

# Transozinc Epoxy Primer 178

## Product description.

A two pack polyamide cured epoxy primer pigmented with zinc for the protection of steel structures against corrosion. The primer complies with the compositional requirements of SSPC Paint 20 level 2. Typically used in combination with epoxy intermediate coatings and polyurethane finishes to enhance the anti-corrosive properties of the total system.

## Physical properties.

Product code	1.78
Colour	Grey
Texture	Flat
Volume Solids	Approx. 55%
Specific gravity	Approx. 2 g/ml
VOC	Approx. 389 g/liter
Flashpoint	Both base and hardener > 25°C

## Usage data

Film thickness	Dry film thickness per coat (µm)	Wet film thickness per coat (µm)	Theoretical spreading rate (m <sup>2</sup> /l)
Range	40 - 90	45 - 135	22 - 7.3
Recommended	50	90	11

Mixing ratio	By volume, base to hardener:	80 : 20
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## Curing Times

	Substrate temperature		
	10°C	23°C	30°C
Touch dry	40 Minutes	20 Minutes	15 Minutes
Dry to handle	8 Hours	4 Hours	2 Hours
Full cure	10 Days	5 Days	4 Days
Potlife	16 Hours	8 Hours	5 Hours

Drying and curing times are determined under controlled temperatures and relative humidity below 85 %, and at average of the DFT range for the product and should be considered as guidelines only.

The actual drying time/times may be shorter or longer, depending on film thickness, temperature, ventilation, humidity, preceding paint system etc.

## Recoatng intervals - see applicaton section

	Substrate temperature					
	10°C		23°C		30°C	
Recoated with	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Single pack products	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-pack products	16 Hours	Indefinite	6 Hours	Indefinite	4 Hours	Indefinite

Recoatng informaton is given for guidance only and subject to local climate and environmental conditons. Consult your local Transocean representative for specific recommendaton.

As a general rule, the best intercoat adhesion is achieved when the subsequent coat is applied before the preceding coat has been fully cured. After prolonged exposure times it may be necessary to roughen the surface to ensure intercoat adhesion.

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## Surface Preparaton.

### Steel - Blast cleaning

All surfaces should be clean, dry and free from contaminaton. Surfaces should be treated in accordance with ISO 8504:2000.

All edges shall be ground to a minimum radius of 2 mm. Remove weld spater and smooth weld seams by using disc grinders, chipping hammers or other suitable power tools. Sharp edges, weld seams, corners and other areas that are likely to receive less dry flm thickness than specifed, should be stripe coated.

The surfaces shall be blast-cleaned to min. Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1:2007). The surface profile and the anchor patern shall be between 40 µm and 70 µm.

The abrasives shall be free from oil, grease, moisture, chloride contaminaton etc.

### Minor repair / Touch-up

All surfaces should be clean, dry and free from contaminaton. Surfaces should be treated in accordance with ISO 8504:2000.

Any corroded areas should be prepared by power-tool cleaning or water jetng.

Power-tool cleaning to min. St 2, preferably St 3 (ISO 8501-1:2007). Care shall be taken to ensure that power-tool cleaning does not polish the steel surface. If the surface being prepared lies adjacent to a coated surface, the power tool cleaning shall overlap the coated surface by at least 25 mm and the coated surface shall be feathered.

Water jetng in accordance to ISO 8591-4: 2006 to a cleanliness of Wa 2 or beter for atmospheric exposure. Acceptable fash rust degree is M (medium) but degree L (light) is preferred.

A water pressure of at least of 1000 bar (approx. 15.000 psi) is recommended.

### Mixing

The product is supplied in 2 containers as a unit. Always mix a complete unit in the proportions supplied. Do not mix more material than can be used within the specified pot life.

- Stir the base (Part A) with a clean mechanical mixer.
- Then add the entire contents of Curing Agent (Part B) and mix thoroughly.

Avoid too vigorous mixing as it leads to air inclusion, which may result in poor application results. If thinner is required, only add after mixing of the two components.

Irrespective of the substrate temperature, the advised minimum temperature of the mixed paint is 15 °C. At lower temperatures, more thinner may be required to obtain a proper application viscosity, which may result in lower sag resistance and slower curing.

### Conditions

The temperature of the substrate should be at least 10°C and at least 3°C above the dew point of the air.

Temperature and relative humidity should be measured in the vicinity of the substrate.

In general, the maximum recommended surface temperature is 40°C. Higher steel temperatures are acceptable provided dry-spray is avoided by proper spray application and extra thinning if required. In extreme cases it may be necessary to reduce film thickness in order to avoid sagging.

When applying the paint in confined spaces, provide adequate ventilation during application and drying. Observe local regulations. Please contact your local Transocean representative for a specific recommendation.

### Methods

<b>Guiding data Airless spray</b>	Pressure at nozzle	140 - 180 bar
	Nozzle size	0.38 - 0.53 mm
	Spray angle	40 - 80 degrees
	Volume of thinner	0 - 3%

<b>Guiding data Airspray</b>	Pressure at nozzle	3 - 5 bar
	Nozzle size	1.2 - 2.0 mm
	Volume of thinner	0 - 10%

**Brush / Roller** Suitable for stripe coats and touch-up work only. Volume of thinner: 0 - 5%.

**Thinner** Transocean Epoxy Thinner 6.03  
If thinning is necessary, this should be added after mixing of the two components. The recommended level of thinner is dependent on thickness and conditions. In certain circumstances, it may be required to exceed the stated level of thinner. However, as a general rule do avoid excessive thinning as it will result in lower sag resistance and slower cure. In addition it may cause solvent entrapment, possibly risking blistering, pinholing and/or other coating defects.

**Cleaner** Transocean Epoxy Thinner 6.03

### Film thickness.

The paint must be applied as a continuous layer and as close to the specified wet film thickness as possible. Use a wet film thickness gauge to verify that the correct wet film thickness is applied.

Over application, excessive thinning, wrong application techniques etc. may lead to runs and sagging of the paint. When the paint is still wet, such effects can be rectified by brushing out the defected areas.

When the defect is noticed after curing of the paint, repair the affected areas by disc sanding to an even smooth surface and apply an additional coat of paint.

## Additional Product information

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### Storage and shelf life

The product must be stored in accordance with national regulations. The cans are to be kept in a dry, cool, well ventilated space and away from source of heat and ignition. Cans must be kept tightly closed and kept in original containers until required for use.

Partly used containers should be re-sealed securely and stored according to the recommended manner. (See section 7 of relevant MSDS).

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### Health and safety

Observe the precautionary notices on the label of the container. A material safety data sheet is available upon request and national or local safety regulations should be followed. This product is intended for use by professional applicators.

As a general rule, avoid skin- and eye contact by wearing overalls, gloves, goggles, mask, etc. Spraying should be carried out under well-ventilated conditions. This product contains flammable materials and should be kept away from sparks and open flames. Smoking in the area should not be permitted. Avoid the inhalation of vapours and particulates by the provisions of good natural ventilation sufficient to keep air-borne concentrations below the Occupational Exposure Standards during the application and drying of paint films.

In operations where natural ventilation is insufficient to achieve this - e.g. painting work in enclosed areas - exposure should be controlled by the use of local exhaust ventilation. When this is not reasonably practicable, suitable respiratory protective equipment must be worn. For spray application or when OES's are likely to be exceeded, use the respiratory equipment as recommended in for instance BS4275:1974. This specification gives advice on selection, use and maintenance of various types of breathing apparatus. Protect other persons in the area.

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### Disclaimer

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This Data Sheet supersedes all previous Data Sheets supplied to you relating to this product. It contains important information which must be communicated to the user. The user must satisfy himself of the suitability of the product for the intended application and surface, as surface and application conditions are beyond our control. The user must also satisfy himself of the suitability of the product in circumstances other than those set out in this data sheet. The user should also maintain appropriate control procedures. Should further information be required, please contact our Technical Department.

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