

## EPOXY-N161 (Novolac)

### Two-component, solvent-free, novolac epoxy coating with resistance to concentrated sulfuric acid

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#### LEED Points

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#### Product Description:

EPOXY-N161 is a two-component, rigid, novolac epoxy coating with excellent resistance to concentrated sulfuric acid, other strong acids and bases and many chemicals found in industrial environments. When seeded or blended with aggregate, it can be used on properly prepared concrete and steel substrates to provide a chemical resistant surface with excellent slip/skid resistance and wear characteristics.

EPOXY-N161 will bond to properly prepared dry and damp substrates and cures to a tough, blush-free, tile-like surface. In outdoor use, the coating is freeze-thaw resistant and will not embrittle but will acquire a chalky surface when exposed to sunlight.

#### Advantages:

- Zero VOC's - meets LEED criteria
- Convenient 2:1 (by vol.) mixing ratio
- Suitable for indoor and outdoor applications.
- Applied by brush, roller or with two-component spray equipment.
- Resistant to strong mineral acids and bases as well as organic acids such as acetic and lactic in moderate concentrations.

#### Substrate Preparation:

- Concrete surfaces to be treated with EPOXY-N161 may be dry or damp but must be sound and free of all bond-inhibiting substances. Remove existing floor coverings, coatings, adhesives, curing compounds, efflorescence, dust, grease, laitance, etc. down to bare concrete via mechanical means such as steel shot blasting, scarifying or grinding to CSP 2 - 3. Concrete Surface Profile as per ICRI Guideline No. 310.2-2013. Standard acid etching is NOT allowed. Repair larger cracks with a suitable patching mortar. Seal small or hairline cracks with EPOXY-Primer. Steel surfaces should be cleaned to 'white metal' according to SSPC SP 5.

#### Mixing Instructions:

- In cold weather, preconditioning the components to 70-85°F is suggested for ease of handling.
- Wear safety glasses and clean neoprene rubber gloves when handling the material.
- EPOXY-N161 is a two-component adhesive. The resin to hardener (Part A: Part B) mix ratio is 2:1, by volume. Premix the individual components

before drawing from bulk packaging.

- Transfer the accurately measured quantities of Part A and Part B into a mixing container. Use quantities that can be applied before the potlife of the mixed material expires.
- Blend thoroughly using a Jiffy mixer blade attached to a low speed (350 - 750 rpm) electric or pneumatic drill. Proper mixing will take 2 - 3 minutes.

#### Application Instructions:

- The recommended minimum substrate temperature during application and for cure is 50°F.
- Apply the material after the daily substrate temperature cycle has reached its peak.
- Protect the area to be treated from strong sun light, wind and rain. Indoors, prevent noticeable drafts.
- Apply with a stiff bristle brush, short nap roller, squeegee or airless, heat able, two-component spray equipment.
- When used as a coating, apply in two or more 8 - 10 mil coats rather than one thick coat.
- For optimum chemical resistance, 3 coats are recommended to reduce the potential for holidays. Subsequent coats may be applied as soon as the previous coat is touch-dry. When resistance to strong chemicals is required, a 6 - 8 mil topcoat is recommended.
- When used as a surfacing, pour mixed material onto the substrate and spread to the desired coverage (20 - 30 mils/coat) with a V-notch trowel or squeegee.
- Allow the coating to become tacky to tack-free before applying the next coat. Avoid excessive cure times between coats of more than 48 hours.
- Aggregate, if used, must be broadcast onto the EPOXY-N161 within 15 minutes of applying the coating. The recommended aggregate size is #20x40 or #30x50 mesh. Typical broadcast rates are .75 - 1.5 lb/sq ft.
- For additional application information, see ACI 503R, Chapter 7, Applying Epoxy Compounds."

#### Limitations:

- Store at temperatures between 50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C)
- Protect from freezing
- Substrates on or below grade must have a functioning vapor barrier to minimize the potential for blistering or delaminating of the applied coating. If one is not present apply Aquafin VAPORTIGHT COAT-SG2 as a primer to the substrate. Consult TDS for proper application instructions.
- Broadcast aggregate must be resistant to the chemicals used in the exposure area and must be completely encapsulated by a topcoat.
- Exposure to 98% sulfuric acid will cause formation of a reddish surface film that can be removed by washing with water.
- Do not add solvents or otherwise thin this material.

#### Clean-Up:

All tools and equipment must be cleaned before the mixed material cures. Cleaning can be facilitated with a solvent such as acetone or heavy-duty

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detergents. Cured material may be removed from equipment and tools by soaking in an epoxy stripper.

## Packaging:

### • 3-gallon unit (11.4 L)

Component A: (2) 1-gallon pails (3.78 L per pail)

Component B: (1) 1-gallon pail (3.78 L)

### • 15-gallon unit (56.8 L)

Component A: (2) 5-gallon pail (18.9 L per pail)

Component B: (1) 5-gallon pail (18.9 L)

### • 150-gallon unit (568 L)

Component A: (2) 55-gallon pails (208 L per pail)

Component B: (1) 55-gallon pail (208 L)

NOTE: Sand aggregate is sold separately and is not included in kits.

## Colors Selection:

The standard color is concrete gray (tan-gray). Brick red is also available but may require minimum quantities and/or slightly higher cost.

## Shelf Life:

Three years minimum in unopened, original containers when stored between 60 and 90°F in a dry place away from sunlight. Remixing of components may be required upon long-term storage.

## Safety:

Refer to SDS for full information. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Part A: Liquid epoxy resin, HMIS Health Hazard Rating- 2 (Moderate Hazard). Part B: Liquid epoxy hardener, HMIS Health Hazard Rating- 3 (Serious Hazard).

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Typical Acid Resistance Properties (Weight change upon immersion) @ 73 °F	
98% Sulfuric Acid	-0.8 @ 30 days
25% Sulfuric Acid	+0.2 @ 7 days / +0.5 @ 30 days
10% Acetic Acid	+0.2 @ 7 days / +0.9 @ 30 days
50% Lactic Acid	+0.6 @ 7 days / +2.5 @ 30 days

Coverage Rates:	
Coating (2 coat application)	80 - 100 ft. <sup>2</sup> per gal
Coating (3 coat application)	50 ft. <sup>2</sup> per gal
Surfacing with a topcoat	40 - 60 ft. <sup>2</sup> per gal
Notes: Application rates are approximate. Actual coverage may vary due to substrate porosity.	

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Property	Test Method	Value
Mix Ratio, A : B by volume by weight		2 : 1 100 : 39
Color Part A Part B Mixed	Visual	Concrete tan-gray Amber Concrete tan-gray
Viscosity, p: Part A Part B Mixed	ASTM D 2393	68 14 55
Weight per Gallon, lb: Part A Part B Mixed	ASTM D 1475	10.3 8.3 9.7
Gel Time, 200 g, minutes	ASTM D 2471	40
Thin Film Dry Time, hours: touch dry hard dry	ASTM D 1640	6 16
Recoat Time, hours: @ 60° F @ 73° F @ 90° F	in house	10 - 72 6 - 32 4 - 16
Tensile Strength, psi	ASTM D 638	6500
Elongation at Break, %	ASTM D 638	2.0
Compressive Yield Strength, psi	ASTM D 695	10,500
Compressive Modulus, psi	ASTM D 695	300,000
Heat Deflection Temp, °F	ASTM D 648	115
Hardness, Shore D	ASTM D 2240	85
Tabor Abraser, mg loss	ASTM D 4060	117 (2)
Bond Strength To Damp ASTM C 109 Cement Mortar, psi	ASTM D 4547	250 (3)
(1)	Cure schedule, 7 days at 73° ± 4° F and test temperature, 73° ± 4° F unless otherwise indicated.	
(2)	CS-17 wheels, 1000 g load, 1000 cycles.	
(3)	Compressive strength of cement mortar, 4500 psi.	