



# Amercoat 4371

## Epoxy zinc phosphate primer

formerly Steelguard 3371

### Product Data/ Application Instructions

- Superior, fast drying two pack epoxy primer
- EPA compliant as a blast primer
- Complies with BS 5493:1977 - Table 4A Type AP1A
- BBA HAPAS approval
- Excellent adhesion to blast cleaned steel

#### Typical Uses

Anticorrosive blast primer for general structural steel, primer over T-Washed galvanized steel and as a sealer for aluminium metal sprayed steel in Highways Agency specifications for bridge bearings, CCTV masts and lighting columns operating in a wide range of environmental conditions.

#### Approvals

Amercoat 4371 is approved and registered to BBA HAPAS Roads and Bridges Certificate Reference 05/H116 (Highways Agency specification item 110).

#### Physical Data

Finish .....	low sheen
Colour .....	approx. BS 08C35
Components .....	2
Curing mechanism .....	solvent release and reaction between components. Effective cure down to 5°C/41°F
Volume solids .....	49+/-2%
VOC .....	520 g/l
Dry film thickness .....	20-50 µm per coat
	typical    minimum    maximum
Dry film thickness (µm) .....	25        20        50
Wet film thickness (µm) .....	51        41        102
(wet film thicknesses quoted are typical for one airless spray coat)	
Number of coats .....	1
Calculated coverage .....	19.6 m <sup>2</sup> /l at 25 µm
Allow for application losses, surface irregularities, etc.	
Drying time (at 20°C/68°F)	
dry to handle .....	1½ hours
dry to recoat .....	4 hours
Induction time (at 20°C/68°F)	not applicable
Mixing ratio (by volume)	
resin .....	4 parts
cure .....	1 part
Thinner .....	Amercoat 18
Cleaner .....	Amercoat 12
Specific gravity .....	1.37 kg/l (mixed product)
Flash points (Closed Cup) .....	°C            °F
resin .....	11            52
cure .....	10            50
Amercoat 18 .....	25            77
Amercoat 12 .....	24            75



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## Surface preparation

**STEEL:** Abrasive blast clean to ISO 8501-1, Sa2<sup>1/2</sup>. The blast profile achieved should be within the range 50 to 100 microns. Priming should occur before degradation of the surface takes place. If oxidation occurs then the surface should be re-prepared.

**METAL SPRAY:** Should be applied to the metal spray surface within 4 hours of the metal spray application. In all cases the surface must be dry and free of dust, salts, grease and other contaminants immediately before coating.

**GALVANIZED STEEL:** Ideally, lightly sweep blast with fine abrasive. Where this is impractical thoroughly degrease the surface and apply Amercoat 59TW in accordance with the product data instructions. In all cases the surface must be dry and free of dust, salts, grease and other contaminants immediately before coating.

## Mixing

Stir the resin component thoroughly, then add the cure and continue mixing until the product is uniform throughout. A powerful mixer should be used.

## Application

**AIRLESS SPRAY:** Use standard airless spray equipment capable of producing a minimum pressure at the tip of 2800 psi (200 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>). Tip size range 15-17 thou (0.38-0.43mm). Adjustments to pressure and tip size/angle may be necessary to obtain spray characteristics required for specific substrate configurations.

## BRUSH/ROLLER

Application by these methods should be limited to small areas only such as repairs and when stripe coating. Apply evenly using a clean, well-loaded brush or roller. With this application more than one coat may be necessary to achieve the required dry film thickness.

## Overcoating

Typically overcoated with epoxy primers and intermediates such as Amercoat 3905, Amercoat 4374 and Amercoat 4380. There are no maximum overcoating restrictions with these products provided the Amercoat 4371 is clean, dry and free of contamination before overcoating.

## Application Data

Substrate .....	blasted steel/metal spray/galvanised steel
Surface preparation.....	refer to the typical systems table for specific recommendations
Application methods .....	airless spray, brush or roller
Potlife (at 20°C/68°F) .....	8 hours
Potlife and drying times are dependent on prevailing temperatures.	

**Environmental conditions**  
Amercoat 4371 should only be applied within the limits of temperature and humidity set out below.

The surface temperature must also be at least 3°C/5°F above the dew point during application.

Relative humidity: .....	up to 90%		
Surface temperature:.....	5 - 40°C	41-104°F	
Drying times (°C/°F) .....	5/41	10/50	20/68
Touch dry .....	2 hrs	45 mins	20 mins
Hard dry (hours).....	8	3	1½
Overcoating times (°C/°F) .....	5/41	10/50	20/68
Minimum (hours).....	16	8	4
Maximum .....	-	-	-

Note: All information relates to the typical dry film thickness.

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## Application Procedure

1. Clean the equipment with the recommended cleaning solvent before use.
2. Stir the resin component thoroughly, then add the cure and continue mixing until the product is uniform throughout. A powerful mixer should be used. Thinning is not required.
3. For airless spray, apply a wet even coat in parallel passes. Overlap each pass by 50% to avoid bare areas, pinholes or holidays.
4. Give special attention to welds, rough spots, sharp edges and corners, rivets, bolts, etc.
5. Application at 50µm wet film thickness will normally provide 25µm dry film.
6. Check thickness of dry coating with a non-destructive dry film thickness gauge, such as Mikrotest or Elcometer. If less than specified thickness, apply additional material as needed.
7. Small damaged or bare areas and random pinholes or holidays can be touched up by brush. Repair larger areas by spray using Amercoat 4371.
8. In confined areas ventilate with clean air during application and drying. The humidity should be maintained below 90% and the temperature such that moisture condensation will not form on the surface.
9. Clean all equipment with fresh, clean solvent immediately after use.

Before using the product, read the label on the can and consult the material safety data sheet.

## Shipping Data

Packaging.....	5 and 20 litres in two part units	
resin for 20 L unit.....	16 L in 20 L can	
resin for 5 L unit.....	4 L in 5 L can	
cure for 20 L unit.....	4 L in 5 L can	
cure for 5 L unit.....	1 L in 1 L can	
Shipping weight (approx).....	20 L unit	5 L unit
resin .....	26 kg	6.5 kg
cure .....	4 kg	1 kg
Shelf life .....	1 year from shipment date or as indicated on label when stored indoors in unopened, original containers at 5 to 40°C (41 to 104°F).	

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## **Safety**

Since improper use and handling can be hazardous to health and cause of fire or explosion, safety precautions included with application instructions must be observed during all storage, handling, use and drying periods.

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