

Technical Data Sheet

CrystalCoat® IM-9981

1.60 Refractive Index Abrasion Resistant Coating

DESCRIPTION

CrystalCoat® IM-9981 is a 1.60 refractive index abrasion resistant hardcoat developed for dip coat application.

FEATURES

- Abrasion Resistance
- Refractive index of 1.60 ideally suited for 1.60 cast resin substrates.
- Excellent adhesion on various high index substrates including MR-8™, MR-7™ and MR-10™.
- Primer required for polycarbonate & MR-174™
- AR compatible

STORAGE AND USE

Recommended storage temperature for IM-9981 is 4°C (40°F). When stored at this condition in the original unopened container it is recommended to start to use IM-9981 within three (3) months of the date received. For extended periods (3 - 6 months) IM-9981 should be stored at -18°C (0°F).

SOLUTION PROPERTIES

| PROPERTY | TYPICAL VALUES |
|---|------------------|
| Solids | 19 - 22 % |
| Viscosity @ 25°C | < 8.0 cP |
| Density @ 25°C | 0.98 - 1.01 g/ml |
| Solvents: Water, Methanol, Ethanol , Isopropanol, PM Glycol Ether | |

CURED COATING PROPERTIES

| PROPERTY | TYPICAL VALUES |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Coating Thickness | 2.3 - 3.0 µm |
| Refractive Index | 1.60 |
| Bayer Ratio (measured on CR-39®) | ≥4 |
| Adhesion | 100 % |

RECOMMENDED OPERATING GUIDELINES

| PROPERTY | TYPICAL VALUES |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Environmental Conditions | 20 - 25°C, 40 - 50% RH |
| Air Flow | Filtered, Laminar (Class 100) |
| Coating Temperature | 16 - 18°C |
| Coating Filtration | 1 - 5 µm absolute |
| Extraction Speed | 2.5 - 4.2 mm/s |
| Dry Time/Temperature | 10 - 12 min with Infra-red |
| Cure Conditions (Cast Resin) | 3 hrs @ 120°C |



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EQUIPMENT PREPARATION

Equipment Cleaning: Coating equipment should be cleaned prior to use of IM-9981 in order to avoid any possible contamination problems. The cleaning process should include multiple solvent rinses (utilizing a solvent compatible with the material in prior use with the equipment) followed by a thorough methanol rinse. Methanol should also be used for cleaning equipment after the use of IM-9981.

Equipment Materials: All equipment surfaces that are exposed to IM-9981 should be constructed of stainless steel, polypropylene or Teflon®. Other materials should be tested for compatibility with IM-9981 prior to use. Materials made with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) should not be used under any circumstances with IM-9981 or other primers or coatings that contain glycol ethers.

PRETREATMENT AND CLEANING OF SUBSTRATE

Prior to coating with IM-9981, parts should be clean and free of any surface residues. Substrate should be cleaned in a 5 - 10% aqueous solution of sodium or potassium hydroxide at 50 - 60°C for 5 - 10 minutes. This cleaning should be followed by city water rinsing, then DI water rinsing and drying. Lenses should be completely clean, dry, and cooled before application of any coating or primer.

The application of IM-9981 on MR-174™ & polycarbonate requires the use of a primer. For help in selecting a primer, please contact SDC. For information regarding application of IM-9981 to other substrates, please contact SDC.

SOLUTION MANAGEMENT

For optimum performance, IM-9981 should be maintained in a solids range of 19 - 22%. Higher or lower solids may cause appearance problems or lead to a coating deposition that is either too thick or too thin, respectively. The % solids should be measured on a regular basis and adjusted as needed by the addition of SM-455 [15/15/55/10/5 mixture of Methanol/Ethanol/Isopropanol/DI Water/PM Glycol Ether].

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Before using this product, read and understand the Safety Data Sheet, SDS, which provides information on health, physical, and environmental hazards, handling precautions and first aid recommendations. For a copy of an SDS, contact a sales or customer service representative.

WARRANTY AND LIABILITY LIMITATIONS

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PRODUCT SHIPPING AND AVAILABILITY

Typical lead-time for shipment of IM-9981 is four (4) weeks from confirmation of a purchase order. SDC provides several shipping options. Please contact an SDC representative to determine which option best fits your needs.

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