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URETHANES

U-55

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

COMPONENTS	SOLIDS	VOC	MIX RATIO
1	>98%	<50 g/l	See Accelerator section below

DESCRIPTION

U-55 is a non-yellowing, one-component, low-sheen, aliphatic moisture cure urethane (MCU) coating with excellent wear, stain resistance and adhesion properties. When used as a topcoat over conventional coatings, U-55 provides excellent chemical resistance and dramatically improved abrasion resistance. U-55 is available in a low sheen finish.

RECOMMENDED USES

U-55 is primarily used as a clear topcoat due to its outstanding UV, stain, mar and abrasion resistance. It can be applied to a variety of properly prepared substrates including concrete, gypsum, cement board, metals, vinyl, PVC and fiberglass. It can also be applied direct to concrete as a sealer and topcoat. U-55 cures to a low sheen finish of 10-30 GU's at 60° incident light.

LIMITATIONS

U-55 is designed to be applied at 3-4 mils as a top coat on floors. Allowing to puddle will have a negative effect on the finish. Ideal application temperatures to be between 60-90°F. Cooler temperatures will increase cure times. Warmer temperatures will decrease working and cure times. Higher RH will shorten dry time.

SURFACE PREPARATION

The preparation method for each project is determined by a full understanding of the substrate to be coated, the chemistry of the coating system being used, the coating system thickness, and numerous other factors. The coating installer should fully read and understand ICRI Guideline NO. 310.2R-2013 and OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1153 before starting preparatory work. The aim, of preparing a substrate for coating applications, is to roughen the surface, remove weak layers, contaminants, dirt, debris and present a solid, clean, dry substrate for the primer. Prior to applying U-55 do not solvent wipe as this may introduce moisture on the substrate. If unsure as to the level of preparation needed, contact Polymer Nation at techservice@polymernation.com

Note: Before applying U-55 Low Sheen, PN recommends thoroughly sanding the epoxy or polyaspartic basecoat with 120 grit sanding screens making sure that DFT of coating will hide scratch pattern of abrasive. Sweep and vacuum clean but do not solvent wipe.

MIXING

Mix Ratio by Volume: See Accelerator section. In applications where humidity is low, or where quicker return to service is desired, U-51/55 Accelerator may be used to speed up the cure of U-55. The following mix ratios are recommended in the given humidity ranges: >40% RH — See Notes; 20-40% RH — 8:1; <20% RH — 4:1. U-55 will cure sufficiently even without accelerator in these RH ranges; the accelerator should only be used when quicker return to service is desired.

Notes: Once U-51/55 accelerator has been added, the product is no longer shelf-life stable. Add and mix only what is needed at the time of application. Once U-51/55 accelerator has been added, the impact on pot life is minimal within the first 30-45 minutes. To obtain accurate relative humidity readings, it is recommended to use a calibrated digital psychrometer, or at minimum, a humidity monitor. If U-51/55 Accelerator is used with U-55, mix only at an 8:1 ratio. Also, please note that when accelerator is used with U-55, there is a slight increase in gloss.

Color Packs: U-55 can be pigmented in the field with Polymer Nation's universal color packs. The amount of color pack to be added is as follows: 1 gal. U-55 : 8 oz. universal color pack. Add and mix the colorant thoroughly into U-55 before application. Once the colorant has been added, the product is no longer shelf-life stable (12-24 hours maximum). Add only the colorant that is needed for the immediate application.

APPLICATION

Material should be bucket rolled out of an 18" roller pan with a high-quality, shed-resistant 1/4" or 3/8" nap roller to 3-4 mils (400-500 SF/PG) in a "W" pattern to evenly spread the material. A finish back-roll in the opposite direction should be completed to ensure the material is free of roller lines and delivered at a consistent spread rate. If desired, to assist in application and leveling, 3-5% xylene may be added. For a non-skid finish, add 150 grams per 1 gallon kit of PN 1337-8 S (1-10 oz cup struck off at the top) or 1 lb. of PN 1335-1 A0 and mix well into the gallon of U-51. The roller should be run through the pan regularly to ensure the non-skid remains evenly distributed. Due to its extreme abrasion resistance, U-51 is extremely difficult to recoat. If U-55 is to be top-coated, please contact PN for additional assistance. It is critical that it is sanded and abraded extremely well to achieve a surface contact angle of <50 degrees. Clean tools with a solvent similar to Xylene or Acetone.

Aggregate/Anti-Slip: Polymer Nation recommends adding anti-slip aggregate into U-55 before application. 100 grit Aluminum Oxide (1 lb. PN 1335-1/gal. U-55) is a common anti-slip additive used with U-51. Some other options include: PN 1336 B – blend of 240/150 grit Aluminum Oxide; PN 1337-8 L,M,S – Polycarbonate anti-slip aggregate (L – 20/40, M – 40/60, S – 60/100).

Working Time: Once U-55 has initially been placed and backrolled, the open time is approximately 10-15 minutes. Overworking of U-55 may result in an increase of finished gloss. Do not backroll and/or overwork the material unnecessarily past the open time window.

Application Tips: Polymer Nation recommends using a dip and roll application method when colorant has been added. Do not pour a puddle or ribbon and then spread. Once pigmented U-55 has been applied, it has been observed that a backroll with a dry, unused roller sleeve is beneficial to eliminating any roller lines that may appear after initial application.

Tires: If vehicles or equipment with rubber tires will be parked or stored over U-55, PN recommends allowing the U-55 to cure for a minimum of 72-96 hours at ambient conditions (above 70° F/30% RH) before moving the aforementioned vehicle or equipment in place. Also, well before application, Polymer Nation recommends placing a test panel coated with the appropriate U-55 product underneath the tire for an extended amount of time (1-4 weeks) to determine if contact of the tire with U-55 will be deleterious in any way. Polymer Nation cannot ensure that U-55 will not be affected by every make, model, and composition of tire that U-55 may come in contact with.

COMPONENTS

GENERAL PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemistry	Urethanes
Color / Finish	Low Sheen · Clear and Color Packs
Number of Components	1
Solids by Volume	>98%
VOC (Mixed)	<50 g/l
Mix Ratio	See Accelerator section below
Mixed Viscosity	250-400 cP
Gel / Working Time	10-15 minutes (open time)
Application Temperature	60-90°F
Odor	None

One-component. U-51/55 Accelerator may be added — see Accelerator section.

U-51/55 Accelerator mix ratios by relative humidity: >40% RH — See Notes; 20-40% RH — 8:1; <20% RH — 4:1. If U-51/55 Accelerator is used with U-55, mix only at an 8:1 ratio.

25°C/77°F

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

The data below was gathered at temperatures of 72-75°F and 30-50% RH

Hardness	40 @ 24 hours / 65 @ 7 days	Pendulum Hardness (König)
Tensile Strength	2,380 psi	ASTM C307
Flexural Strength	3,550 psi	ASTM C580
Abrasion — Taber CS-17	0.014 g Loss	ASTM D4060
Impact Resistance	>160 inch pounds	ASTM D2794
Adhesion to Concrete	>450 psi Substrate failure (to concrete, ASTM D7234)	ASTM D7234
Gloss @ 60°	10-30 GU	
Color Scale	0.5-1.0	ASTM D1500
Accelerated Weathering	Non-yellowing	ASTM G154

ASTM D4060 — Abrasion Resistance CS17 1000 g 1000 cycles in g Loss. When higher abrasion resistance is required the addition of PC 1336 to the coating should be included.

Gloss @ 60 Degree Angle. U-55 cures to a low sheen finish of 10-30 GU's at 60° incident light.

CURE SCHEDULE

Dry to Touch	5 hours
Through Dry	7-8 hours
Dry to Walk	12-16 hours
Dry to Light Use	24 hours
Full Cure	7 days

COVERAGE & PACKAGING

Coverage Rate	400-500 sq.ft./gal.
Application Thickness	3-4 mils
Packaging	1 Gallon kit

STORAGE, HANDLING & SAFETY

Store at 60-80 degrees F. Store material between 60-80 degrees F in a protected dry location. Refer to the current Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for this product before handling, mixing, or applying. Use appropriate personal protective equipment and ensure adequate ventilation during application and cure. Dispose of material, containers, solvents, etc., per Federal, State and local guideline, rules and laws

TEST DATA

Test data has been gathered from testing conducted by independent, internal and third party testing. The best way to compare coating performance is by head-to-head independent testing as this removes the numerous variables found between testing standards, equipment and testing agencies.

TYPICAL VALUES

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