



SOLVENT BORNE UNDERCOAT (BUILDINGS)

1 SCOPE

An all-purpose solvent-borne undercoating paint for buildings, typically available in white but may also be available in other colours by arrangement with manufacturer.

2 BACKGROUND

- To obtain a broad overview of the Australian Paint Approval Scheme (APAS), refer to APAS document AP-D001.
- To obtain an overview of restricted ingredients in APAS certified products, refer to APAS document AP-D123.
- To obtain the current list of APAS participating manufacturers (and suppliers) and resellers, refer to APAS document AP-D152.
- To obtain an overview of how to participate in the APAS, refer to APAS document AP-D177.
- APAS approval to this specification may be gained by compliance with the requirements detailed in this specification and those in APAS document AP-D192.

3 DESCRIPTION AND GUIDE FOR USERS

3.1 General Requirements

- APAS specification AP-S0016/1 products are for application to primed or previously painted surfaces.
- APAS specification AP-S0016/2 products are for application to bare or previously painted surfaces, by brush, roller or spray, to a dry film thickness of typically 30-40µm. Handling time 16 hours.
- Typical topcoats include full gloss enamel to APAS Specification AP-S0015/1 or semi-gloss interior enamel to APAS specification AP-S0015/3.

3.2 Sub-Classes

- This specification incorporates sub-classes:
 - 0016/1:** Interior **and** exterior use
 - 0016/2:** Interior use **only**

3.3 Basis of this Specification

- This specification is based on AS 3730.14.
- This product type corresponds to Paint Reference Number (PRN) B17 of AS/NZS 2311.

4 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

- The following standards are referenced in this document:
 - AS/NZS 1580** – Paints and related materials: Methods of test.
 - AS/NZS 2311** – Guide to the painting of buildings.
 - AS 3730.14** – Guide to the properties of paints for buildings, Part 14: Undercoat - Solvent-borne – Interior/exterior

These documents may be purchased through the Reference Standards Australia website:
<https://www.standards.org.au/>

- The Poisons Standard June 2021:** Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP) No. 33, Part 2: Control on Medicines and Poisons, Section Seven / Appendix I Paint or Tinters

This document is available from the Australian Government Federal Register of Legislation web site at:
<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L00650>

- The following APAS documents are referenced in this document:
 - AP-D001 Rules Governing How APAS® Operates
 - AP-D123 Restrictions on Ingredients in Product Formulations
 - AP-D152 APAS® Participating Manufacturers and Resellers
 - AP-D177 Rules Governing How Product Manufacturers participate in APAS®
 - AP-D181 Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Limits
 - AP-D192 Rules Governing APAS® Product Certification Scheme

All APAS documents are available for download from the APAS website: <https://vs.csiro.au/apas/documents/>

5 COMPOSITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

5.1 Binder

- The binder shall typically consist of treated oils and/or alkyd resin.

5.2 Volatiles

- The volatiles shall consist essentially of hydrocarbons.
- For VOC content restrictions, refer to APAS document AP-D181.

5.3 Pigmentation

- The pigmentation shall consist of appropriate colouring pigments chosen to impart the properties detailed in clause 7, Table 1 below.

6 PRODUCT APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

6.1 General Requirements

- The product and its application for approval shall comply with the relevant requirements of APAS document AP-D192 during the life of the approval.

6.2 Technical Requirements

- The product shall comply with **all** the requirements of clause 7, Table 1 below.
- The manufacturers own quality control schedule of tests and limits shall be allowed subject to the approval of the Executive Officer (EO), APAS.
- On request, the EO may request the results of the tests for a batch and compare these with previous batches.



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- d) Density and non-volatile content by weight (NVCW) figures for each production batch of the approved product shall be within $\pm 3\%$ of the actual (not theoretical) figures quoted in the original product approval submission (APAS document AP-D139).
- e) Subject to compliance with all the requirements of this specification, the level of Approval appropriate to the application shall be given to the system.

6.3 Health and Safety Requirements

- a) Shall not be a Schedule 1 or Schedule 2 paint (SUSMP).
- b) The manufacturer's Safety Data Sheet (SDS) must be studied closely prior to using the product and complied with during use of the product.
- c) Since most products contain volatile and flammable solvents, the paint should be stored away from all sources of heat or ignition. Containers should be resealed immediately after use and good ventilation provided during use to minimise the risk of fire or explosion and the long-term toxic effects of absorption of the vapour into the lungs.
- d) To ensure minimal exposure to solvent vapours, painting should not be carried out whilst the building is occupied.
- e) Exterior doors, windows and relevant interior connecting doors should be propped open to ensure adequate ventilation. Alternatively, forced air ventilation should be used to ensure adequate air changes.
- f) Care should be taken when applying all products to avoid contact with the skin using protective clothing and barrier cream. A full-face air fed respirator should be used when spraying. All pumping equipment should be adequately earthed.
- g) Products intended for sale in Australia shall comply with all the requirements of the SUSMP. Products intended for sale in other countries shall comply with all local WHS and environmental requirements.



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7 TABLE 1: PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES

TEST	AS/NZS 1580 METHOD	REQUIREMENTS
General Requirements	AS 3730.14	Shall comply with all the requirements of clause 5 Typical Properties and Characteristics except as amended below. All results shall be reported.
Non-Volatile Content by Volume (Volume Solids)	301.2	Minimum 50%. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Volume solids may be determined theoretically from raw material data except where solid constituents incorporate sealed air voids.
Viscosity	214.3	0.1 – 0.4 Pas.
VOC Content	APAS AP-D181	Refer to APAS document AP-D181 for method and limits. If the APAS specification is not listed on AP-D181, a declaration of VOC content is still required .



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8 APPENDIX A

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