**Application Conditions**

**Generic Type**
Water-based intumescent coating designed for the fire protection of concrete masonry

**Description**
Thin film intumescent coating that creates a fire retardant and fire resistant barrier on a wide range of building surfaces including gypsum, wood, steel and concrete masonry.

Listed and certified by Guardian Fire Test Laboratories Inc.

**Features**
- ASTM E-119, ASTM E-84 Tested
- Decorative Finish - Gives a smooth decorative finish. Can be top coated to color choice.
- Smooth / Flat surface
- Durable finish - Provides a hard, impact and abrasion resistant surface
- Topcoat finishes smooth
- Thin film coating - space saving smaller footprints
- Low VOC content
- LEED compliant

**Color**
White

**Finish**
Smooth

**Primers**
Must be applied over a compatible primer. Water-based styrene resin, comparable to Behr 436.

**Fireproofing**
For interior conditioned space a topcoat is optional. The choice of top coat will depend on project requirements. For exterior applications the material must be top coated with an impermeable exterior coating. The choice of topcoat will depend on project requirements. FireGuard E-84® Intumescent Coating must be allowed to cure for 4-5 days prior to the application of a topcoat. Application must be protected from the elements until topcoat is in place.

**Wet Film Thickness**
Up to 25 – 30 mils per coat

**Dry Film Thickness**
Up to 13.5 – 16.2 mils per coat

**Solids Content**
By volume 54%

**Coverage rate**
866 ft² / Gal at 1mil
86 ft² / Gal at 10mil
28.9 ft² / Gal at 30mil
17.3 ft² / Gal at 50mil

Allow for loss in mixing and application.

**VOC Content**
3.6 g/l

**Limitations**
Not for use on exterior environments or for interior steelwork that will be exposed to freeze/thaw cycling or long-term surface temperatures over 140°F (60°C) in normal use without the use of a suitable topcoat.

**Strategies & Surface Preparation**

**General**
Prior to application concrete masonry surfaces need to be cleaned by removing all oil, grease or any loose particles that may interfere with the bond of ForceField® FireGuard®. The substrate must then be primed with a compatible primer.

**Performance Data**

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*Tested On Calcareous Concrete Masonry Block with 52% Solids.

**Mixing & Thinning**

**Mixer**
Use ½” electric or air driven drill with a slotted paddle mixer (300rpm under load).

**Mixing**
Fireguard® must be mixed using a ½” electric or air driven drill with a slotted paddle or jiffy mixer blade. Mix material for a minimum of 5 minutes to achieve the necessary texture required before spraying.

**Thinning**
Do not thin.

**Tinting**
Do not tint.

**Application Procedures**

**Airless Spray**
A single coat, built up with a number of quick passes, allows greater control over quantities, thickness and finish. In most conditions, it is advantageous to apply two thin coats rather than one thick coat

**Brushed or Rolled**
Generally creates a 11 to 12 mil wet application. Multiple coats will be required to meet specifications to the job requirements. Allow each coat to completely dry to touch before applying next coat.

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**Application Procedures**

### Application Rates

At an ambient temperature of 70°F (21°C), the following application rates are applicable:
- Up to 25 - 30 mil wet per coat depending on application method (roll, brush, and spray)
- 24 hour recoat time between coats
- 1 coat per day

*Fireguard can be recoated when previous coat has a Shore D hardness of 50 measured at 70°F (21°C)

### Wet Film Thickness

Frequent thickness measurements with a wet film gauge are recommended for the application process to ensure uniform thickness.

### Dry Film Thickness

Final thickness must be measured using an electronic dry film thickness gauge. For method of thickness determination and tolerances refer to: AWCI Technical Manual 12-B (standard practice for the testing and inspection of field applied thin film intumescent fire resistive materials).

**Application Equipment Guidelines**

Listed below are general equipment guidelines for the application of this product when spray applied.

- **Airless Spray**: Airlessco LP540 or equivalent
- **Spray Gun**: Standard airless spray gun
- **Spray Tips**: 0.019”- 0.021”
- **Fan Size**: 4”-10” (depending on section being sprayed)
- **Hose Length**: 150’ (45m)
- **Material Hose**: 3/8” (9.25mm) I.D. minimum
- **Whip Hose**: ¼” (6.35 mm) I.D. minimum (optional)

**Application Conditions**

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<td>Minimum</td>
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<td>Maximum</td>
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<td>125°F (52°C)</td>
<td>110°F (43°C)</td>
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*Surface temperature should be a minimum of 5°F (3°C) above the dew point. Fireguard must be protected from exposure to weather. Protect from freezing.*

**Curing Schedule**

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<th>Surface Temp. &amp; 50 % Relative Humidity</th>
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<td>77°F (25°C)</td>
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*It is recommended to apply one coat at 30 mils wet per day. Drying time will vary with temp. Thinner coats as well as air movement will help drying time. Another coat of Fireguard® can be applied when previous coat has a Shore D hardness of 50 measured at 70°F (21°C). It can be top coated when a hardness of 60 is achieved after 4-5 day cure.

**Cleanup & Safety**

### Cleanup

Pump, Gun, Tips, Hoses, and Mixers should be cleaned once per day with clean water.

### Safety

It is recommended protective equipment should be worn when applying Fireguard®, including spray suits, eye protection, gloves, and respirators. Refer to Fireguard® Material Safety Data Sheet.

### Ventilation

Ventilation should not be less than 4 complete air exchanges per hour until the material is dry.

**Maintenance**

### General

If coating becomes damaged, rebuild required thickness by spray or trowel. When dry smooth and finish with topcoat to match. Damaged areas must be abraded back to a firm edge by sanding or scraping. The topcoat should be abraded back 1” (25.4 mm) from the damaged area. The surface must be clean and dry before applying Fireguard®.

**Testing/ Certifications**

Uncertainty Measurement in Guardian’s fire testing is less than 1% as per ASTM E 2536-06.

Guardian is accredited and meets the requirements of ISO/IEC 17025 as verified by ANSI/ASQ National Accreditation Board/ ACLASS. Refer to certificate and scope of accreditation report AT1247. Guardian also is accredited as an inspection agency per ISO 17020 through ANSI/ASQ National Accreditation Board/ ACLASS, Report 1547.

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**Storage, Packaging & Handeling**

### Shelf Life

1 year from production date

*Shelf Life: (actual stated shelf life) when kept at recommended storage conditions and in unopened original container.

### Shipping Weight

approximately 12 lbs per gallon (1.44 kg/l)

### Storage

Store indoors in a dry environment between 33°F-100°F (1°C - 38°C). Protect from freezing.

### Packaging

- 5 Gallon
- 55 Gallon
- Tote

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