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Product Technical Data

AM 551 River Rock Binder

Product Description

AM 551 is a two component 100% solids epoxy system designed for use as a river rock binder. The formulation viscosity is specifically suited for binding together larger aggregate to form a decorative matrix.

Benefits of Use

- Recommended for use as a binder with larger aggregates such as river rock.

Solids By Weight:

100%

Solids By Volume:

100%

Volatile Organic Content:

Zero pounds per gallon

Standard Colors:

Clear – Gardner color 1-2

Recommended Film Thickness:

Variable dependent on aggregate used

Coverage Per Gallon:

Variable dependent on aggregate used and thickness of application

Packaging Information:

3-gallon kits
(3.0 gallons net approximately)
15-gallon kits
(15.0 gallons net approximately)

Mix Ratio:

9.35 pounds part A (1 gallon) to 4.0 pounds part B (.50 gallons) (volumes approx.)

Shelf Life:

1 year in unopened containers

Finish Characteristics:

Gloss (60 to 90 @ 60 degrees

Dot Classification:

“Part a “not regulated”

Viscosity:

Mixed = 2,000-4,000 cps (typical)

Abrasion Resistance:

Taber abraser CS-17 calibre wheel with 1000 gram total load and 500 cycles = 31 mg loss

Adhesion:

390 psi @ elcometer (concrete failure, no delamination)

Flexural Strength:

7,400 psi @ ASTM D790

Compressive Strength:

11,600 psi @ ASTM D695

Tensile Strength:

7,400 psi @ ASTM D638

Ultimate Elongation:

2.9%

Gardner Variable Impactor:

50 inch pounds direct – passed

Hardness:

Shore D = 80

Application Temperature:

60-90 degrees F

Primer:

Optional, dependent on substrate condition.

Topcoat:

Optional – AP 321/325 aliphatic urethanes directly over the river rock matrix for an aggressive texture or AP 137M in for a smoother finish, with or without a clear urethane topcoat.

Cure Schedule (70°):

Pot life – 150 gram mass	17-27 minutes @ 70° F
Tack free (dry to touch)	4-6 hours @ 70° F
Recoat or topcoat	8-10 hours @ 70°F
Light foot traffic	10-16 hours @ 70°F
Full cure (heavy traffic)	2-5 days @ 70°F

Chemical Resistance:

REAGENT	RATING
Butane	C
Xylene	C
1, 1, 1 trichloroethane	B
MEK	A
Methanol	A
Ethyl alcohol	C
Skydrol	B
10% sodium hydroxide	E
50% sodium hydroxide	D
10% sulfuric acid	C
70% sulfuric acid	A
10% HCl (as)	C
5% acetic acid	B

Rating key: A - not recommended, B - 2 hour term splash spill, C - 8 hour term splash spill, D - 72 hour immersion, E - long term immersion. NOTE: extensive chemical resistance information is available through your sales representative.

Limitations:

Color stability or gloss may be affected by environmental conditions such as high humidity, chemical exposure, UV exposure or exposure to lighting such as sodium vapor lights. Colors may vary from batch to batch. Therefore, use only product from the same batch for an entire job. Although this product has good UV color stability, as with all epoxy products, this product is not UV color stable. Clear aliphatic urethane topcoats reduce (UV light) color changes. Substrate temperature must be 5°F above dew point. All new concrete must be cured for at least 30 days prior to application. Physical properties are typical values and not specifications.

WARNING: Keep out of the reach of children and read the MSDS and warranty and limitations to liability information before using. See reverse side for application instructions. See reverse side for limitations of our liability and warranty.

AM 551 Instructions:

- 1) PRODUCT STORAGE:** Store product at normal room temperature before using. Continuous storage should be between 60 and 900 F. Low temperatures or temperature fluctuations may cause crystallization.
- 2) SURFACE PREPARATION:** The most suitable surface preparation would be a fine brush blast (shot blast) to remove all laitance and provide a suitable profile. All dirt, foreign contaminants, oil and laitance must be removed to assure a trouble free bond to the substrate. A test should be made to determine that the concrete is dry; this can be done by placing a 4'x4' plastic sheet on the substrate and taping down the edges. If after 24 hours, the substrate is still dry below the plastic sheet, then the substrate is dry enough to start coating. The plastic sheet testing is also a good method to determine if any hydrostatic pressure problems exist that may later cause disbonding.
- 3) PRODUCT APPLICATION:** This product has a mix ratio of 9.5# part A to 4.0# part B. Standard packages are in pre-measured kits and should be mixed as supplied in the kit. We highly recommend that the kits not be broken down unless suitable weighing equipment is available. After the two parts are combined, mix well with slow speed mixing equipment such as a jiffy mixer until the material is thoroughly mixed and streak free. After mixing, transfer the mixed material to another pail (the transfer pail) and again remix. The material in the transfer pail is now ready to be used as a binder for the river rock binder application. Improper mixing may result in product failure.
- 4) PRIMING:** A suitable primer is optional and may be required dependent on substrate condition.
- 5) PRODUCT APPLICATION:** The mixed material can be applied by any suitable method and is dependent on application thickness desired or size of aggregate used. Maintain temperatures and relative humidity within the recommended ranges during the application and curing process. This product can be used with various aggregate sizes to achieve a variety of application patterns. When using as a binder, always evaluate performance parameters with a test area, which is dependent on aggregate size and thickness, prior to application. Contact your representative for details as necessary.
- 6) RECOAT OR TOPCOATING:** If you opt to recoat or topcoat this product, you must first be sure that the coating has tacked off before recoating. Always remember that colder temperatures will require more cure time for the product before recoating or top coating can commence. Before recoating or top coating, check the coating to insure no epoxy blushes were developed (a whitish, greasy film or deglossing). If a blush is present, it must be removed prior to top coating or recoating. Many epoxy coatings and urethanes are compatible for use as a topcoat for this product.
- 7) CLEANUP:** Use xylol
- 8) FLOOR CLEANING:** Caution! Some cleaners may affect the color. Test each cleaner in a small area. If no ill effects are noted, you can continue to clean with the product and process tested.
- 9) RESTRICTIONS:** Restrict the use of the floor to light traffic and non-harsh chemicals until the coating is fully cured (see technical data under full cure). It is best to let the floor remain dry for the full cure cycle. Dependent on actual complete system application, surface may be slippery, especially when wet or contaminated; keep surface clean and dry.

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