



# Amercoat 352GF

## Solvent Free Epoxy

### Product Data/ Application Instructions

- **High build epoxy, 100% solids content**
- **Excellent resistance to water**
- **Excellent barrier properties**
- **Glass flake reinforced**
- **Easily cleaned, abrasion resistant**
- **Does not require high temperatures for curing**

#### Typical Uses

Amercoat 352GF is a solvent free high performance coating that can be applied with standard airless equipment. It is suitable for use as a tank lining for potable water, salt water, ballast water, sour crude oil and dry bulk materials.

Amercoat 352GF can be used in both marine and industrial environments such as ships tanks, ballast tanks, storage tanks, tank cars and railroad tanks. The abrasion resistance of Amercoat 352GF allows it to be used as a lining for slurries, or as a coating for concrete in high wear services.

Amercoat 352GF is an excellent barrier coat, providing longterm resistance to corrosion even under aggressive conditions. It is suitable for immersion in sour crude oil and in both salt and fresh waters.

Note: For use on concrete surfaces, Nu-Klad 114A surfacer may be required. Obtain specific recommendations from your Ameron representative.

#### Approvals and Certificates

UK WRAS potable water approval for cold water use (tested according to BS6920:2000).

#### Repair

Damaged areas abraded to bare steel: Remove all rust, loose paint, grease or other contaminants preferably by spot abrasive blasting. Where abrasive blasting is not possible, disc sand using No. 16 open coat paper. Feather edges of surrounding intact coating.

Too thin areas: Remove contaminants and if required roughen surface and apply Amercoat 352GF as soon as possible after surface is cleaned to prevent contaminants on the surface.

#### Physical Data

Finish .....	semi-gloss
Colour .....	grey*
Components .....	2
Mixing ratio (by volume)	
resin .....	2 parts
cure .....	1 part
Curing mechanism .....	chemical reaction between components
Dry film thickness .....	500-1000 µm per coat
Number of coats .....	1 or 2
Volume solids .....	100%
VOC .....	0
Calculated coverage .....	1 m <sup>2</sup> /l at 1000 µm 2 m <sup>2</sup> /l at 500 µm
Allow for application losses, surface irregularities, etc.	
Specific gravity .....	1.41 kg/l (mixed product)
Flash points (Closed Cup).....	°C    °F
resin .....	70    158
cure .....	112   234
Amercoat 12 .....	24    75

\* Discolours in sunshine

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## Surface Preparation

**STEEL** - Dry abrasive blast to Swedish Standard Sa 3 SIS 05 5900 - 1967, ISO 8501-1 or Steel Structures Painting Council SP-5. Surface must be free of moisture, grease and other contaminants. Apply Amercoat 352GF as soon as possible to keep steel from rusting. Obtain a minimum anchor profile of 50 µm.

**CONCRETE** - Light abrasive blasting is best to remove all previous coatings, chalk and surface glaze or laitance. After blasting, small holes or voids in cast concrete wall or overhead surfaces should be filled with a suitable material such as Nu-Klad 114A epoxy filler compound before applying Amercoat 352GF.

**IMPORTANT** - Apply Amercoat 352GF as soon as possible after surface preparation to prevent recontamination. Do not leave blasted steel uncoated overnight. In case of contamination remove contaminants. Spot blast if needed.

## Application Equipment

The following equipment is listed as a guide and suitable equipment from other manufacturers may be used.

Adjustments of pressure and change of tip size may be needed to obtain the proper spray characteristics.

**AIRLESS SPRAY** - Amercoat 352GF is a solvent-free epoxy coating which is applied by standard airless equipment with surge tanks filters removed, using a Graco Silver Gun 0.8 mm (0.031 inch) reverse tip, or larger. Pump should be equipped with 3/8" internal diameter high pressure spray hose to improve spray characteristics, the use of an in-line heater is recommended.

\* pumpratio of 45 : 1 or higher

**PLURAL COMPONENT SPRAY** - Two component metering, mixing and spraying fixed 2:1 ratio apparatus such as Graco Hydra Cat airless unit, using a 0.8mm (0.031 inch) tip or larger. Calibrations are made by adjusting the air pressure on the material feed pressure pots.

**MIXER** - Use power mixer, such as "Jiffy Mud and Resin Mixer" (as supplied by Goldblatt), powered by an air motor or an explosion proof electric motor. Optimum material temperatures are between 20 and 25°C (68 and 77°F). At lower temperatures spray properties are affected, at higher temperatures the working time decreases. If material has been stored below 20°C/68°F, warm to minimum 20°C/68°F before mixing.

## Application Data Summary

Like all high performance coatings, Amercoat 352GF must be applied as recommended to obtain the maximum performance. To obtain the maximum performance for which this product is formulated, strict adherence to all application instructions, precautions, conditions and limitations is necessary. If conditions exist that are not within the requirements or limitations described, consult your Ameron representative.

## Application Data

Substrate .....	steel and concrete
Application methods .....	airless spray or plural component spray *
Potlife (at 20°C/68°F) .....	1½ hours
Induction time .....	not applicable
Drying Times (in hours) °C/°F	10/50 20/68 30/86
dry to touch .....	16 10 8
dry through.....	60 24 12
before immersion	
service .....	14 days 7 days 4 days

Potlife and drying times are dependent on temperature and quantities mixed.

## Environmental Conditions

(during application, drying and curing)

Air temperature: .....	15 to 50°C	59 to 122°F
Surface temperature: .....	15 to 50°C	59 to 122°F

To prevent moisture condensation during application, surface temperature must be at least 3°C/5°F above dew point. Never apply coatings under adverse environmental conditions. Ensure good ventilation when applied in confined areas.

Recoat times (in days) °C/°F	10/50	20/68	30/86
maximum .....	10	7	5

**NOTE:** drying times are dependent on air and steel temperature, applied film thickness, ventilation and other environmental conditions. Times are proportionally shorter at higher temperature and longer at lower temperatures. Prior to recoating ensure the surface is clean. Maximum recoating time depends on coating system to be used. Consult your Ameron representative for specific recommendations.

\* Equipment choice depends on site and project conditions.

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## Application Procedure

Amercoat 352GFR is packaged in two component in the

proper proportions:

Resin           6.67 l in 10 l can

Cure            3.33 l in 5 l can

1. Flush equipment with recommended cleaner.
2. Stir both resin and cure to an even consistency with a power mixer. Add cure to resin and continue mixing until a uniform consistency is achieved.
3. Apply in a wet coat in even parallel passes. Overlap each pass 50% to avoid bare areas, pinholes or holidays.
4. Higher temperatures shorten the potlife. Lower temperatures affect sprayability.
5. Ventilation with clean air is required during application. Before recoating and curing to dry film, no condensation is allowed.
6. Check film thickness using a wet film thickness gauge. If less than specified, apply additional material. Total dry film thickness must not exceed 1500 µm.
7. Do not thin for any reason!!
8. For immersion service, check for bare areas, pinholes and holidays with a non-destructive wet sponge holiday detector of less than 100 Volts, such as Tinker and Razor Model M1. Apply additional Amercoat 352GF to areas requiring touch-up.
9. Potlife is 1½ hour at 20°C/68°F. Due to potlife limitations, cleaning of equipment must start as soon as possible after application is completed. Never mix more material than can be sprayed in 30 minutes.

# Note that in hot climates for single component airless the material temperature should be 20 to 25°C (68 to 77°F) prior to mixing otherwise potlife becomes very short. Residues of mixed material can develop very high temperatures and must be discarded to avoid excessive heat build up in the can (e.g. by pouring out in thin layers).

## Shipping Data

### Packaging

resin ..... 6.67 l in 10 l can

cure ..... 3.33 l in 5 l can

### Shipping weight

resin ..... approx. 11.5 kg

cure ..... approx. 4.0 kg

### Shelf life

resin/cure ..... 1 year from shipment date when stored indoors in unopened, original containers at 5 to 40°C (41 to 104°F).

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## Caution

Keep away from heat and open flame. Keep container closed. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid prolonged and repeated contact with skin. If used in confined areas, observe the following precautions to prevent hazards of fire or explosion or damage to health:

1. circulate adequate fresh air continuously during application and drying;
2. use fresh air masks and explosion proof equipment;
3. prohibit all flames, sparks, welding and smoking.

Do not empty into drains. Take precautionary measures against static discharges. For specific information on hazardous ingredients, required ventilation, possible consequences of contact, exposure and safety measures see Safety Data Sheet.

## Safety

Since improper use and handling can be hazardous to health and cause of fire or explosion, safety precautions included with Product Data/Application Instruction and Material Safety Data Sheet must be observed during all storage, handling, use and drying periods.

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