



# Amercoat 4376

Surface tolerant, high solids epoxy aluminium primer

formerly Steelguard 3376

## Product Data/ Application Instructions

- **Surface tolerant two pack epoxy aluminium primer**
- **EPA compliant**
- **High build, high solids and low VOC**
- **BBA HAPAS approved**
- **Excellent adhesion to manually prepared surfaces**
- **Excellent abrasion and impact resistance**
- **Compatible with most aged coatings**

### Typical Uses

Surface tolerant maintenance coating for general structural steel such as bridges, marine structures, petroleum processing and storage facilities, chemical and power plants and other heavy industrial facilities. Specifically formulated for use on manually prepared rusty steel surfaces where dry abrasive blasting is not possible

### Approvals

Amercoat 4376 is approved and registered to BBA HAPAS Roads and Bridges Certificate Reference 05/H116 (Highways Agency specification item 115).

### Outstanding Characteristics

Amercoat 4376 exhibits excellent adhesion to manually prepared rusty steel surfaces thus providing long term corrosion resistance when used in combination with suitable intermediate and topcoats. Compatibility is excellent with most aged coating systems and is therefore the ideal solution to the upgrading of aged systems without the need for their complete removal.

### Physical Data

Finish .....	semi gloss
Colour .....	aluminium
Components .....	2
Curing mechanism .....	solvent release and reaction between components. Effective cure down to 5°C/41°F
Volume solids .....	83+/-3%
VOC .....	141 g/l
Dry film thickness .....	typical    minimum    maximum
Dry film thickness (µm) .....	125        100        200
Wet film thickness (µm) .....	150        125        241
(wet film thicknesses quoted are typical for one airless spray coat)	
Number of coats .....	1
Calculated coverage .....	6.6 m <sup>2</sup> /l at 125 µm
Allow for application losses, surface irregularities, etc.	
Induction time (at 20°C/68°F) .....	not applicable
Mixing ratio (by volume)	
resin .....	4 part
cure .....	1 part
Thinner .....	Amercoat 65
Cleaner .....	Amercoat 12
Specific gravity .....	1.32 kg/l (mixed product)
Flash points (Closed Cup) .....	°C            °F
resin .....	37            99
cure .....	65            149
Amercoat 65 .....	24            75
Amercoat 12 .....	24            75



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## Surface preparation

Performance will be dependent upon the degree of surface preparation. With manual preparation, hand or power tool clean to a minimum standard conforming to ISO 8501-1 St2. Amercoat 4376 may also be applied to a blast cleaned surface, typically of standard ISO 8501-1 Sa2<sup>1/2</sup>. The blast profile should be within the range 50 to 100 microns.

Brush or roller application is recommended on manually prepared surfaces, with spray application limited to blast cleaned surfaces.

Amercoat 4376 can also be applied to existing aged coating systems. Loose and flaking coatings should be removed and feathered back to a firm edge. Remaining glossy coatings such as epoxy and polyurethane should be abraded and degreased prior to application. A test area is advised to ensure compatibility and no reaction with the existing coating.

In all cases the surfaces 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 18-25 thou (0.46-0.64mm).

**BRUSH/ROLLER:** Apply evenly using a clean, well-loaded brush. A maximum dft of 125 microns by brush and 100 microns by roller is achievable in one coat.

## Application Data

Substrate .....	steel		
Surface Preparation .....	refer to the typical systems table for specific recommendations		
Application methods .....	airless spray, brush or roller		
Environmental conditions			
Amercoat 4376 should only be applied within the limits of temperature and humidity set out below.			
Relative humidity: .....	up to 90%		
Surface temperature:.....	2 - 40°C (36-104°F)		
Surface temperature must be at least 3°C/5°F above dew point to prevent moisture condensation on the surface.			
Pot life (at 20°C/68°F) .....	2 hours		
Drying times (°C/°F) .....	5/41	10/50	20/68
Touch dry (hours) .....	16	10	6
Hard dry (hours).....	24	16	8
Overcoating times (°C/°F) .....	5/41	10/50	20/68
Minimum (hours).....	16	10	7
Maximum .....	-	-	-

Potlife and drying times are dependent on prevailing temperatures.

Product will cure down to 0°C/32°F however drying times will be extended.

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 125µm wet film thickness will normally provide 100µm 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 either by spray, brush or roller using Amercoat 4376.
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 litre in two part units
resin for 5 L unit.....	4 L in 5 L can
cure for 5 L unit.....	1 L in 1 L can
Shipping weight (approx).....	5 L unit
resin .....	6 kg
cure .....	1.2 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 (41-104°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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