

Plastic Metal Ceramic BL Liquid, Wear Resistant Epoxy Coating

Technical Data Sheet

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Manufactured by Weicon in Germany, our Plastic Metal Ceramic BL is a specialised epoxy coating that is used to line, coat and protect stressed surfaces. Ceramic BL is blue in colour and has a liquid consistency that allows it to be brushed onto surfaces (or sprayed).

Ceramic BL epoxy coating has excellent wear resistance and effectively protects coated surfaces from abrasion across a long service life.

Ceramic BL is made from a specialised type of epoxy resin that is filled with silicon carbide and zirconium silicate. It is a two-part epoxy that must be mixed before use. Once it's mixed, you have a working pot life of about 40 minutes (assuming 20°C and 200gm mixed).



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You can create coatings up to 10mm thick in a single pour with Ceramic BL. After 16 hours the epoxy will be capable of bearing mechanical loads while full cure will take 24 hours.

Applications

- The lining of heavily stressed pump
- Wear protection for slide bearings.
- Abrasion protection on slides and funnels.
- The lining and pipes and flanges.
- Repair of castings, valves and blower fans.
- For the repair of metal components and the lining of stressed parts in the marine industry (IMPA and ISSA Registered).
- For lining trays and bins in the mining
- In apparatus engineering and construction.

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Technical Details

Basis	Mineral Filled Epoxy Resin
Mix Ratio (Resin / Hardener)	100:15
Density of the Mixture	1.8 g/cm ³
Pot Life at 200g of Material At 20°C	40 Min.
Viscosity of the Mixture	6,000 MPa
Colour After Curing	Blue
Maximum Layer Thickness (per application)	10mm
Mechanical Strength (50%) When Curing at 20°C	16 Hours
Final Strength (100%) When Curing at 20°C	24 Hours

at 25°C (DIN 53281-83)	85 MPa
Mean Bending Strength at 25°C (DIN 53281-83)	95 MPa
Mean E-Modul at 25°C (DIN 53281-83)	7,000 – 8,000 MPa
Shore Hardness at 25°C (DIN 53281-83)	83 Shore D
Shrinkage	0.02%
Thermoforming Resistance	+80°C
Temperature Resistance	-35°C to +180°C
Thermal Conductivity (ISO 8894-2)	0.7 W/m·K
Dielectric Strength (ASTM D 149)	15 kV/mm
IMPA References	81 29 37 & 81 29 38
ISSA References	75.509.19 & 75.509.20



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Plastic Metal BL Chemical Resistance After Curing

Acetic Acid Dilute (<5%)	+	Hydrocarbons (Aromatic)	-
Acetone	0	Hydrochloric Acid (<10%)	+
Alkalis (Basic Minerals)	+	Hydrochloric Acid (10-20%)	+
Amyl Acetate	+	Hydrofluoric Acid Dilute	0
Amyl Alcohols	+	Hydrogen Peroxide (<30%)	+
Anhydrous Ammonia (25%)	+	Impregnating Oils	+
Barium Hydroxide	+	Magnesium Hydroxide	+
Butyl Acetate	+	Maleic Acid	+
Butyl Alcohol	+	Methanol (Methyl Alcohol, <85%)	0
Calcium Hydroxide (slaked lime)	+	Milk of Lime	+
Carbolic Acid (Phenol)	-	Naphthalene	-
Carbon Disulphide	+	Naphthene	-
Carbon Tetrachloride	+	Nitric Acid (<5%)	0
Caustic Potash Solution	+	Oils, Vegetable and Animal	+
Chlorinated Water	+	Oxalic Acid (<25%)	+
Chloroacetic Acid	-	Paraffin	+
Chloroform	0	Perchloroethylene	0
Chlorosulphonic Acid	-	Petrol (92-100 Octane)	+
Chromic Acid	+	Phosphoric Acid (<5%)	+
Chroming Baths	+	Phthalic Acid	+
Creosote Oil	-	Phthalic Acid Anhydride	+
Cresylic Acid	-	Potassium Hydroxide	
Crude Oil	+	(Caustic Potash, 0-20%)	+
Crude Oil Products	+	Soda Lye	+
Diesel Fuel Oil	+	Sodium Bicarbonate	
Ethanol < 85% (Ethyl Alcohol)	0	(Sodium Hydrogen Carbonate)	+
Ethyl Alcohol	0	Sodium Carbonate (Soda)	+
Ethyl Benzole	-	Sodium Chloride (Cooking Salt)	+
Ethyl Ether	+	Sodium Hydroxide	0
Exhaust Gases	+	(Caustic Soda, <20%)	
Formic Acid (>10%)	-	Sulphur Dioxide	+
Glycerine	+	Sulphuric Acid (<5%)	0
Glycol	0	Tannic Acid Dilute (<7%)	+
Grease, Oils and Waxes	+	Tetralin	0
Heating Oil, Diesel	+	Toulene	-
Humic Acid	+	Trichloroethylene	0
Hydrobromic Acid (<10%)	+	Turpenetine Substitute (White Spirit)	+
Hydrocarbons (Aliphatic)	+	Xylene	-

+ = Resistant O = Resistant for a Limited Time

- = Not Resistant





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Preparation of the Surface

To ensure a perfect bond, the surface to which the Plastic Metal will be applied must be clean, dry and degreased. Most surface contaminants (e.g. old paint residues, oil, grease, dirt, dust) can be removed with either Weicon Cleaner S or Weicon Sealant and Adhesive Remover.

If the surfaces are very smooth, the adhesion achieved by Plastic Metal can be enhanced by sandblasting with a suitable grain size of sand or by roughening with a coarse abrasive material.

Cast parts, which have been exposed to sea water for a long time, should be treated with special care as they might contain inorganic salts. It is possible that these salts reach the surface and absorb moisture, thus starting the formation of rust (rust bubbles under the protective coating). It is therefore suggested that such parts are heated or exposed to flame after sand blasting.

If adhesion is not desired, a separating agent must be used. For smooth surfaces, Weicon Mould Release Agent (silicone free) or Weicon Silicone Spray may be suitable.

It is suggested that you begin the application of Weicon Plastic Metal immediately after surface pretreatment to avoid oxidation and instantaneous rust formation.

Application

Mixing

Before adding the hardeners to the larger resin container, it is very important that your stir up the fillers in the resin thoroughly while ensuring that they do not contain bubbles. After this has been done, mix the resin and the hardener for at least 4 minutes using the spatula supplied with every Plastic Metal kit or with a mechanical mixer (at low speed, max. 500 rpm) to get a uniform mass.

Do not mix more material that you intend to use within the pot life and be sure to strictly observe the specified mixing ratio of 1:1 for Plastic Metal BL (tolerance on this ix a maximum of +/- 2%).

Pot Life and Processing Time

The indicated pot life refers to mixtures of 200gm prepared at 20°C. Larger quantities will cure faster due to the typical exothermic reaction associated with epoxy resins. Weicon Plastic Metals should be processed at room temperature (approximately 20°C).

Pot life and cure time will be reduced considerably at higher temperatures. The rule of thumb for this is every increase of 10°C above room temperature leads to a reduction in pot life and cure time of about 50%. At temperatures below 16°C the pot life will slow. Below about 5°C there is no reaction between the resin and the hardener.

Cure and Treatment

Weicon Plastic Metal BL can be machined or demoulded after about 16 hours at room temperature. Final cure will be achieved after 24 hours.

In low temperature environments, the cure time can be accelerated via the application of heat up to a maximum of 40°C (via a heat lamp, electric blanket or hot air fan). To avoid thermal overheating and possible deformation the surface must not be warmed up with open flame.

Storage

When stored unopened and in normal climatic conditions (20°C) Weicon Plastic Metal BL has a minimum shelf-life of 24 months. Storage in direct sunlight should be avoided. Opened containers must be used within 6 months.

Available Sizes

Plastic Metal BL Epoxy is available from Swift Supplies in 0.5kg & 2kg Kits. Each kit contains the correct proportions of resin and hardener, plastic gloves and a plastic mixing spatula.

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