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CLEARLOK® SPL TOPCOAT
Operating Instructions

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

CLEARLOK® SPL TOPCOAT is a water emulsion blend of acrylic polymers that forms a clear protective coating on all metal surfaces. Supplied as a liquid concentrate, CLEARLOK® SPL TOPCOAT can be diluted with tap water and applied by immersion or spray, then allowed to dry. Or, it can be applied full-strength by brush-on techniques, then allowed to dry. Drying may be accelerated with warm air flow. The dried finish is a durable, scratch resistant coating with excellent corrosion resistance.

CLEARLOK® SPL TOPCOAT is recommended as a sealant for black oxide and most other metal surface coatings, such as phosphates, sulfides, or can be applied directly onto uncoated metal surfaces, such as bare steel, aluminum, nickel or zinc plating. CLEARLOK® SPL TOPCOAT provides a continuous film that seals out corrosion and enhances the wear resistance of the surface.

OPERATING CONDITIONS

Bath Makeup	5 – 10% by volume in tap water (spray) 50 – 100% by volume in tap water (all others)
Bath Operating pH	7 – 8
Operating Temperature	Room Temp – 120°F; one minute immersion If heated, use de-rated 304 SS heaters, along with a recirculating pump, to avoid scalding.
Curing Condition	Room Temp: 15 – 20 minutes 120 – 150°F: 5 – 10 minutes
Equipment Construction	Tanks & racks: plastic, stainless steel.
Film Thickness	Approx. 0.2 mils.
Coverage	Approx. 1,000 square feet per gallon.

BATH MAINTENANCE

The CLEARLOK® SPL operating bath should be maintained at the correct concentration and pH. During normal operation, the concentration will gradually drop. Periodic additions of fresh CLEARLOK® SPL concentrate can be used to maintain proper levels. Do not allow the pH to drop below 6.5. If this occurs, the pH should be adjusted. (Please ask for guidance from Birchwood Technologies®). The CLEARLOK® SPL solids level can be measured by comparing the weight of a 2 gram bath sample against the same sample after drying (please ask for written procedure), or by observing the appearance and gloss level of the dried finish. A weak operating bath will produce a thinner finish, with lower gloss levels and lower corrosion resistance. Please consult with your Birchwood Technologies® representative for details.

COATING REMOVAL

The CLEARLOK® SPL coating can be removed by immersing in alkaline soak cleaners, such as PRESTO KLEEN® HP or SAFE SCRUB® ST alkaline detergent cleaners. Removal is a function of the temperature and concentration of the cleaner, immersion time and degree of agitation.

PACKAGING

1, 5 gallon pails and 55 gallon non-returnable drums. Store indoors in closed container.

Before Using This Product – Please Read, Understand and Follow all the Precautions shown on the Product Label and on the Safety Data Sheet.

The Safety Data Sheet can be found on our website:

<https://www.birchwoodtechnologies.com/Downloads/Safety.html>

Use Appropriate Warning Labels on any Container used to Store or Apply this Product.

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