



TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating

Two Component Solvent Free Epoxy Coating

UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating is a high performance solvent free coating designed for use where exceptional resistance to chemical attack is required.

UPS 403 UC Coating is based on a special Phenolic epoxy resin and a polyamine curing agent system which produces a highly cross linked polymer network. This unique system prevents permeation and subsequent attack of the coating by highly aggressive chemicals, allowing the system to be used whenever superior chemical resistance is required.

UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating offers excellent adhesion to steel and concrete, has outstanding resistance to a wide range of industrial chemicals even under total immersion conditions and is ideal for tanks, pipework, containment dykes, bund areas, desulphurisation units etc.

Before proceeding, please read the following information carefully to ensure that the correct application procedure is fully understood.

SURFACE PREPARATION

Steel Surfaces - All surfaces to be coated should be abrasive blast cleaned to a minimum Sa2½ in accordance with BS7079 Part A1:1989 or equivalent with a blast profile corresponding to 'Medium' in accordance with BS7079 Part C3 / ISO 8503 / 1. All loose abrasive dust and debris must be blown clear or vacuum cleaned away. Steel surfaces do not require priming but should be coated within 4 hours of blast cleaning to prevent rash rusting.

Concrete Surfaces - All concrete to be coated should either be lightly abrasive blast cleaned using wet or dry abrasive techniques or alternatively high pressure water jetting. Care must be taken not to expose the aggregate in the concrete. All dust and abrasive material shall be removed from the surface prior to coating.

Concrete surfaces should have a maximum moisture content of 7% prior to any coating being applied.

Concrete surfaces should be primed with either **UPS 902 SP Primer** or **UPS 904 GP Primer** in accordance with the product tech sheet.

MIXING

UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating is a two component material comprising base and activator components which must be mixed together prior to use.

Stir the contents of the base component, continue stirring and gradually add the total contents of the activator container, stir the combined mix until completely homogenous.

The mixed materials should be used within 30 minutes of mixing at 20°C (68°F). This time will be reduced at higher temperatures and extended at lower temperatures.

APPLICATION

Application should not be carried out at temperatures below 5°C nor when relative humidity exceeds 85% or when the surface to be coated is less than 3°C below the dew point.

Best application results are obtained at a minimum substrate and product temperature of 20°C. For optimum chemical resistance, the system must be applied and cured at a minimum temperature of 20°C for at least 7 days prior to return to service.

UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating is suitable for application by brush or roller, using good quality brushes or short to medium pile rollers.

On concrete surfaces it is important to stipple the **UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating** into the primed surface to ensure good wetting of the surface.

For large applications **UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating** can be applied by dual feed hot airless spray equipment, full technical details can be supplied on request from the **UPS Technical Centre**.

In areas requiring a slip deterrent finish, **UPS H.D. or W.D Grip** should be incorporated into the first coat with a further two coats of **UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating** applied to seal the grip material and ensure the desired chemical resistance.

All equipment should be cleaned **IMMEDIATELY** after use with **UPS Universal Cleaner**.

Theoretical Coverage Rate

2.9 m²/kg at 300 microns dft (31 ft²/kilo at 12 mils dft)

Recommended Film Thickness

Wet 300 microns (12 mils)

Dry 300 microns (12 mils)

Note: Normally applied as a two coat system to achieve a minimum film thickness of 500 microns.

Detailed working recommendations are available from the Technical Centre on request.

PHYSICAL CONSTANTS

Mixing Ratio 2 parts base to 1 part activator by volume

Appearance Base Viscous coloured liquid
Activator Clear Amber liquid

Drying & Cure Times

at 20°C (68°F)	Usable Life	30 minutes
	Initial Set	4½ hours
	Minimum Overcoating	4½ hours
	Maximum Overcoating	24 hours
	Full Cure	7 days

Volume Solids 100%

V.O.C. Nil

Shelf Life Use within 5 years of purchase. Store in original sealed containers at temperatures between 5°C (40°F) and 30°C (86°F).

Chemical Resistance (At 20°C)

Unaffected by total immersion in:-
Acetic Acid up to 20%
Hydrochloric Acid up to 35%
Ortho Phosphoric Acid up to 75%
Sulphuric Acid up to 98%
Nitric Acid up to 30%
Sodium Hydroxide All Concentrations

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Abrasion Resistance 60 mgm loss per 1000 cycles
ASTM D 4060 1 kg load-CS17 wheel

Impact Resistance 2.2 joules (19½ in/lbs)

ASTM G14

Dry Heat Resistance 177°C (350°F)

ASTMD2485

Water Vapour Permeability 4.69 x 10⁻⁶ perm.cm

ASTM D1653

Salt Fog Resistance Excellent, unaffected after
ASTMB117 10,000 hrs exposure

Humidity Resistance Unaffected 5,000 hrs exposure
BS 3900 Part F2

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As long as normal good practice is observed **UPS 403 UC Epoxy Coating** can be safely used.

Protective gloves should be worn.

Vapour masks should be worn for spray application.

A fully detailed **Material Safety Data Sheet** is either included with the material or is available on request.

PACKAGING

Supplied in 2, 5 and 20kg packs

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