



New Guard Coatings Group

A global reputation to protect.

The information herewith is given with the best of New Guard Coatings Group knowledge.

Rights are reserved to change and update the data without notice.

This information is not exhaustive and it is the user's responsibility to ensure that this data sheet is the most current by contacting their local New Guard Coatings Group branch prior to using the coating/product.

www.newguardcoatings.com

NORTH • SOUTH EAST • MIDLANDS • NORTH WEST • HULL • SCOTLAND

SIGMACOVER™ 256

DESCRIPTION

Two-component, high-build, polyamide-cured recoatable zinc phosphate epoxy primer

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS

- General-purpose epoxy primer or buildcoat in protective coating systems, for steel and concrete structures in atmospheric exposure
- Suitable for atmospheric industrial and marine applications
- Can be recoated with various two-component and conventional coatings, even after long weathering periods
- Lead- and chromate free
- Excellent rust preventing properties in industrial or coastal atmospheres
- Tough, with long-term flexibility
- Cures even at temperatures down to -10°C (14°F)
- Good adhesion to steel, galvanized steel and aged epoxy coatings
- Easy application, both by airless spray and brush
- Can be used as epoxy primer/finish (for dry internal areas)

COLOR AND GLOSS LEVEL

- Cream, pink (other colors available on request)
- Eggshell

BASIC DATA AT 20°C (68°F)

Data for mixed product	
Number of components	Two
Mass density	1.4 kg/l (11.7 lb/US gal)
Volume solids	63 ± 2%
VOC (Supplied)	Directive 1999/13/EC, SED: max. 245.0 g/kg UK PG 6/23(92) Appendix 3: max. 338.0 g/l (approx. 2.8 lb/US gal)
Recommended dry film thickness	75 - 150 µm (3.0 - 6.0 mils) depending on system
Theoretical spreading rate	6.3 m ² /l for 100 µm (253 ft ² /US gal for 4.0 mils)
Dry to touch	2 hours
Overcoating Interval	Minimum: 3 hours Maximum: Unlimited
Full cure after	4 days
Shelf life	Base: at least 24 months when stored cool and dry Hardener: at least 24 months when stored cool and dry

Notes:

- See ADDITIONAL DATA – Spreading rate and film thickness
- See ADDITIONAL DATA – Overcoating intervals
- See ADDITIONAL DATA – Curing time



SIGMACOVER™ 256

RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATE CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Substrate conditions

- Steel; blast cleaned to ISO-Sa2½, blasting profile 40 – 70 µm (1.6 – 2.8 mils)
- Shop primed steel; pretreated to SPSS-Pt3 / SSPC-SP3
- Galvanized steel must be sweep blasted until an even flat appearance (only for internal dry exposure conditions)
- Aged suitable coating must be dry and free from any contamination

Substrate temperature

- Substrate temperature during application and curing down to -10°C (14°F) is acceptable; provided the substrate is free from ice and dry
- Substrate temperature during application should be at least 3°C (5°F) above dew point
- Relative humidity during application and curing should not exceed 95%

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Mixing ratio by volume: base to hardener 82:18

- The temperature of the mixed base and hardener should preferably be above 15°C (59°F), otherwise extra thinner may be required to obtain application viscosity
- Adding too much thinner results in reduced sag resistance and slower cure
- Thinner should be added after mixing the components

Pot life

8 hours at 20°C (68°F)

Note: See ADDITIONAL DATA – Pot life

Air spray

Recommended thinner

THINNER 91-92

Volume of thinner

10 - 15%, depending on required thickness and application conditions

Nozzle orifice

1.5 – 3.0 mm (approx. 0.060 – 0.110 in)

Nozzle pressure

0.3 - 0.4 MPa (approx. 3 - 4 bar; 44 - 58 p.s.i.)

SIGMACOVER™ 256

Airless spray

Recommended thinner

THINNER 91-92

Volume of thinner

5 - 10%, depending on required thickness and application conditions

Nozzle orifice

Approx. 0.48 mm (0.019 in)

Nozzle pressure

15.0 MPa (approx. 150 bar; 2176 p.s.i.)

Brush/roller

Recommended thinner

THINNER 91-92

Volume of thinner

0 - 5%

Cleaning solvent

THINNER 90-53

ADDITIONAL DATA

Spreading rate and film thickness	
DFT	Theoretical spreading rate
75 µm (3.0 mils)	8.4 m ² /l (337 ft ² /US gal)
100 µm (4.0 mils)	6.3 m ² /l (253 ft ² /US gal)
150 µm (6.0 mils)	4.2 m ² /l (168 ft ² /US gal)

Overcoating interval for DFT up to 100 µm (4.0 mils)							
Overcoating with...	Interval	-5°C (23°F)	5°C (41°F)	10°C (50°F)	20°C (68°F)	30°C (86°F)	40°C (104°F)
SIGMACOVER 256, SIGMACOVER 435, SIGMACOVER 456 and SIGMACOVER 410	Minimum	36 hours	10 hours	4 hours	3 hours	2 hours	2 hours
	Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

Note: Maximum interval is only unlimited when the surface is free from any contamination



SIGMACOVER™ 256

Overcoating interval for DFT up to 100 µm (4.0 mils)

Overcoating with...	Interval	-5°C (23°F)	5°C (41°F)	10°C (50°F)	20°C (68°F)	30°C (86°F)	40°C (104°F)
SIGMADUR 520, SIGMADUR 550, various chlorinated rubbers, vinyls, acrylates and alkyd paints	Minimum	3 days	24 hours	16 hours	8 hours	5 hours	3 hours
	Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

Notes:

- Maximum interval is only unlimited when the surface is free from any contamination
- SIGMACOVER 256 should not be overcoated with coal tar epoxy coatings

Curing time for DFT up to 100 µm (4.0 mils)

Substrate temperature	Dry to handle	Full cure
-10°C (14°F)	24 hours - 48 hours	20 days
-5°C (23°F)	24 hours - 30 hours	14 days
0°C (32°F)	18 hours - 24 hours	10 days
5°C (41°F)	18 hours	8 days
10°C (50°F)	12 hours	6 days
15°C (59°F)	8 hours	5 days
20°C (68°F)	6 hours	4 days
30°C (86°F)	4 hours	3 days
40°C (104°F)	3 hours	48 hours

Note: adequate ventilation must be maintained during application and curing (please refer to sheet 1433 and 1434)

Pot life (at application viscosity)

Mixed product temperature	Pot life
10°C (50°F)	16 hours
15°C (59°F)	10 hours
20°C (68°F)	8 hours
30°C (86°F)	5 hours
35°C (95°F)	4 hours

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- For paint and recommended thinners see INFORMATION SHEETS 1430, 1431 and relevant Material Safety Data Sheets
- This is a solvent-borne paint and care should be taken to avoid inhalation of spray mist or vapor, as well as contact between the wet paint and exposed skin or eyes

SIGMACOVER™ 256

WORLDWIDE AVAILABILITY

It is always the aim of PPG Protective and Marine Coatings to supply the same product on a worldwide basis. However, slight modification of the product is sometimes necessary to comply with local or national rules/circumstances. Under these circumstances an alternative product data sheet is used.

REFERENCES

• CONVERSION TABLES	INFORMATION SHEET	1410
• EXPLANATION TO PRODUCT DATA SHEETS	INFORMATION SHEET	1411
• SAFETY INDICATIONS	INFORMATION SHEET	1430
• SAFETY IN CONFINED SPACES AND HEALTH SAFETY, EXPLOSION HAZARD – TOXIC HAZARD	INFORMATION SHEET	1431
• SAFE WORKING IN CONFINED SPACES	INFORMATION SHEET	1433
• DIRECTIVES FOR VENTILATION PRACTICE	INFORMATION SHEET	1434
• CLEANING OF STEEL AND REMOVAL OF RUST	INFORMATION SHEET	1490
• SPECIFICATION FOR MINERAL ABRASIVES	INFORMATION SHEET	1491
• RELATIVE HUMIDITY – SUBSTRATE TEMPERATURE – AIR TEMPERATURE	INFORMATION SHEET	1650

WARRANTY

PPG warrants (i) its title to the product, (ii) that the quality of the product conforms to PPG's specifications for such product in effect at the time of manufacture and (iii) that the product shall be delivered free of the rightful claim of any third person for infringement of any U.S. patent covering the product. THESE ARE THE ONLY WARRANTIES THAT PPG MAKES AND ALL OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, UNDER STATUTE OR ARISING OTHERWISE IN LAW, FROM A COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE OF TRADE, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY OTHER WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE, ARE DISCLAIMED BY PPG. Any claim under this warranty must be made by Buyer to PPG in writing within five (5) days of Buyer's discovery of the claimed defect, but in no event later than the expiration of the applicable shelf life of the product, or one year from the date of the delivery of the product to the Buyer, whichever is earlier. Buyer's failure to notify PPG of such non-conformance as required herein shall bar Buyer from recovery under this warranty.

LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY

IN NO EVENT WILL PPG BE LIABLE UNDER ANY THEORY OF RECOVERY (WHETHER BASED ON NEGLIGENCE OF ANY KIND, STRICT LIABILITY OR TORT) FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES IN ANY WAY RELATED TO, ARISING FROM, OR RESULTING FROM ANY USE MADE OF THE PRODUCT. The information in this sheet is intended for guidance only and is based upon laboratory tests that PPG believes to be reliable. PPG may modify the information contained herein at any time as a result of practical experience and continuous product development. All recommendations or suggestions relating to the use of the PPG product, whether in technical documentation, or in response to a specific inquiry, or otherwise, are based on data, which to the best of PPG's knowledge, is reliable. The product and related information is designed for users having the requisite knowledge and industrial skills in the industry and it is the end-user's responsibility to determine the suitability of the product for its own particular use and it shall be deemed that Buyer has done so, as its sole discretion and risk. PPG has no control over either the quality or condition of the substrate, or the many factors affecting the use and application of the product. Therefore, PPG does not accept any liability arising from any loss, injury or damage resulting from such use or the contents of this information (unless there are written agreements stating otherwise). Variations in the application environment, changes in procedures of use, or extrapolation of data may cause unsatisfactory results. This sheet supersedes all previous versions and it is the Buyer's responsibility to ensure that this information is current prior to using the product. Current sheets for all PPG Protective & Marine Coatings Products are maintained at www.ppgpmc.com. The English text of this sheet shall prevail over any translation thereof.

The PPG logo, and all other PPG marks are property of the PPG group of companies. All other third-party marks are property of their respective owners.

