

# Guardcote GFC

## Mixing and Application Instructions

For more in-depth instructions, review [Instructions for Painting Concrete and Metal](#) on our website.

- 1) **PRODUCT STORAGE:** Store product in an area so as to bring the material to normal room temperature before using. Continuous storage should be between 60 and 90 degree F. Low temperatures or great temperature fluctuations may cause crystallization.
- 2) **SURFACE PREPARATION:** The most suitable surface preparation would be a fine brush blast (shot blast) to remove all laitance and provide a suitable profile. All dirt, foreign contaminants, oil, and laitance must be removed to assure a trouble free bond to the substrate. A test should be made to determine that the concrete is dry; this can be done by placing a 4'X4' plastic sheet on the substrate and taping down the edges. If after 24 hours, the substrate is still dry below the plastic sheet, then the substrate is dry enough to start coating. The plastic sheet testing is also a good method to determine if any hydrostatic pressure problems exist that may later cause disbonding.
- 3) **PRODUCT MIXING:** This product has a mix ratio of 12# part A to 3.85# part B for standard colors. Standard packages are in premeasured kits and should be mixed as supplied in the kit. We highly recommend that the kits not be broken down unless suitable weighing equipment is available. After the two parts are combined, mix well with slow speed mixing equipment such as a jiffy mixer until the material is thoroughly mixed and streak free. After mixing, transfer the mixed material to another pail (the transfer pail) and again remix. The material in the transfer pail is now ready to be applied on the primed substrate. Improper mixing may result in product failure.
- 4) **PRODUCT APPLICATION:** The mixed material can be applied by brush, or roller. However, the material can also be applied by a suitable serrated squeegee and then back rolled as long as the appropriate thickness recommendations are maintained. Maintain temperatures and relative humidity within the recommended ranges during the application and curing process. If concrete conditions or over aggressive mixing causes air entrapment, then an air release roller tool should be used prior to the coating tacking off to remove the air entrapped in the coating. Thinner applications will not level as well as higher build applications.
- 5) **RECOAT OR TOPCOATING:** Although a topcoat is recommended, it is optional. Many topcoats are suitable for placement over this coating including both urethanes and epoxies. When topcoating this product, you must first be sure that the coating has tacked off before topcoating can commence. Before topcoating, check the coating to verify no epoxy blushes were developed (a whitish, greasy film or deglossing). If a blush is present, it must be removed prior to topcoating. A standard type detergent cleaner can be used to remove any blush. Many epoxy coatings and urethanes are compatible for use as a topcoat for this product as well as multiple coats of this product as an intermediate build coat.
- 6) **CLEANUP:** Use xylol
- 7) **FLOOR CLEANING:** Caution! Some cleaners may affect the color of the floor installed. Test each cleaner in a small area, utilizing your cleaning technique. If no ill effects are noted, you can continue to clean with the product and process tested.

8) RESTRICTIONS: Restrict the use of the floor to light traffic and non-harsh chemicals until the coating is fully cured (see technical data under full cure). It is best to let the floor remain dry for the full cure cycle. Dependent on actual complete system application, surface may be slippery, especially when wet or contaminated; keep surface clean and dry.

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**ALWAYS!** Remove any tool that might create an electrical spark during application. No lighters, cigarettes or flames of any kind are allowed anywhere near the application area.