



High Performance Paint Specification



PS-C003

CHLORINATED RUBBER PAINT IDENTIFICATION TEST

INTRODUCTION:

Chlorinated rubber paints have been used to coat concrete structures including swimming pools for many years. Re-coating with chlorinated rubber is satisfactory, but if an EPOXY is proposed the chlorinated rubber is incompatible and must be removed. The following is a simple method for identifying whether a film is chlorinated rubber.

PROCEDURE:

- 1 Clean the surface with warm soapy solution.
- 2 Soak a portion of a clean white rag with XYLOL solvent.
- 3 Rub the wet solvent rag on a small area of the suspect coating for 1 – 2 minutes ensuring there is plenty of free solvent on the rag.

RESULTS:

If the coating dissolves or becomes sticky and soft with colour saturating the rag and also the moist paint forms 'sticky strings' if touched repeatedly with a finger, the paint is most likely a chlorinated rubber (or other single pack paint such as Acrylic). Epoxy paints do not dissolve with Xylol.

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