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## TECHNICAL DATA SHEET: W-31 EPOXY COVE GEL

### Product Overview

W-31 consist of a high viscosity, nonylphenol-free, epoxy resin, a thickened, cycloaliphatic amine reactant, and a specialty trowel aggregate blend. This combination achieves a rheology and consistency that makes it easy to trowel but also fast to return to its resting state, especially in vertical applications.

### Uses and Benefits

W-31 is most often used in application as a cove base around the perimeter of an installation to prevent damage and/or contamination around the base of walls as well as provide containment where needed. It provides a seamless transition from the floor to wall.

### Limitations

W-31 is designed to be applied between 1/8" to 1/4" thickness; this is application dependent. It is not intended to be used as a finish coat as it will amber. Cooler temperatures will increase cure times. Warmer temperatures will decrease working and cure times. Verify that substrate temperature is above 5 degrees of dewpoint during application and cure of material to avoid a potential amine blush.

### 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. If unsure as to the level of preparation needed contact Polymer Nation at [Lab@polymerNation.com](mailto:Lab@polymerNation.com).

### Mixing

It is always recommended to mix the entire kit, whenever possible, to avoid off-ratio mixtures. Mix ratio is 2 parts W-31 Part A (0.5 gal.) to 1 part W-31 Part B (0.25 gal.) to **45 lbs. PN 1324 trowel aggregate** or **50 lbs. PN 1321 L decorative quartz trowel aggregate**. Combine all of part A and B into a single container, large enough to except the entire kit. Mix using a 350 RPM mixer using an appropriate mixing blade for 1 - 2 minutes making sure to not introduce excessive air into the material; then, under mixing, add desired trowel aggregate (PN 1324 or PN 1321L).

### Technical Data

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

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Packaging               | 3 Quart kits (Liquids - 0.5 gal A, 0.25 gal B) |
| Mix Ratio by Volume     | 2:1 (liquids)                                  |
| Mixed Viscosity         | 4500 cP 25°C/77°F (liquids)                    |
| Working Time            | 25-35 minutes                                  |
| Dry to Touch            | 6-8 hours                                      |
| Through Dry             | 12-16 hours                                    |
| Dry to Light Use        | 24 hours                                       |
| Full Cure               | 7 days   |
| Shore D Hardness        | D65 @ 24 hours                                 |
| Shore D Hardness        | D78 @ 7 days                                   |
| Gloss @ 60 Degree Angle | 60-70  |
| VOC's of Mixed Material | <50 g/l EPA Method 24                          |
| Color Scale             | 0.5-1.0 per ASTM D1500                         |
| Solids by Volume Mixed  | 100%   |
| Application             | See chart – Page 2                             |
| Available Colors        | Clear & Color Packs                            |

### Application

Before applying W-31 to a vertical substrate, tape off the area of the wall base which will receive the W-31 cove gel and then prime the surface to be coated with a thin layer (6-10 mils) of any of the following PN products: **P-30**, **P-99**, or **F-01** (standard or fast set). This will aid the 'hang' of W-31 during initial placement and smoothing. **While the prime coat is still wet and/or tacky**, begin applying the mixed W-31 epoxy cove gel to the base of the wall with appropriate tooling (margin trowel etc.). Once W-31 has been placed, smooth and finish with a cove trowel. Pull tape within 30 minutes of placing W-31. Use C-99 for trowel lubricant if desired. Recoat within 24 hours. Clean tools with a solvent similar to Xylene or Acetone.

### **W-31 Epoxy Cove Gel Kit Coverages**

| <b>Base</b>                       | <b>Linear Feet (+/- 5%)</b> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2" Cant                           | 62 feet                     |
| 4" Cove with 1" radius (see Note) | 36 feet                     |
| 6" Cove with 1" radius (see Note) | 32 feet                     |

**W-31 Kit**

**A – 0.5 gal**

**B – 0.25 gal**

**C – 45 lbs. PN 1324 Trowel Aggregate**

**Note: Vertical (non-rounded) portion of cove base was between 1/8" – 1/4" thickness**

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES W-31 EPOXY COVE GEL

| Description   | Standard    | Results   |
|---|-------------|---|
| Tensile Strength  | ASTM C307   | 10,400 psi  |
| Moisture Absorption                                     | ASTM C413   | <.2 weight increase   |
| Coefficient of Thermal Lineal Expansion                 | ASTM C531   | 15-17 x 10-6 27-30 x 10-6   |
| Compressive Strength                                    | ASTM C579   | 11,700 psi  |
| Modulus of Elasticity                                   | ASTM C580   | N/A   |
| Flexural Strength                                       | ASTM C580   | 5,550 psi   |
| Water Vapor Transmission                                | ASTM D1653  | See ASTM D3010  |
| Impact Resistance                                       | ASTM D2794  | >96 inch pounds   |
| Independent Certificate from third party testing agency | ASTM D3010  | N/A   |
| Adhesion (liquids)                                      | ASTM D3359  | 5A  |
| Abrasion Resistance CS17 1000 g 1000cycles in g Loss    | ASTM D4060  | 0.073g Loss (when higher abrasion resistance is required the addition of PC 1336 to the coating should be included) |
| Adhesion to Steel (liquids)                             | ASTM D4541  | >1,000 psi  |
| Hiding Power  | ASTM D5150  | 2-5/225   |
| Flammability When Adhered to Concrete                   | ASTM D635   | Self-Extinguishing  |
| Adhesion to Concrete                                    | ASTM D7234  | >450 Substrate failure  |
| Coefficient of Friction Dry Ave. three tests            | NFSI B101.0 | N/A   |
| Coefficient of Friction Wet Ave. three tests            | NFSI B101.1 | N/A   |
| Accelerated Weathering Testing                          | ASTM G154   | Significant yellowing   |

\* Dispose of material, containers, solvents, etc., per Federal, State and local guideline, rules and laws.

\* Store material between 60-80 degrees F in a protected dry location.

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.

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