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High-performance single-component anti-corrosion DTM (Direct-to-Metal) coating – water-based.



DESCRIPTION OF THE PRODUCT

FEATURES: RD-Monoguard SG is a single-component, water-based anti-corrosion coating designed as a DTM (Direct-To-Metal) system, combining primer and finish functions in one product.

Based on a proprietary blend of innovative acrylic resins, RD-Monoguard SG provides long-term corrosion protection for ferrous and non-ferrous metal substrates, including exposure to aggressive industrial and marine environments.

When adequate surface preparation is carried out, effective protection can be achieved without abrasive blasting, making the system suitable for both new construction and maintenance projects.

The product is non-flammable, virtually odor-free, and safe to use in occupied buildings.

Its fast-drying properties significantly reduce downtime and improve on-site productivity.

RD-Monoguard SG forms a smooth, UV-resistant enamel-type finish and is part of the SCS – Single Coating System product range. An SCS system means that one single product provides all functions: primer, intermediate coat, and topcoat.

One product, multiple layers, full protection.

TYPICAL APPLICATION:

- ✓ Steel structures and engineered constructions
- ✓ Bridges, tanks, industrial installations
- ✓ Harbour and coastal related structures
- ✓ Maintenance and refurbishment projects
- ✓ Application in occupied or sensitive environments
- ✓ Food and pharmaceutical industries

KEY FEATURES & BENEFITS:

- ✓ Direct-to-Metal (DTM): primer and finish in one system
- ✓ Water-based formulation, low VOC and environmental impact
- ✓ Non-flammable – no fire risk
- ✓ Fast drying – reduced downtime and site occupancy disruption
- ✓ Excellent adhesion on ferrous and non-ferrous metals
- ✓ UV-resistant, aesthetic semi-gloss finish
- ✓ Suitable for corrosivity categories C3 to C5-VH
- ✓ High durability, even in severe exposure conditions
- ✓ REACH compliant, PFAS, APEO and heavy metals free

SUBSTRATES:

- ✓ Carbon steel
- ✓ New and weathered galvanized steel
- ✓ Stainless steel
- ✓ Aluminum
- ✓ Copper
- ✓ Lead
- ✓ Existing paints & coatings such as epoxies, polyurethanes, alkyds, acrylics...
- ✓ Also suitable for many other properly prepared substrates.

RECOMMENDED SYSTEMS

GENERAL PURPOSE APPLICATION – NON ISO 12944 CLASSIFIED

Application on ferrous and non-ferrous metals and various other substrates.

Typical 2-coat system for general-purpose projects where no specific corrosion protection standard is required.

Product	Minimum total dry film thickness in μm mils	Minimum number of coats (*)	Total theoretical consumption $\pm$ (**)	Total theoretical coverage $\pm$ (**)
RD-Monoguard	150 μm 6 mils	2	0.35 L/m ²	2.9 m ² /L 115 sq-f/gal

SYSTEMS ACCORDING TO ISO 12944 CLASSIFICATION

C5 Very High (VH) – Durability > 25 years before first major maintenance

Indoor: Buildings or areas with almost permanent condensation and high pollution.

Outdoor: Industrial and coastal areas with high humidity and aggressive atmospheres including high salinity.

Product	Minimum total dry film thickness in μm mils	Minimum number of coats (*)	Total theoretical consumption $\pm$ (**)	Total theoretical coverage $\pm$ (**)
RD-Monoguard	270 μm 11 mils	3	0.63 L/m ²	1.6 m ² /L 65 sq-f/gal

C5 High (H) – Durability above 15 and below 25 years before first major maintenance

Indoor: Buildings or areas with almost permanent condensation and high pollution.

Outdoor: Industrial and coastal areas with high humidity and aggressive atmospheres including high salinity.

Options	Product	Minimum total dry film thickness in μm mils	Minimum number of coats (*)	Total theoretical consumption $\pm$ (**)	Total theoretical coverage $\pm$ (**)
# 1	RD-Monoguard	200 μm 8 mils	2	0.46 L/m ²	2.15 m ² /L 87 sq-f/gal
# 2	RD-Elastometal	220 μm 9 mils	1	0.50 Kg/m ²	2 m ² /Kg 105 sq-f/gal
	+ RD-Monoguard	80 μm 3.2 mils	1	0.19 L/m ²	5.4 m ² /L 219 sq-f/gal
# 3	RD-Monoguard	100 μm 4 mils	1	0.23 L/m ²	4.3 m ² /L 75 sq-f/gal
	+ RD-Hydrograff HP	50 μm 2 mils	1	0.10 L/m ²	9.6 m ² /L 390 sq-f/gal

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C4 High (H) – Durability above 15 and below 25 years before first major maintenance

Indoor: Industrial areas with high humidity and aggressive atmospheres (chemical plants, swimming pools).

Outdoor: Industrial areas and coastal zones with moderate salinity.

Options	Product	Minimum total dry film thickness in μm mils	Minimum number of coats (*)	Total theoretical consumption $\pm$ (**) L/m^2	Total theoretical coverage $\pm$ (**) m^2/L sq-f/gal
# 1	RD-Monoguard	150 μm 6 mils	2	0.35 L/m^2	2.86 m^2/L 115 sq-f/gal
# 2	RD-Elastometal	175 μm 7 mils	1	0.40 Kg/m^2	2.5 m^2/L 130 sq-f/gal
	RD-Monoguard	80 μm 3.2 mils	1	0.19 L/m^2	5.4 m^2/L 219 sq-f/gal
# 3	RD-Monoguard	80 μm 3.2 mils	1	0.19 L/m^2	5.4 m^2/L 219 sq-f/gal
	+ RD-Hydrograff HP	40 μm 1.6 mils	1	0.08 L/m^2	12 m^2/L 488 sq-f/gal

C3 High (H) – Durability above 15 and below 25 years before first major maintenance

Indoor: Buildings with moderate humidity and some air pollution (food processing plants, laundries, breweries).

Outdoor: Urban and industrial atmospheres with moderate sulfur dioxide pollution; coastal areas with low salinity.

Options	Product	Minimum total dry film thickness in μm mils	Minimum number of coats (*)	Total theoretical consumption $\pm$ (**) L/m^2	Total theoretical coverage $\pm$ (**) m^2/L sq-f/gal
# 1	RD-Monoguard	110 μm 4.4 mils	2	0.26 L/m^2	3.9 m^2/L 160 sq-f/gal
# 2	RD-Elastometal	120 μm 4.8 mils	1	0.27 Kg/m^2	3.7 m^2/Kg 190 sq-f/gal
	+ RD-Monoguard	+ 80 μm 3.2 mils	1	0.19 L/m^2	5.4 m^2/L 219 sq-f/gal

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(*) Number of coats

Depends on the application method, tools used and site conditions. Certain application methods may require additional coats. Achieving the specified dry film thickness in fewer coats is not recommended and may not be technically feasible.

(**) Theoretical consumption

Values are theoretical and may vary depending on surface profile, shape, roughness, porosity, application method and site conditions. Higher consumption should be anticipated.

Occasional contact with chemicals and/or intensive surface wear

The system can be top coated by one or two additional coats of RD-Hydrograff HP if not already specified in the system.

Limitation

Not suitable for hot substrates (e.g. pipes, equipment) with continuous temperatures above 80 °C | 176 °F.

For project-specific recommendations, please contact your RD Coatings representative.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION CONDITIONS: Ambient temperature:

- Minimum: 5°C | 41°F – beware on condensation risks and slow drying
- Optimal: 12-25°C | 54-77°F

Relative humidity: **maximum 80 %**
Surface temperature: minimum **3°C | 5°F above dew point.**
Avoid application during winter conditions or periods with high condensation risk.

APPLICATION METHODS: Brush
Roller
Airless spray (recommended):

- Nozzle size: 0.011–0.015
- Pressure: 70-150 bar | 1000-2200 psi

Conventional (low pressure/HVLP):

- Nozzle size: 1.4 mm | 0.0551 in
- Pressure: 4-6 bar | 60-90 psi

Note: Additional coats may be required depending on the application method.

SURFACE PREPARATION: General:
The substrate must be clean, dry, degreased, and free from dust, salts, oil, grease, and all non-adherent materials prior to application.
RD-Eco PowerClean is recommended as a pre-cleaning agent. Apply RD-Eco PowerClean, allow to react for 10–15 minutes, then rinse thoroughly using high-pressure water.

Possible surface preparation methods depending on the specifics of the project:

- Manual or mechanical cleaning to grade ST2 per ISO 8501-1 | SSPC SP2–SP3
- Abrasive blast cleaning, minimum SA 1 per ISO 8501-1 | SSPC SP7
- High-pressure water jetting, minimum Wa 1 per ISO 8501-4 | SSPC WJ-4
- High-pressure washing (200–500 bar) using a rotary turbo-type 0° nozzle (general-purpose, non-standardised surface preparation)

Specific substrates:

- Aluminum: clean with 10% diluted sulphuric acid or light sanding.
- Galvanized & stainless steel: cleaning with RD-Eco PowerClean recommended.
- Copper: clean with 10% diluted hydrochloric acid or light sanding.
- Existing paints & coatings: Only apply over sound, clean, and well-adhering coatings. Light to moderate sanding may be required. Perform adhesion test first.

Note: Surface preparation may affect finish and performance. Contact your RD Coatings representative for guidance.

DILUTION: Product is ready-for-use.
Dilute with **maximum 3%** water when applying by airless or in warm weather conditions (> 25°C / > 77°F).

DRYING TIME: (20°C | 68°F)
Touch dry: ± 1 hour
Recoat: ± 2 hours – No maximum recoating window.
Drying times also depend on film thickness and ambient humidity.

CLEANING OF TOOLS: Water.

SPECIFICITIES:
Mix homogenously with a paddle mixer at low speed.

TECHNICAL DATA

FINISH:	Semi-Gloss - Minimum 70% +/- 5 (Gardner 60°), depending on the shade.
COLORS:	White. RAL, NCS and bespoke colors available via the RD Coatings tinting system. Also available in a clear version – please refer to RD-Monoguard Clear.
DENSITY:	1.15 ± 0.05 Kg/L ± 9.6 lb/gal (US)
SOLIDS CONTENT:	In weight: 51 % ± 2 In volume: 43 % ± 2 30 - 50 P (Brookfield 20RPM)
VISCOSITY:	
VOC CONTENT:	< 45 g/L 0.38 lb/gal (US)
FLASH POINT:	Non-flammable.
STORAGE STABILITY:	24 months: keep away from heat and frost

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & TEST RESULTS

Standard / Norm	Short description	Result
ISO 7784-2 / ASTM D4060	Abrasion resistance (Taber test, CS-10 wheel, 1000 cycles)	85 mg loss
ISO 2409 / ASTM D3359	Adhesion by cross-cut / tape test on various substrates	GT 0 / 5B (excellent)
	Pull-off adhesion strength	
ISO 4624 / ASTM D4541	Flexibility – cylindrical mandrel bending (Ø 2 mm)	Up to > 9 MPa (> 1300 psi)
ISO 1519	Flexibility – conical mandrel bending	No cracking or delamination
ASTM D522		No cracking or delamination
	Cyclic corrosion ageing for very high corrosivity environments	Passes C5 Very High
ISO 12944-6 C5 VH (Regime 2)	Salt spray & condensation corrosion protection test	Passes C5 High
ISO 12944-6 C5 H (Regime 1)	Neutral salt spray corrosion resistance	Passes 1440 h
	Resistance to humidity / condensation	Passes 720 h
ISO 9227 / ISO 4628	Pendulum hardness (Persoz)	70 s
ISO 6270-2 / ISO 4628	Pencil hardness	F
ISO 1522	Impact resistance (direct & indirect)	> 4.5 Nm (good flexibility)
ISO 15184	Indoor air VOC emissions	A+
ASTM D2794	Restricted substances compliance	Compliant
ISO 16000-6		

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DoB, EPD and/or performance criteria with more details are available upon request.
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SAFETY DATA

Information related to hygiene and safety can be found in the Safety Data Sheet available on request.

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