

Protexx Aluprime

Purpose & Areas Of Use:

A protective rust-inhibiting primer for use on steel surfaces which cannot be blast-cleaned, or where patch-priming only is required beneath **Equus** polyurethane coatings. Ideal for use in recoat work involving small section steel members or frames.

Product:

Single-pack ready-for-use coating containing moisture cure aluminium flake pigment in a penetrating urethane binder.

Product Compatibility:

Can be overcoated with **Chevaline** and **Traxx** polyurethane undercoats and topcoats. Compatibility of other coating systems should be checked before use.

Colours:

Dull aluminium

Standard Pack:

1 and 4 litre metal cans.

Physical Properties:

Liquid Material :

Solids Volume:	42%
Solids Weight:	55%
Specific Gravity:	1.14
Flash Point:	46°C
Shelf Life:	At least 12 months in original sealed container stored in cool dry conditions.

Surface Preparation:

Steel should be thoroughly cleaned by hand or power wire-brushing or needle gunning. Sound existing coatings may be left on the surface where appropriate, provided a test is done to ensure that the existing coating is not softened or lifted by **Protexx Aluprime**.

Surfaces should be degreased where necessary, either by hand-wiping with clean rags and Toluol, or by application of **Equus Galvoclean** and subsequent waterblasting.

Surfaces should be dry at time of primer application, but **Aluprime** will tolerate slight residual dampness if normal dew point conditions are not met.

Application Method:

Brush: For small and intricate areas and patch priming.

Roller: Not normally used.

Conventional spray: Thin if required with up to 10% Xylol. Use 1.4 mm nozzle with 3.5kg/cm² atomising pressure and 0.7-1.0 kg/cm² fluid pressure.

Airless spray: Thin only if needed. Use 0.35-0.40 mm nozzle with 65° fan angle and operating pressure of 140-175 kg/cm.

Application Properties:

Spreading rate:

Theoretical	11.5 sqm/litre
Practical	8-9.5 sqm/litre depending on application method

Recommended Film Thickness:

Wet	90 microns
Dry	37 microns

Recoat time: 12-24 hours

Note: this product cures on exposure to atmospheric moisture. Once a new container is opened, the contents should be used as soon as possible, and the container kept tightly sealed when not in use. Any crust formed on the surface should be discarded before using again. Use within one year of indicated manufacture date is recommended.

Specification Notes:

Spreading rates: These figures are approximate and relate to material applied at the stated dry film thickness under normal working conditions. Application technique, wastage and surface condition must be allowed for when estimating quantities.

Dry times: These relate to normal temperature (20-23°C) and humidity (50-60% R.H.) conditions. If these vary, allowance must be made appropriately, since through-cure is achieved through exposure to atmospheric moisture, low humidity conditions may prolong this stage.

Flash point: The material is classified in Class 3B of the Dangerous Goods Act 1974 and appropriate transport and storage regulations apply.

Health And Safety:

Wear barrier cream when handling these products and mask/goggles during application. **DO NOT SMOKE** during handling or application. Keep containers tightly sealed at all times when not in use.

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