

Going Further

We believe our role as a supplier of industrial coatings is to provide a comprehensive range of services with our high quality product ranges.

To this end we have invested heavily in some of the most technically advanced colour matching equipment available combined with formulation software which incorporates batch to batch historical data to ensure your latest batch matches the very first batch.

We have also invested in both solvent based and water based, highly accurate computerised dispensing equipment to deliver fast and reliable colour mixes time after time.

This allows a rapid turn around on colour to meet the next day response many customers now require. Batch retain swatches are kept for every batch produced

Batch to batch quality is maintained by both a visual and spectrophotometer colour check against the std or previous batch. We also check sheen against a standard or previous batch.

For longer term durability and corrosion testing we have access to the Lab in HMG Paints Ltd based in Manchester. Here we can arrange for Neutral and Acidic Salt Spray Testing as well as Accelerated Weather Testing.







Plastic Finishing

Over the past decade the coating of plastics has become very wide spread. Coatings manufacturers have developed numerous coatings suitable for the many types of plastic.

Why Paint Plastic?

Plastics are often coated for one of the following reasons:

To hide surface imperfections

Achieve high quality finishes similar to painted metal parts

Reduce tendency for plastics to scratch and mark

Economic alternative for some colours requiring large batch runs of plastic specially made

Allow special colours, metallics, sheen levels and textures to be applied

Why is testing always advisable?

Due to the many variations that can take place in the finished plastics and release agents often used it is not possible to be 100% sure that a specific batch of plastic will behave the same as that from another supplier or sometimes even the same supplier

For this reason it is important that the applicator tests the paint for suitability on different batches of plastic before proceeding with coating a full batch of items

How should I prepare the plastic for coating?

Depending on the plastic type preparation will range form

Basic solvent wipe with a mild antistatic cleaner and lint free cloth,

Light abrasion using a Grey Scotchbrite pad or 600 grit paper combined with a antistatic cleaner

Antistatic Cleaner wipe combined with an adhesion promoter

What are the most common plastic abbreviations?

ABS acrylonitrile -butadiene-styrene
ASA acrylate-styrene-acrylonitrile
DMC dough moulding compound

EPDM ethylene-propylene-diene monomer (elastomer)

GRP glass reinforced plastic

HDPE high density polyethylene

HIPS high impact polystyrene = TPS

PA polyamide = nylon PC polycarbonate

PMMA polymethyl methacrylate = Acrylic

PP polypropylene

PPE polyphenylene ether = Noryl PPO polyphenylene oxide = Noryl

PS polystyrene PVC polyvinyl chloride

PVCP polyvinyl chloride plasticised PVCU polyvinyl chloride unplasticised

SMC sheet moulding compond

Coatings Selector Guide - Plastics

KEY = Direct X^* = primer optional * = Use primer first

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Substrate	Primer	Solvent Based Finish	Water Based Finish	Cleaner Options
ABS	Polykote MU / HS Rapid PP Primer/ Nisocoat PR			Prepclean 2808
Acrylic	Polykote MU / HS Rapid Nisocoat PR	PVC17 / Nisocoat x* / SC601 x*		Prepclean 2808
DMC Polyester	Polykote MU / Polykote HS	SC601 x*		Prepclean 2808
DCPD	Polykote MU / HS Rapid PP Primer / EP2	Nisocoat x* / SC601 x*		Prepclean 2808
Foamex	Nisocoat PR	PVC17 / SC601	PLW16	
GRP Phenolic	EP2 / Epiprime	Nisocoat x* / SC601 x*	Hydroprime / Hydrothane	Prepclean 2808 Prepclean 2805
GRP Polyester	Polykote MU/ HS Rapid Nisocoat Primer	Nisocoat x* / SC601 x*	Hydroprime / Hydrothane	Prepclean 2808 Prepclean 2805
H.I.P.S		PLS20		Prepclean 2808
Nylon	SAP1	PVC17		Prepclean 2808
Polycarbonate	Polykote MU/ HS Rapid Nisocoat Primer	PVC17 / Nisocoat x* / SC601 x*		Prepclean 2808
Polypropylene	Uplast	PVC17* / Nisocoat * / SC601*		Prepclean 2808
Polystyrene		PLS21		Prepclean 2808
Polystyrene Foam		PLS20		Prepclean 2808
PVC Flexible		V12	PLW16	Prepclean 2808 Synergy 70 - PVC sheeting only
PVC Rigid	Polykote MU/ HS Rapid	PVC17 Nisocoat x* /SC601 x* V12	PLW16	Prepclean 2808
PVCu		PVC17 / SC601		Prepclean 2805 new Prepclean 2806 old
PU Foam Flexible			PLW17	Prepclean 2808
PU Foam Rigid	Polykote MU/ HS Rapid / Nisocoat Primer	Nisocoat x* / SC601 x*	PLW17	Prepclean 2808
SMC polyester	Polykote MU/ HS Rapid / EP2 Primer	Nisocoat x* / SC601 x*		Prepclean 2808

We recommend all substrates and coatings are tested for suitability before applying to actual items to be coated. In choosing the most appropriate coating for plastic a number of considerations need to be made. Adhesion, embrittlement, flexibility, durability, feel, sheen, application method, interior or exterior exposure. Identifying the exact plastic type, and any release agents left on the surface is essential and we always recommend full trials are carried out to ensure suitability before applying to the final work

Paints for Plastic - Solvent Based Single Pack

PLS20 - Low Attack Styrene Finish

Spray application to High Impact Polystyrene Substrate(HIPS) Good flow & opacity produces smooth finish Fast touch dry with good abrasion resistance

Coating for weak Polystyrene Mouldings

Primer SPF2 also available in white

Available in various texture grades

Synergy Brand

PLS21- (Polystyrene) Finish

Coating for Flexible & Rigid Polystyrene Fast Drying (5 mins) Good flow, Excellent Gloss & Colour retention Hard wearing with good marr resistance Suitable for fast production processes Available in various texture grades

Primer SPP1 also available

Synergy Brand





PVC17

Flexible coating for use on ABS, PVC, Acrylic, Foamex and difficult Plastics Excellent coating for Plastisol Coated cladding

Can be used on abraded powder coating

Can be applied by spray or brush Available in various texture grades

HMG Brand

V12 - Vinyl

Coating for most rigid plastics
Can be used on Platisol cladding
Very Flexible
Touch dry within 30 minutes
Available in a gloss and low sheen
Available in various texture grades

Synergy Brand

SAP2 Nylon Adhesion Promoter

Clear Adhesion promoter for Nylon substrates Fast drying with excellent adhesion Brush or dip application

Synergy Brand

Uplas Adhesion Promoter

Clear adhesion promoter for Polypropolene and other difficult plastics Semi clear straw colour Fast drying Easy application and re coat ability Extensively used in plastics industry

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Paints for Plastic - Solvent Based Two Pack



EP2 Epoxy Primer

Medium Solids Epoxy Isocyanate free Excellent adhesion to steel and some plastics inc DCPD and SMC Can be over coated wet on wet within 45 mins Available in virtually any colour from our tint system Can also be used as a primer for ferrous and

non ferrous metal making it ideal for multi

HMG Brand

surface combinations

Polycote MU Primer

Very fast drying primer for many plastics Primer surfacer offering high build Can be used as a "wet on wet" primer Offers excellent early sanding properties Easily Recoatable Can be tinted

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Polycote Rapidbuild

Isocyanate cured polyurethane acrylic Fast drying
Very good build
Can be used as a primer filler
If used as a thin coat can be used a surfacer on previously painted surfaces
Excellent flatting characteristics
Contains anti corrosive pigments
Can be used on many types of plastics & GRP. Also used to prime MDF
Excellent gloss hold up

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Nisocoat Iso free Primer

Isocyonate Free Acrylic primer
Fast Drying
Recoatable after 30 mins
Suitable for a range of plastics inc ABS,PC,
Acrylic,Foamex
Can also be used on steel as it contains anti
corrosive pigments
Available in grey

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SC601 2 Pack Acrylic

Excellent Gloss & Colour retention
High resistance to weather and chemicals
Full range of gloss levels
Direct application to many plastics
Can be used with other Hmg 2 pack primers
Fast drying with good wet edge
1000's of colours available inc RAL
B.Std PMS, customer's own colours
Available in various texture grades

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Nisocoat 2 Iso Free 2Pk Acrylic

Improved paint shop safety with no isocyanate curing agents
Excellent gloss & Colour retention
High resistance to weather and chemicals
Full range of gloss levels
Direct application to many plastics
Compatible will all HMG 2 pack primers
1000's of colours available inc RAL
B.Std PMS, customer's own colours
Available in various texture grades

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Paints for Plastic - Water Borne



Synergy PLW16 (Water Borne) for PVC

Flexible coating for PVC Can be applied to Foamex Also used on Bouncy Castles Aqueous, non toxic, non flammable EPA compliant Excellent adhesion UV stable Good flexibility Fast touch dry 15 mins Excellent coverage Easily Recoatable Increased milage in comparison to solvent based Can be stored and transported easily 1,000's of colour options Available in various texture grades

Synergy Brand

Synergy PLW17 (Water Borne) for Polyurethane

Coating for Flexible & Rigid PU components Good flow and marr resistance Quick dry 15 mins Easily Recoated Can be stored and transported easily 1,000's of colour options Brush or spray application Available in various texture grades

Synergy Brand

Hydroprime Water Based 2pk Epoxy Primer

Waterbased epoxy primer
Suitable for GRP, many rigid
plastics and metal substrates
subject to sample testing.
Rail Approvals
Fast curing
Wet on Wet application possible

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Hydrothane Water Based 2pk Polyurethane Finish

Very high quality water based Polyurethane finish For use in conjunction with Hydroprime 2K primer Anti Graffiti coating Rail approvals Very marr and scratch resistant Wide colour range available Can be used directly to certain rigid plastics

HMG Brand

