STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Department of Transportation

Dark Green Finish Paint
Waterborne Acrylic Latex Vehicle
(Specification PWB 172B)

SCOPE
This specification covers a pre-mixed waterborne paint formulated for use as a finish coat on properly prepared metal surfaces. This coating is intended for spray application, limited application can be made by brushing and rolling. This paint is an industrial maintenance coating and is not for residential use.

REQUIREMENTS
General:
This specification is intended to specify paint that will meet service requirements for bridge construction and maintenance. Application and use of this coating shall be in conformance with the provisions in Section 59-2, "Painting Structural Steel”, or Section 59-3, "Painting Galvanized Surfaces”, whichever is applicable, and Section 91, "Paint,” of the State of California Department of Transportation Standard Specifications. All properties listed shall be maintained for a minimum of one year after manufacture. If the vendor is making this paint for the first time, the Transportation Laboratory in Sacramento must be consulted.

Materials:
The raw materials for use in the paint formula shall conform to the specifications designated or paint material code number herein after specified.

QUALITY ASSURANCE
All paint intended for use by the California Department of Transportation (Department) must be sampled, tested and approved by the Transportation Laboratory before shipment.

The manufacturer shall take a representative one-quart sample of each batch of paint and ship the samples to the Transportation Laboratory for approval, unless other arrangements have been made. Raw materials and copies of batch records used in the manufacture of the paint shall be submitted if requested.

Transportation Laboratory, Chemical Testing Branch, 5900 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95819, attn.: Lisa Dobeck, Fax (916) 227-7168.

A batch shall be that amount of paint that was manufactured and packaged in a single operation. The paint container shall be labeled with, but not limited to, the State Specification number, date of manufacture and batch number. The Department also cancels and supercedes PWB 172A and PWB 163C.
reserves the right to retest any batch after delivery. Results from such retesting shall prevail over all other tests and will be the basis of rejection. Material not meeting the specification shall be removed and replaced by the supplier at their expense, including all costs for handling, retesting and shipping.

All tests shall be conducted in accordance with the appropriate ASTM test methods referenced under the “Characteristics of Mixed Paint” section of this document and methods used by the Transportation Laboratory.

**Patents:**

The contractor shall assume all costs arising from the use of patented materials, equipment, devices, or processes used on or incorporated in the work, and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the State of California, and its duly authorized representatives from all suits at law or action of every nature for, or on account of, the use of any patented materials, equipment, devices, or processes.

**Predispersed colorants:**

Degussa Aqua-Chem® 895 colorants were used in the development of this formulation. Minor adjustments of the amounts used may be necessary to match the colors specified due to manufacturing variations. Predispersed colorants from other manufacturers may not be compatible with this formulation. Colorants selected shall be zero VOC, light fast, glycol-free, and chemically resistant. They shall not contain lead, chrome or zinc.

**Composition:**

Paint shall be mixed in the following proportions and sequence. Hold back part of the water initially to get a good grind viscosity. Do not exceed 100°F during this operation. Add remainder of water after the grind is achieved.

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<th>Grind Ingredients:</th>
<th>Weight percent</th>
<th>Lbs./ 100gal</th>
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<tr>
<td>Water</td>
<td>(1)</td>
<td>2.72</td>
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<td>Dispersant</td>
<td>(2)</td>
<td>0.09</td>
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<td>Surfactant</td>
<td>(3)</td>
<td>0.20</td>
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<td>Defoamer</td>
<td>(4)</td>
<td>0.22</td>
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<td>Ammonium hydroxide (28%)</td>
<td>(5)</td>
<td>0.22</td>
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<td>Titanium dioxide</td>
<td>(6)</td>
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<td>Calcium carbonate</td>
<td>(7)</td>
<td>8.71</td>
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<td>Flash rust inhibitor</td>
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<td>Preservative</td>
<td>(9)</td>
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**Let Down Ingredients:**

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<tr>
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<tr>
<td>Coalescent</td>
<td>3.78</td>
<td>34.7</td>
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<td>Coalescent</td>
<td>0.54</td>
<td>5.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>TEG-EH (plasticizer)</td>
<td>0.44</td>
<td>4.0</td>
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<td>Styrenated acrylic latex</td>
<td>70.20</td>
<td>645</td>
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<td>Organic yellow</td>
<td>5.48</td>
<td>50.31</td>
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<td>Phthalogreen</td>
<td>4.52</td>
<td>41.5</td>
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<td>Yellow oxide</td>
<td>1.59</td>
<td>14.59</td>
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<tr>
<td>Thickener</td>
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<td>2.0</td>
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<td>Defoamer</td>
<td>0.16</td>
<td>1.5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ammonium hydroxide (28%)</td>
<td>0.17</td>
<td>1.6</td>
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**Characteristics of Paint:**

- **VOC, grams per liter, ASTM Designation: D 6886**
  - 100 Maximum

- **Flash Point, °F, ASTM D 3828**
  - >215

- **Density, grams per milliliter, ASTM Designation: D 1475**
  - 1.09 to 1.13

- **Nonvolatile content, percent, ASTM Designation: D 2369**
  - 46.5-48.5

- **Pigment content, percent, ASTM Designation: D 3723**
  - 9.5-11.5

- **Consistency, ASTM Designation: D 562, g (Equivalent KU)**
  - 150-175
  - 73-76

- **High-shear viscosity, ASTM Designation: D 4278**
  - 0.3- 0.5 P
  - 0 to 5-P cone, shear rate 12 000 s⁻¹

- **pH**
  - 8.3-8.7

- **Fineness of grind, Hegman, ASTM Designation: D 1210**
  - 6 Minimum

- **Specular Gloss, ASTM Designation: D 523**
  - @ 20° 3.5-5.0
  - @ 60° 21-25
Color to match Federal Standard 595B color number 14090 unless otherwise specified.

Color Tolerance, ASTM Designation: D 2244, CIE 1976 L*a*b*, 10° Standard observer, Illuminant D 65
\[ 2 \Delta E \text{ Maximum} \]

Color Tolerance after 300 hours of UV-exposure, maximum \( \Delta E \)
ASTM Designation: D 4587, Cycle-2, UVA-340 bulbs
\[ 10 \]

Film hardness by pencil test, ASTM Designation: D 3363
\[ 3B \text{ Minimum} \]

Salt Fog Exposure, 100 hours, ASTM Designation: B 117
- Rust rating, ASTM Designation: D 610
  \[ 10 \text{ minimum} \]
- Blistering, ASTM Designation: D 714
  \[ \text{No more than 8F} \]

Dry time at 25ºC, 4 mil wet film, ASTM Designation: D1640
- Set to touch, hours
  \[ \frac{1}{2} \text{ maximum} \]
- Dry through, hours
  \[ 1 \text{ maximum} \]

**Material Ingredients of Paint:**

1) Water
2) Tamol® 165A (Rohm & Haas)
3) Surfynol® CT-111 (Air Products)
4) Foamaster® 111 (Henkel)
5) Ammonium Hydroxide (28%)
6) Ti-Pure® R-706 (Du Pont)
7) Vicron 15-15 (Specialty Minerals Inc.)
8) Sodium Nitrite (15% solution)
9) PROXEL® BD20 (Avecia Inc.)
10) (Dowanol® DPnB) Di (propylene glycol) butyl ether, (Dow Chemical Co.)
11) (Texanol®) 2,2,4-Trimethylpentanediol-1, 3-monoisobutyrate, (Eastman Chemical Co.)
12) TEG-EH (Eastman Chemical Co.)
13) Aquamac 440 (Hexion Specialty Chemicals)
14) Organic Yellow 895-2605 (Degussa Corporation)
15) Phthalogreen 895-5505 (Degussa Corporation)
16) Yellow Oxide 895-1806 (Degussa Corporation)
17) Acrysol® RM-12W (Rohm and Haas)

Packaging:
The containers shall be new, round and of no more than twenty-liter (20 L) capacity. Pails larger than fifteen liters shall be standard, full open head. Three liter and larger containers shall have ears and bails. All containers shall be suitably lined or constructed so as to prevent any reaction between the container and contents and also must comply with U.S. Department of Transportation or I.C.C. Regulations as applicable. Labels must be marked with the volatile organic content (VOC), mixing instructions, and the following provision in addition to any other labeling required.

Application:
The paint shall be applied to a total dry film thickness of 1.5 mil minimum and 3.0 mil maximum. This coating is intended for spray application, however limited application can be made by brush. Paint should not be applied when the ambient or surface temperature is above 100 °F or below 50 °F, when the relative humidity exceeds 75 percent, or when the surface temperature is less than 5 °F above the dew point.

Clean-up:
Use tap water for clean up. 10% ammonia, acetone or other suitable solvent may be used to remove dried paint from spray guns and other equipment.