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## SPECIALTY POLYMER COATINGS, INC. (SPC)

### SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. BRUSH GRADE APPLICATION SPECIFICATION

#### STEEL SUBSTRATE

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#### **I. GENERAL**

- 1.1 SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade is a 100% solids, epoxy-urethane manufactured and marketed by **Specialty Polymer Coatings, Inc.** ("SPC"), #104 - 20529 - 62nd Avenue, Langley, B.C., Canada, V3A 8R4, Telephone: (604) 514-9711, Fax: (604) 514-9722, and applied by SPC approved applicators.
- 1.2 This specification covers hand applications of the material by brush or roller. Spray application of SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade **is not covered.**

#### **II. PACKAGING**

- 2.1. 1. Part 'A' - Base  
2. Part 'B' - Hardener

**Note:** Part 'A' - 3 Parts of Base (pre-measured) by volume  
Part 'B' - 1 Part of Hardener (pre-measured) by volume

#### **III. MIXING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Step # 1. Pre-mix Part 'A' (Base) slowly with a variable speed drill fitted with a mixing impeller. SPC mixing impellers assist in preventing the introduction of air into the coating and help to ensure a uniform mix.
- Step # 2. Pour Part 'B' (Hardener) into Part 'A' (Base). The temperature of the coating components should be above 15°C (59°F) to enhance mixing.
- Step # 3. Begin mixing slowly. After the initial mix has been achieved, a spatula or mixing stick should be used to remove any raw resin from the side of the container.

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### III. MIXING INSTRUCTIONS (cont.)

- Step # 4. Mix at a speed that ensures a uniform mix, but does not create a vortex in the liquid. Slow the mixer down at the surface of the liquid to prevent the introduction of air into the coating.
- Step # 5. The ideal mixing and application temperature is between 20°C (68°F) and 35°C (95°F).
- Step # 6. Mix for one (1) minute at temperatures between 15°C (59°F) and 20°C (68°F), blending both parts to create one uniform colour with no streaks.
- Step # 7. Application may be done at this time by brushing or rolling. When coating pipe, do not remove application instruments from the bottom of the pipe. Always remove instruments on the up-stroke to prevent pulling material down and off the pipe bottom.

### IV. POT LIFE

- 4.1 Workable pot life after mixing is  $20 \pm 2$  minutes at 25°C (77°F). Pot life will be extended at lower temperatures and shortened at higher temperatures.

### V. SURFACE PREPARATION

- 5.1 All surfaces to be coated shall be abrasive blasted to SSPC SP-10 (Near White) cleanliness or equivalent. The resulting surface roughness profile shall be a minimum of 62.5 microns (2.5 mils) and a maximum of 127 microns (5.0 mils) peak to valley.
- 5.2 The underside and narrow edges of all angles, weld beads, pits and structural members must be blasted to the same surface condition as specified in 5.1. All surfaces must be cleaned of all blasting products, leaving no trapped particles or traces when blasting is completed.
- 5.3 All surfaces to be coated must be completely dry, free of moisture, soil, dust and abrasive material at the time the coating is applied. All weld spatters must be removed from the surface and rough welds must be ground smooth prior to coating.
- 5.4 Only that area that can be coated in a particular day shall be blast-cleaned and should extend for at least 50 mm (2") past the end. Any area that is allowed to sit overnight must be returned to its original blast-cleaned condition. This requirement also applies to any blast-cleaned surface that has flash rusted as a result of exposure to rain or moisture.

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### V. SURFACE PREPARATION (cont.)

- 5.5 If the coating operation is to continue to the following day, the edges of the area coated with SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade are to be feathered down to the steel substrate after the coating has cured and before resumption of coating.
- 5.6 All blasting onto existing SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade must be directed from the coated surface to the adjacent substrate rather than from the substrate onto the coating. The blasting should be initiated 300 mm (12") onto the coating.
- 5.7 Grit blasting must be directed from the parent coating to the adjacent substrate rather than from the substrate onto the coating when coating girth welds where the parent coating is Fusion Bond Epoxy (FBE) or Polyethylene (P/E). The blasting should be initiated 50 mm (2") onto the parent coating. In the case of P/E, ensure the surface is well roughened and not just sweep-blasted.
- 5.8 Prior to coating, all areas, including the floor, scaffolding, walkways and decks within 15 m (50') of the coating site, shall be swept or cleaned of abrasive products to prevent wind blown contamination of the coating surface.
- 5.9 Wetting of the ground in the vicinity of the coating operation may be necessary on new construction sites with bare ground and where high winds may occur.

### VI. APPLICATION

- 6.1 Disposable tools such as brushes or short nap mohair rollers (available from SPC) should be used to apply SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade.
- 6.2 A maximum Dry Film Thickness (DFT) of 1.0 mm (40 mils) can be applied to a vertical surface in a single application. Higher builds are possible on horizontal surfaces.
- 6.3 SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade must be applied to clean, dry surfaces only. Condensation, precipitation, water vapour or any other forms of contamination will **NOT** be acceptable on the blasted surface prior to coating. Surfaces subject to any of these conditions shall be cleaned with fresh water if necessary and re-blasted to return the surface to SSPC SP-10 cleanliness as per Section V.
- 6.4 The acceptable substrate temperature range for application of SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade is 10°C (50°F) to 100°C (212°F). The substrate temperature must be a minimum of 3°C (5°F) above the dew point temperature before proceeding with the coating operation.

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### **VI. APPLICATION (cont.)**

- 6.5 Coating application can be performed in cold temperature conditions if the substrate is preheated. For some applications, post-heating may be required to achieve an adequate cure depending upon ambient temperature, pipe wall thickness, and other variables. The coating must not be allowed to freeze before an adequate cure is reached. Preheating and post-heating may also be utilized if an accelerated cure time is required.
- 6.6 Preheating may be accomplished by either flame heating the surface with a propane torch prior to blasting or by the use of an induction coil or catalytic infrared heater subsequent to blasting and prior to coating. Post-heating can only be done using an induction coil or catalytic infrared heater.
- 6.7 The appropriate preheat temperature and cure time can be determined from the attached SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade Curing Table. The maximum preheat temperature shall not exceed 100°C (212°F).
- 6.8 SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade cures to a tack-free condition in 120 minutes and to a hard condition in four and a half (4.5) hours at 25°C (77°F).
- 6.9 SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade can be over-coated without the need for an additional tie coat. Over-coating is best accomplished while the previous coat is still tacky. Should the over-coating interval exceed four (4) hours at 25°C (77°F), the surface should be blast roughened prior to application of the topcoat. If the surface has been preheated to 90°C (194°F), the maximum over-coating interval is 20 minutes.

### **VII. APPEARANCE OF FINISHED COATING**

- 7.1 The finished coating shall be generally smooth and free of protuberances or holidays. All surfaces shall have the required minimum DFT. In general, the surface of the coating shall be no rougher than the base or substrate material. No drips, running, sagging or other discontinuities are acceptable.
- 7.2 The applicator shall exercise every reasonable precaution to assure proper application of the coating and satisfactory protection of the steel surface.

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### **VIII. INSPECTION**

- 8.1 The owner's appointed representative must inspect the quality of all blasted surfaces, including cleaning of abrasive from these surfaces prior to the application of SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade. Acceptance to be given by said representative to the owner and contractor's representative.
- 8.2 Wet Film Thickness (WFT) measurements should be continuously taken to ensure the minimum film thickness specified. WFT measurements should be taken using SPC approved WFT gauges.
- 8.3 After the SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade has cured to a tack-free condition, the owner's representative and / or contractor's inspector shall measure the DFT with an SPC approved, calibrated, magnetic gauge and /or electronic DFT gauge. The appointed inspector shall notify the applicator of their acceptance. Notification to the applicator of all inadequately coated sections must be made immediately.
- 8.4 Spark testing of the finished coating film may be performed to ensure adequate corrosion protection. The maximum voltage used for this testing shall not exceed 100 volts per mil (25 microns). Reference is to be made to NACE RP0274-93.
- 8.5 Immediately upon completion of the work, the coating application shall be subject to final inspection by SPC and / or the owner's representative. Notification of all defects must be made within a reasonable time frame from completion of the work to allow for all repairs within the allowed time frame for the project.

### **IX. REPAIRS**

- 9.1 Repair of pinholes and holidays 300 mm (12") or less in diameter may be accomplished by using SP-2888® R.G. Cartridges. Refer to SPC's Application Specification for Use of SP-2888® R.G. Cartridge for Coating Repairs. The procedure is as follows:
  - Repair areas should be roughened using carborundum cloth, sandpaper, file, or surface grinder.
  - The adjacent coating should be abraded for a minimum distance of 25 mm (1") to ensure inter-coat adhesion.
  - If necessary on larger repairs, feather the edges of the adjacent coating.
  - Wipe with a clean cloth to remove dust. A dust respirator should be worn for all sanding or grinding activities.
  - All surfaces to be coated shall be clean and completely dry prior to the application of the coating.
  - The minimum surface temperature for coating is 10°C (50°F). The substrate temperature must be a minimum of 3°C (5°F) above the dew point temperature.

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### IX. REPAIRS (cont.)

- The area to be coated should be preheated in cold temperature conditions. The appropriate preheat temperature and cure time can be determined from the attached SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade Curing Table. The maximum preheat temperature shall not exceed 100°C (212°F). For some applications, post-heating may be required to achieve an adequate cure depending upon ambient temperature, pipe wall thickness, and other variables. The coating must not be allowed to freeze before an adequate cure is reached. Preheating and post-heating may also be utilized if an accelerated cure time is required.
- Preheating may be accomplished by either flame heating the surface with a propane torch prior to blasting or by the use of an induction coil or catalytic infrared heater subsequent to blasting and prior to coating. Post-heating can only be done using an induction coil or catalytic infrared heater.
- Eject the required amount of material from the cartridge onto a clean tray using the manual dispenser.
- Hand-mix the product with a stir stick until the coating colour becomes uniform with no streaks.
- Apply the coating to the required thickness on the area to be repaired using a spatula or paintbrush.
- Extend the coating to at least 25 mm (1”) over the surrounding pre-roughened coating.

9.2 Areas larger than 300 mm (12”) in diameter shall be repaired using SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade kits in accordance with the following:

- Areas requiring repair shall be prepared with a surface grinder or by abrasive blasting. All edges of the surrounding area shall be feathered. A dust respirator should be worn for all grinding activities.
- The surface to be coated shall be completely clean and dry prior to applying the coating.
- The minimum surface temperature for coating is 10°C (50°F). The substrate temperature must be a minimum of 3°C (5°F) above the dew point temperature.
- The area to be coated should be preheated in cold temperature conditions. The appropriate preheat temperature and cure time can be determined from the attached SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade Curing Table. The maximum preheat temperature shall not exceed 100°C (212°F). For some applications, post-heating may be required to achieve an adequate cure depending upon ambient temperature, pipe wall thickness, and other variables. The coating must not be allowed to freeze before an adequate cure is reached. Preheating and post-heating may also be utilized if an accelerated cure time is required.
- Preheating may be accomplished by either flame heating the surface with a propane torch prior to blasting or by the use of an induction coil or catalytic infrared heater subsequent to blasting and prior to coating. Post-heating can only be done using an induction coil or catalytic infrared heater.
- Coat the repair area in accordance with Section VI.

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### IX. REPAIRS (cont.)

- 9.3 Uncured areas requiring re-coating shall first have all uncured material removed and shall have the surface re-cleaned in accordance with Section V taking care to feather the edges of the surrounding coating. Re-application of the coating shall be in accordance with Sections VI, VII and VIII.

### X. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- 10.1 The contractor will provide safe and secure scaffolding for ready access to work areas.
- 10.2 Other contract services will be halted as necessary so as not to interfere with the workflow of the SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade application.
- 10.3 SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade is **HARMFUL IF ABSORBED THROUGH SKIN, INHALED OR SWALLOWED**. It is a skin and eye irritant. Personal protective equipment is required. Refer to the **Material Safety Data Sheets**.
- 10.3.1 Chemical resistant gloves with a long cuff that will overlap the clothing sleeves should be worn when handling this product. The glove / clothing overlaps should be sealed by tape. Check with the glove manufacturer to determine the proper glove type.
- 10.3.2 Wear an appropriate, properly fitted vapour respirator (NIOSH / OSHA approved) during application where vapour / mist are likely to be encountered, e.g. confined spaces and during winter construction or when the substrate is preheated. For outdoor application and areas with adequate ventilation, the use of a respirator is normally not required. Follow the respirator manufacturer's recommendations. A dust respirator should be worn for any activity such as sanding or grinding of cured coating.
- 10.3.3 Wear splash proof chemical safety goggles and / or face shield.
- 10.3.4 Wear impervious boots.
- 10.3.5 Long-sleeved clothing is to be worn over regular clothing to cover all exposed areas of arms, legs or torso during mixing and application of the coating. Breathable clothing, such as cotton or disposable coveralls, is recommended.
- 10.3.6 Emergency eyewash and a shower should be in close proximity, where possible. A barrier cream may be used, in conjunction with the stated protective measures, as an additional safeguard against skin contact.

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### **X. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS (cont.)**

- 10.4 Keep the containers closed when not in use. In case of spillage, absorb with inert material and dispose of in accordance with Federal, Provincial, and Municipal regulations in Canada and Federal, State, and County regulations in the United States of America.
- 10.5 No open flames, smoking or welding will be allowed in the immediate vicinity during the coating application.
- 10.6 All personnel on the application crew shall be informed of regulations regarding smoking, auto traffic restrictions, the meaning of warning bells, horns and whistles, fire warnings and restricted areas. Members of the coating crew shall maintain good personal hygiene, wash thoroughly after exposure to the coating application, particularly before eating or going on breaks.

### **XI. MATERIALS**

- 11.1 SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade containers must be sealed prior to use.
- 11.2 **NO** amount of SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade shall be given, sold or exchanged without express written permission from SPC.
- 11.3 The acceptable shipping and storage temperature range for SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade is between 5°C (41°F) to 40°C (104°F).
- 11.4 Store SP-2888<sup>®</sup> R.G. Brush Grade in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Keep the lids sealed. The Shelf Life is a maximum of 24 months in unopened containers.

### **XII. SUBSTRATE TYPES**

- 12.1 This specification is applicable to standard steels only.
- 12.2 Exotic metals, stainless steel or other special types of steel or alloys may require different consideration as to surface preparation and SPC formulations. Notification of the use of such metals must be made to SPC.



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### XIII. CLEANING

13.1 If cleaning is necessary, the following materials can be used:

- Use SP-100 Equipment Wash to clean uncured material on spatulas.
- Use SP-110 Tool Cleaner to clean cured material on objects such as putty knives or mixing blades.
- Brushes and rollers must be disposed of after use. **DO NOT** attempt to clean and re-use.

### XIV. INSURANCE

14.1 The contractor will provide all necessary insurance to protect itself and its employees during the application of SP-2888® R.G. Brush Grade.

14.2 SPC will provide all necessary coverage to protect SPC Employees on site.

### XV. DISPOSAL

15.1 Dispose of empty Base and Hardener containers according to Federal, Provincial, and Municipal regulations in Canada and Federal, State, and County regulations in the United States of America. Allow all mixed material to complete gel prior to disposal.

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