

PAINTS FOR CORROSION PROTECTION OF STRUCTURAL STEELWORK IN HIGHWAY APPLICATIONS

HARDTOP OPTIMA – TO HE ITEM NO 185

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(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

This Certificate relates to Hardtop Optima, a two-pack, polysiloxane gloss finish topcoat for use as part of a specification for the corrosion protection of structural steelwork in Highway Applications, in accordance with the *Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works* (MCHW), Volumes 1 and 2, where Item No 185 is specified.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with HAPAS requirements
- factors relating to compliance with Regulations where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Corrosion resistance — a complete paint system incorporating the product will provide satisfactory resistance to corrosion of the substrate steel (see section 6).

Durability — a complete paint system based on the products described in this Certificate can be expected to perform satisfactorily for a period in excess of 15 years before its first major maintenance (see section 8).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the product described herein. This product has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Requirements

In the opinion of the BBA, Hardtop OPTIMA, having been registered by Highways England and found to comply with the requirements of CG303 (formerly BD 35/14) and approved for ongoing registration, when used in accordance with the provisions of this Certificate will satisfy or contribute to satisfying the requirements of the:

- MCHW⁽¹⁾, Volume 1 (Paints), Series 1900 and 5000
- MCHW⁽¹⁾, Volume 2, Series NG 1900 and NG 5000
- *Design Manual for Roads and Bridges* (DMRB), CG303 *Quality assurance scheme for paints and similar protective coatings*
- CM 431, formerly BD 87/05.

(1) The MCHW is operated by the Overseeing Organisations: Highways England (HE), Transport Scotland, the Welsh Government and the Department for Infrastructure (Northern Ireland).

Regulations

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 1 *Description* (1.2) and 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.1 and 3.2) of this Certificate.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 Hardtop Optima is a two-pack, polysiloxane, gloss finish topcoat, for use as part of a specification for the corrosion protection of structural steelwork in Highway Applications, in accordance with the MCHW, Volumes 1 and 2, where Item No 185 is specified. The product is available in a range of colours.

1.2 The product has the following characteristics:

Table 1 Characteristics

Characteristic (unit)	Value
Specific gravity	1.36
Volume solids (%) mixed	76
Flashpoint (°C) mixed	30
VOC (g·l ⁻¹) mixed	147

2 Manufacture

2.1 The product is manufactured by a batch-blending process.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control being operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of the manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by Intertek (Certificate 0044915-05).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The product is supplied in 5 and 20 litre packs in the correct proportions and the gross weight of the mixed containers is 7 and 26 kg respectively.

3.2 The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the product under the *CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures*. Users must refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet(s).

3.3 When stored in the original containers in a paint store, in the conditions recommended by the Certificate holder, the product has a minimum shelf-life of 24 months.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Hardtop Optima.

Design Considerations

4 Use

Where included as part of the specification for a paint system as listed in the *Supplement to Paints for Corrosion Protection of Structural Steelwork in Highway Applications*⁽¹⁾, Hardtop Optima is satisfactory for use as a topcoat of a corrosion protection system for structural steel.

(1) Product Sheet 99 of this Certificate.

5 Practicability of installation

Application of the product is designed to be carried out by operatives familiar with this type of product.

6 Corrosion resistance

The product has been registered in accordance with the requirements of CG303 and can contribute to corrosion resistance when included as part of the specification for a paint system as listed in the *Supplement to Paints for Corrosion Protection of Structural Steelwork in Highway Applications*.

7 Maintenance

Regular planned maintenance may be required as per section 8. Damage must be repaired in accordance with the MCHW, Volume 1 (Paints), Series 5000.

8 Durability

A complete paint system based on the products described in this Certificate can be expected to perform satisfactorily for a period in excess of 15 years before its first major maintenance.

Installation

9 Application

9.1 Substrates must be cleaned and prepared in accordance with the MCHW, Volume 1 (Paints), Series 1900 and 5000, and the Certificate holder's instructions.

9.2 The base (Part A) is mixed with a power agitator, after which the entire contents of the curing agent (Part B) are added, and the product mixed thoroughly.

9.3 The product is applied by airless spray (tip range 0.33 to 0.46 mm, output fluid pressure not less than 15 MPa/min) or air-assisted spray, to achieve a typical dry film thickness (dft) of between 60 to 100 µm [equivalent to a wet film thickness (wft) of 80 to 130 µm]. The Certificate holder can advise on suitable spray equipment.

9.4 Small areas can be coated by brush or roller, if required.

9.5 The product is overcoated with the Certificate holder's products bearing the appropriate HAPAS-approval, observing the minimum overcoating period given in Table 2.

Table 2 Application properties

	Temperature (°C)			
	5	10	23	40
Surface dry (hours)	10	5	3	2
Hard dry (hours)	12	7	4	3
Minimum overcoating time (hours)	12	7	4	3
Pot life (hours)	—	—	6	—

Note: For maximum overcoating time the Certificate holder should be consulted.

9.6 The product must be used within the pot life given in Table 2.

Technical Investigations

10 Tests

Tests were carried out and the results assessed to determine:

- liquid paint
 - density
 - flashpoint
 - volume solids
 - viscosity
 - volatile organic compound
 - pot life
 - other composition requirements
- applied coating
 - resistance to sagging
 - opacity
 - colour designation
 - visual comparison of the declared standard
 - gloss
 - surface dry (ballotini)
 - hard dry
 - application and appearance
 - minimum overcoating time
 - film thickness
- complete system
 - artificial weathering of topcoat
 - scratch resistance of single-pack topcoat and of two-pack topcoat
 - impact resistance
 - adhesion for systems of thicknesses <250 and >250 µm
 - salt spray
 - sulphur dioxide
 - humidity.

11 Investigations

The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

Bibliography

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

CG303 (formerly BD 35/14) *Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), Volume 2 Highway Structures : Design (Substructures and Special Structures), Materials, Section 3 Paints and Other Protective Coatings Part 1 Quality assurance Scheme for Paints and Similar Protective Coatings*

CM 431 (formerly BD 87/05) *Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB), Volume 3 Highway Structures: Maintenance Painting of Steelwork*

Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 1 *Specification for Highway Works*, Series 1900 *Protection of steelwork against corrosion*

Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 1 *Specification for Highway Works*, Series 5000 *Maintenance painting of steelwork*

Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 2 *Notes for Guidance on the Specification for Highway Works*, Series 1900 *Protection of steelwork against corrosion*

Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works, Volume 2 *Notes for Guidance on the Specification for Highway Works*, Series 5000 *Maintenance painting of steelwork*

12 Conditions

12.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
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- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

12.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

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