Interzinc® 388

Epoxy Zinc-Rich

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

A two component, metallic zinc rich epoxy primer, which complies with the composition requirements of Chinese Chemical Industrial Standard HG/T3668.

INTENDED USES

As a high performance primer to give maximum protection as part of any anti-corrosive coating system for aggressive environments including those found on offshore structures, petrochemical facilities, pulp and paper plants, bridges and power plants.

Interzinc 388 has been designed to provide excellent corrosion resistance in both maintenance and new construction situations.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR INTERZINC 388

Colour	Grey
Gloss Level	Matt
Volume Solids	59%
Typical Thickness	50-75 microns (2-3 mils) dry equivalent to 85-127 microns (3.4-5.1 mils) wet
Theoretical Coverage	7.87 m²/litre at 75 microns d.f.t and stated volume solids 315 sq.ft/US gallon at 3 mils d.f.t and stated volume solids
Practical Coverage	Allow appropriate loss factors
Method of Application	Airless Spray, Air Spray, Brush

Drying Time

			Overcoating Interval with recommended topcoats	
Temperature	**Touch Dry**	**Hard Dry**	*Minimum*	*Maximum*
5°C (41°F)	2 hours	10 hours	8 hours	Extended[1]
15°C (59°F)	90 minutes	6 hours	4 hours	Extended[1]
25°C (77°F)	75 minutes	4 hours	3 hours	Extended[1]
40°C (104°F)	45 minutes	2 hours	2 hours	Extended[1]

[1] See International Protective Coatings Definitions and Abbreviations

Maximum overcoating intervals are shorter when using polysiloxane topcoats. Consult International Protective Coatings for further details.

REGULATORY DATA

Flash Point (Typical)	Part A 29°C (84°F); Part B 30°C (86°F); Mixed 29°C (84°F)	
Product Weight	2.38 kg/l (19.9 lb/gal)	
VOC	384 g/l (3.20 lb/gal)	(Calculated)
	301 g/lt	Chinese National Standard GB23985

Coating hazard marker GB 30981.2-S-Pb≤1000-NC Qualified for GB 30981.2-2025

See Product Characteristics section for further details

SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces to be coated should be clean, dry and free from contamination. Prior to paint application all surfaces should be assessed and treated in accordance with ISO 8504:2019.

Oil or grease should be removed in accordance with SSPC-SP1 solvent cleaning.

Abrasive Blast Cleaning

Abrasive blast clean to Sa2½ (ISO 8501-1:2007) or SSPC-SP10. If oxidation has occurred between blasting and application of Interzinc 388, the surface should be reblasted to the specified visual standard. Surface defects revealed by the blast cleaning process should be ground, filled, or treated in the appropriate manner.

A surface profile of 40-75 microns (1.5-3.0 mils) is recommended.

Shop Primed Steel

Interzinc 388 is suitable for application to steelwork freshly coated with zinc silicate shop primers.

If the zinc shop primer shows extensive or widely scattered breakdown, or excessive zinc corrosion products, overall sweep blasting will be necessary. Other types of shop primer are not suitable for overcoating and will require complete removal by abrasive blast cleaning.

Weld seams and damaged areas should be blast cleaned to Sa2½ (ISO 8501-1:2007) or SSPC-SP6.

APPLICATION

Mixing

Material is supplied in two containers as a unit. Always mix a complete unit in the proportions supplied. Once the unit has been mixed it must be used within the working pot life specified.

(1) Agitate Base (Part A) with a power agitator.

(2) Combine entire contents of Curing Agent (Part B) with Base (Part A) and mix thoroughly with power agitator.

Mix Ratio

4 part(s) : 1 part(s) by volume

Working Pot Life

5°C (41°F)	15°C (59°F)	25°C (77°F)	40°C (104°F)
24 hours	12 hours	5 hours	2 hours

Airless Spray	Recommended	Tip Range 0.43-0.53 mm (17-21 thou) Total output fluid pressure at spray tip not less than 176 kg/cm² (2503 p.s.i.)	
Air Spray (Pressure Pot)	Recommended	Gun Air Cap Fluid Tip	DeVilbiss MBC or JGA 704 or 765 E
Brush	Suitable - small areas only	Typically 50-75 microns (2.0-3.0 mils) can be achieved	
Roller	Not recommended		
Thinner	International GTA220 (or International GTA415)	Thinning is not normally required. Consult the local representative for advice during application in extreme conditions. Do not thin more than allowed by local environmental legislation.	
Cleaner	International GTA822 (or International GTA415)		

Work Stoppages

Do not allow material to remain in hoses, gun or spray equipment. Thoroughly flush all equipment with International GTA822. Once units of paint have been mixed they should not be resealed and it is advised that after prolonged stoppages work recommences with freshly mixed units.

Clean Up

Clean all equipment immediately after use with International GTA822. It is good working practice to periodically flush out spray equipment during the course of the working day. Frequency of cleaning will depend upon amount sprayed, temperature and elapsed time, including any delays.

All surplus materials and empty containers should be disposed of in accordance with appropriate regional regulations/legislation.

PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

In order to ensure good anti-corrosive performance, it is important to achieve a minimum dry film thickness of Interzinc 388 of 40 microns (1.5 mils). To achieve a uniform, coalesced, closed film at this dry film thickness, it will be necessary to thin Interzinc 388 10% with International thinners. The film thickness of Interzinc 388 applied must be compatible with the blast profile achieved during surface preparation. Low film thickness should not be applied over coarse blast profiles.

Care should be exercised to avoid the application of dry film thicknesses in excess of 150 microns (6 mils). Care should be exercised during application to avoid over-application which may result in cohesive film failure with subsequent high builds, and to avoid dry spray which can lead to pinholing of subsequent coats.

Over-application of Interzinc 388 will extend both the minimum overcoating periods and handling times, and may be detrimental to long term overcoating properties.

When Interzinc 388 is allowed to weather before topcoating ensure all zinc salts are removed prior to paint application and only topcoat with recommended materials.

Surface temperature must always be a minimum of 3°C (5°F) above dew point.

Interzinc 388 is not normally recommended for underwater use. Please consult International Protective Coatings for details in this situation.

Interzinc 388 is suitable for the localised repair of damaged inorganic zinc primer - consult International Protective Coatings for specific advice.

Note: VOC values are typical and are provided for guidance purpose only. These may be subject to variation depending on factors such as differences in colour and normal manufacturing tolerances.

SYSTEMS COMPATIBILITY

Interzinc 388 is designed for application to correctly prepared steel. However, it is also possible to apply over approved prefabrication primers. Further details of these can be obtained from International Protective Coatings.

Recommended topcoats are:

Intercryl 530	Intergard 740
Intercure 200	InterH2O 401
Intercure 420	Interseal 670HS
Interfine 629HS	Interthane 990
Intergard 251	Interzone 1000
Intergard 269	Interzone 505
Intergard 475HS	Interzone 954

For other suitable topcoats, consult International Protective Coatings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Further information regarding industry standards, terms and abbreviations used in this data sheet can be found in the following documents available at www.international-pc.com:

- Definitions & Abbreviations
- Surface Preparation
- Paint Application
- Theoretical & Practical Coverage

Individual copies of these information sections are available upon request.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

This product is intended for use only by professional applicators in industrial situations in accordance with the advice given on this sheet, the Safety Data Sheet and the container(s), and should not be used without reference to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

All work involving the application and use of this product should be performed in compliance with all relevant national, Health, Safety & Environmental standards and regulations.

In the event welding or flame cutting is performed on metal coated with this product, dust and fumes will be emitted which will require the use of appropriate personal protective equipment and adequate local exhaust ventilation.

If in doubt regarding the suitability of use of this product, consult AkzoNobel for further advice.

PACK SIZE

Unit Size	Part A		Part B	
	Vol	Pack	Vol	Pack
10 litre	8 litre	10 litre	2 litre	5 litre

For availability of other pack sizes, contact AkzoNobel.

SHIPPING WEIGHT (TYPICAL)

Unit Size	Part A	Part B
10 litre	22.5 kg	2.2 kg

STORAGE

Shelf Life	12 months minimum at 25°C (77°F). Subject to re-inspection thereafter. Store in dry, shaded conditions away from sources of heat and ignition.

Important Note

The information in this data sheet is not intended to be exhaustive; any person using the product for any purpose other than that specifically recommended in this data sheet without first obtaining written confirmation from us as to the suitability of the product for the intended purpose does so at their own risk. All advice given or statements made about the product (whether in this data sheet or otherwise) is correct to the best of our knowledge but we have no control over the quality or the condition of the substrate or the many factors affecting the use and application of the product. Therefore, unless we specifically agree in writing to do so, we do not accept any liability at all for the performance of the product or for (subject to the maximum extent permitted by law) any loss or damage arising out of the use of the product. We hereby disclaim any warranties or representations, express or implied, by operation of law or otherwise, including, without limitation, any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. All products supplied and technical advice given are subject to our Conditions of Sale. You should request a copy of this document and review it carefully. The information contained in this data sheet is liable to modification from time to time in the light of experience and our policy of continuous development. It is the user's responsibility to check with their local representative that this data sheet is current prior to using the product.

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