surface must be clean and free of any contaminants. Completely remove oils, greases and fats, as described in the SSPC-SP 1 standard.

The accumulated dirt must be removed using a dry brush, clean and dry cloth, compressed air blow, vacuum cleaner and/or with the combination of such items, and the soluble salts must be removed through wash with a great quantity of fresh water, preferably with low pressure (up to 5,000 psi) according to SSPC-SP 12/NACE No. 5.

Surface treatment through Abrasive Blasting process

Execute the abrasive blasting to near white metal, Sa 2 ½ grade of the ISO 8501-1 visual standard (A Sa 2 ½, B Sa 2 ½, C Sa 2 ½ and D Sa 2 ½) or according to SSPC-SP 10/NACE No. 2, SSPC-VIS 1 visual standard (A SP 10, B SP 10, C SP 10, D SP 10, G1 SP 10, G2 SP 10, G3 SP 10).

It is recommended a roughness profile between 40 and 60 µm (1.58 - 2.36 mils).

Inspect the newly blasted surface observing the presence of surface flaws that could become apparent after this stage, adopting appropriate actions to mitigate such defects through grinding, weld filling and/or epoxy putty.

In case of oxidation on the substrate from the end of the abrasive blasting to the beginning of the coating application, the surface must be blasted again until reaching the specified visual standard.

For areas close to sea air, it is necessary to wash the surface with fresh water at low pressure (minimum 3,000 psi) before the abrasive blasting. And in some cases it is necessary to repeat the washing procedure after the abrasive blasting to remove possible soluble contaminants settled on the surface proceeding with a new abrasive blasting.

Surface treatment by Degreasing with solvents

Completely remove oil from the surface with clean cloths soaked in cleaning solvent according to SSPC SP1. Whenever cleaning a surface with cloths, replace them to avoid saturation. Do not use cotton waste or colored cloths.

Application over primer

NOTE: Observe the product overcoating interval to apply the next coat. In case the maximum overcoating interval has been exceeded, it is necessary to manually/mechanically sand the surface to break the gloss of the previous coat and clean the sanding residues so as to provide better adhesion between the coats.

Fiber Surface Treatment

Initially remove any dirt and oil from the surface with clean cloths soaked in cleaning solvent according to SSPC SP1. Whenever cleaning a surface with cloths, avoid the use of cotton waste or colored cloths.

Execute a "light sanding" with sandpaper 180 in order to promote roughness. Whenever possible, create criss-cross scratches (horizontal and vertical). Clean the surface again with cloths soaked in solvent and change them frequently.

Treatment of Steel Carbon Surfaces

Hard superficial layers (for example, layers resulting from flame cut) must be removed by grinding it before beginning the abrasive blasting.

All the welds must be inspected e, if necessary, be repaired before the ending of the abrasive blasting. Porosity, cavities, weld splashes, etc. must be repaired by means of proper mechanical treatment or weld repair; in the other areas, round the sharp edges ($r \geq 2$ mm, ISO 8501-3).

For further information, consult WEG Technical Department.

PREPARATION FOR APPLICATION

Mixture

Homogenize the contents of each component with mechanical or pneumatic stirring (A and B). Check there are no sediment settled at the bottom of the package. Add component B to component A, at the recommended proportion (volume), under stirring, until complete homogenization, observing the mixing ratio.

Mixing ratio (Volume)

7 A X 1 B.

Diluent

Pu diluent 5008

Dilution

Depending on the application method, dilute at most. 10%

Do not dilute with solvents that are not allowed by local legislation and do not exceed the recommended dilution percentage.

Only add the diluent after complete mixing of components A + B.

The quantity of diluent may vary depending on the type of equipment used and the ambient conditions during the application.

Excessive dilution of the coating may affect the formation and aspect of the film and not allow to reach the specified thickness.

Pot life of the mixture (25°C)

6 h

The pot life is reduced with a higher room temperature.

The pot-life test is performed according to the Brazilian standard ABNT NBR 15742; however, different volumes of coating prepared at once combined with different ambient and coating temperatures will influence the pot life, and different results than those mentioned in this data sheet may be found.

Induction time (25°C)

No induction time required.

In hot areas, we recommend consulting WEG Technical Department.

APPLICATION FORMS

The data below is a guide, and similar equipment may be used.

In the spray application, make a 50% overlap in each gun pass, concluding with a cross pass. This technique is used to avoid uncovered and unprotected areas and to obtain a suitable aesthetic finish.

Recoat all sharp edges, cracks and weld beads with a brush to prevent premature failures in these areas.

Changes in nozzle sizes and pressures may be necessary to improve spraying characteristics.

Before application, check if the equipment and its components are clean and in best condition.

Purge the compressed air line to prevent contamination of the coating.

After mixing two-component products, if there are stops in the application, and pot life is exceeded (the coating shows variation in fluidity) it can no longer be diluted for further application.

The data below is a guide, and similar equipment may be used.

Conventional gun:

Gun:	JGA 502/3 Devilbiss or equivalent
Fluid nozzle:	EX
Air cap:	704
Atomization pressure:	50 - 70 psi
Pressure in the tank:	10 - 20 psi
Dilution:	10%

Brush:

Only recommended for touch up small areas or stripe coat (screws, nuts, weld and sharp edges). Use a brush 75 to 100 mm wide for larger surfaces and 25 to 38 mm for touch up.

Roller:

Use a thin nap, seamless sheepskin or microfiber roller for epoxy coatings.

For application with brush and/or roller, two or more passes may be necessary to obtain a uniform layer according to the recommended film thickness per coat.

Cleaning the equipment:

Pu diluent 5008

Clean all equipment immediately after use.

NOTE:

Do not leave catalyzed product in contact with the equipment used in the application, because the coating will vary in fluidity at temperatures above specified in the pot life and will cure faster, making the cleaning difficult.

Furthermore, it is a good working practice to periodically wash the spray equipment along the day. The cleaning frequency will depend on the amount sprayed, temperature and elapsed time, including all delays.

PERFORMANCE IN THE APPLICATION

For a good performance of the product, we recommend following the directions below:

Variations in color, aspect and gloss (more noticeable in dark colors) may occur, as well as delay in curing and low coating performance, when applied during periods of high air relative humidity, rainy days, low temperatures or drying the coating outdoor.

In paintings carried out in front of the sea, if exposed to sea air, we recommend to wash with fresh water between coats eliminating settled impurities.

Light colors may require more than one coat for an even coverage.

Before application, the weather conditions must be observed: There should be no threat of rain or drizzle. The surface temperature must be at least 3°C (37.4°F) above the dew point and the relative humidity must not exceed 85%.

Under adverse weather conditions indoors and/or outdoors with high relative humidity, rain, or drizzle, low or low temperatures and excessively high temperatures, variations in color and other product characteristics may occur. Consult the WEG Technical Department for more information. Polyurethane systems (component A and B) present when exposed to air relative humidity, which can cause flaws in the dry film and reduction of pot life. Therefore, we recommend that the packages of each component be properly closed after use and kept in dry places protected from bad weather.

We recommend coating only if the surface temperature is at least 3°C (37.4°F) above the dew point temperature.

Do not apply the product after the pot life has expired.

For better application properties, the coating temperature should be between 21°C - 27 °C (69.8°F - 80.6 °F) prior to the mixing and application.

In coatings with variation in application method in the same job, the final aspect and gloss of the painted surfaces may show differences.

The temperature of the substrate, the weather and environmental conditions during the application and during the curing of the product, and the thickness of the coat may interfere in the product drying time.

For further information, consult WEG Technical Department.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Product developed for industrial use intended for handling by qualified professionals.

Please read carefully all the information contained in the MSDS of this product, available at: www.weg.net.

Store in a covered, well-ventilated area. 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.

Wear protective gloves / protective clothing / eye protection / face protection.

Avoid release this product and its packaging, as well as materials used during handling and application in the environment.

NOTE:

The information contained in this technical datasheet is based upon the experience and knowledge acquired in the field by the technical team of WEG.

If using the product without previous inquiry to WEG Coating concerning its suitability for the customer's intended purpose, the customer is aware that the use shall be its exclusive responsibility, WEG not being responsible for behavior, safety, suitability or durability of the product.

Some information contained in this datasheet are estimated, and can undergo variances arising from factors outside the manufacturer's control. Thus, WEG does not guarantee and does not assume any responsibility regarding the yield, performance or any other material or personal damage resulting from the incorrect use of the products concerned or the information contained in this Technical datasheet.

The information contained in this technical datasheet is subject to periodic modification, without prior notice, due to the policy of evolution and continuous improvement of our products and services, providing solutions with quality to satisfy our customers' requirements.



--	--

--	--

