



General Application Specification - Epoxy Pavement Markings

A. EPOXY PAINT MATERIALS

1. Shipment of Materials

The material shall be shipped to the job site in containers that are substantial and shall be plainly marked with the manufacturer's name and address, the color of the material, date of manufacture and batch number.

2. Certification of Compliance

The material manufacturer shall furnish a notarized certification that the material complies with the provisions of this specification. It shall not be inferred that the provisions of a certification of compliance waives state inspection, sampling or testing.

3. Infrared Spectra

A copy of the infrared spectra of each component shall be supplied by the Contractor along with the certification papers.

4. Glass Beads

The Contractor shall furnish certifications which shall include or have attached specific results of tests performed for roundness, refractive index, flow characteristics and gradation. The certifications shall show the quantity and lot number.

B. EPOXY PAINT STRIPING MATERIALS

1. Formulation

The epoxy pavement marking material shall consist of 100% solids, two-part hybridized epoxy system formulated and designed to provide a simple volumetric mixing ratio of the two components (e.g., two volumes of Part A to one volume of Part B).

2. Composition

The component A composition shall be within the following limits:

| | WHITE | NON-LEAD YELLOW |
|---|--------|-----------------|
| Pigments | | |
| Titanium Dioxide (ASTM D-476 Type II & III) | 33-38% | 5-15% |
| Organic Yellow | | 5-15% |
| Binder | | |
| Epoxy Resin | 60-70% | 77-83% |

3. Epoxide Number

The WPE of the white hybridized epoxy resin (Component A) shall be 290 +/- 50 as determined by ASTM D-1652 Method B or 210 +/- 50 on a pigment free basis. The WPE of the yellow or black hybridized epoxy resin (as determined by ASTM D-1652 Method B) shall be 230 +/- 50 or 190 +/- 50 on a pigment free basis.

4. Amine Number

The amine number of the curing agent (Component B) shall be 425 +/- 50 as determined by ERF-25-68.

5. Toxicity

Upon heating to application temperature, the material shall not exude fumes which are toxic or injurious to persons or property.

6. Viscosity

Formulations of each component shall be such that the viscosity of both components shall coincide (within 10%) at a recommended spray temperature.

7. Track Free Time

The hybridized epoxy pavement marking material, when mixed in the proper ratio and applied at 20 mils +/- 0.5 mil wet film thickness at 75°F +/- 2°F and with the proper saturation of glass spheres, shall exhibit no tracking time of 45 minutes or less when tested according to ASTM D-711.

8. Curing

The hybridized epoxy pavement marking materials shall be capable of fully curing under a constant surface temperature of 40°F or above.

9. Color

The initial color for white and lead-free yellow shall fall within the following color box coordinates before and after performing ASTM G-53.

| | x | y | x | y | x | y | x | y |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| White | .355 | .355 | .305 | .305 | .285 | .325 | .335 | .375 |
| Yellow | .560 | .440 | .490 | .510 | .420 | .440 | .460 | .400 |

Note: Daytime Chromaticity, 45/0 (0/45) geometry, CIE Illuminant D65 and 2 degree standard observer.

10. Yellowness Index (ASTM E-313)

- Cure 72 hours after sample preparation
- Take yellow index reading, XYZ C/2°, following 72-hour cure and preceding QUV
- Maximum index before QUV: 5
- Place sample in QUV for 72 hours
- Maximum index after QUV: 17

11. Directional Reflectance (ASTM D-6628 replaces ASTM E-97)

Directional Reflectance after QUV using XYZ Scale D65/2°.

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| White | Yellow |
| Minimum: 80 | Minimum: 40 |

12. Adhesion to Concrete

The hybridized epoxy pavement marking materials, when tested according to ASTM D-7234 (formerly ASTM D-4541), shall have such a higher degree of adhesion to the specified concrete (4,000 psi minimum) surface that there shall be a 100% concrete failure in the performance of this test. The prepared specimens shall be conditioned at room temperature (75°F +/- 2°F) for a minimum of 72 hours prior to the performance of the tests indicated.

13. Hardness

The hybridized epoxy pavement marking materials, when tested according to ASTM D-2240, shall have a Shore D Hardness greater than 80. Samples shall be allowed to cure at room temperature (75°F +/- 2°F) for a minimum of 72 hours prior to performing the indicated test.

14. Abrasion Resistance

The hybridized epoxy pavement marking materials, when tested according to ASTM D-4060 (formerly ASTM C-501) using a Taber Abrader, CS-17 wheels, at 1,000 gm for 1,000 cycles shall not have more than 60 mg weight loss. The test shall be run on samples applied at 15 mils +/- 0.5 mil to S-16 stainless steel plates, without glass spheres, and cured at 75°F +/- 2°F for a minimum of 72 hours.

15. Tensile Strength

When tested according to ASTM D-638, the hybridized epoxy pavement marking materials shall have an average tensile strength of not less than 6,000 pounds per square inch. The Type IV Specimens shall be pulled at a rate of 1/4 inch per minute by a suitable dynamic testing machine. The samples shall be allowed to cure at room temperature (75°F +/- 2°F) for a minimum of 72 hours prior to performing the indicated tests.

16. Compressive Strength

When tested according to ASTM D-695, the catalyzed epoxy pavement marking materials shall have a compressive strength of not less than 12,000 pounds per square inch. The cast sample shall be conditioned at room temperature (75°F +/- 2°F) for a minimum of 72 hours before performing the indicated tests. The rate of compression of these samples shall be no more than 1/4 inch per minute.

C. GLASS BEADS

1. Glass Spheres

Spherical glass beads shall be used as reflective media in LS65. The glass spheres shall be colorless, clean, transparent and free of excessive air bubbles. The surface of the spheres shall not exhibit any scarring or scratching. The refractive index of the glass spheres shall be a minimum of 1.50 as determined by the liquid immersion method at 75°F/24°C. The silica content of the glass spheres shall be a minimum of 60% by weight.

2. Gradation of Glass Spheres

There shall be two gradation types used in the LS65 epoxy pavement marking material. The large glass spheres shall conform to the Type 4 gradation described in the Standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Projects FP-96, Section 718.19. The small glass spheres shall conform to the AASHTO M-247 Type 1 specification.

D. APPLICATION

Equipment

Epoplex shall approve the equipment used for the application of LS65. The equipment shall be capable of spraying both white and yellow epoxy according to Epoplex's recommended proportions and be of sufficient size and stability with adequate hydraulic and air power supplies to produce lines of uniform dimensions. The equipment shall have a high-pressure air blast cleaning system capable of cleaning the pavement immediately prior to applying the markings.

The equipment shall be specifically designed to apply two-component liquid materials through airless static tube or impingement mixing guns in a continuous and/or skip-line pattern. The guns must accommodate plural component material systems with a volumetric ratio of two to one.

The equipment shall be mobile, truck mounted and self-contained. The equipment shall be maneuverable to the extent that straight lines can be followed and normal curves can be made in a true arc. Truck-mounted application units shall be equipped with accessories to allow for the application of legends, symbols, crosswalks and other special markings.

The agency engineer and material manufacturer together may approve the use of a portable applicator in lieu of truck mounted accessories for the application of special markings provided such equipment can demonstrate satisfactory application of reflectorized markings in accordance with these specifications.

E. SURFACE PREPARATION

1. Temperature

LS65 hybridized epoxy must be applied only when atmospheric and surface temperatures are 40°F/5°C or higher.

2. Moisture

Pavement surfaces must be clean and dry prior to the application of LS65 hybridized epoxy.

3. Miscellaneous Debris

The pavement surface must be free of oil, grease, dirt and dust prior to the application of LS65 hybridized epoxy. A grinder or shot blaster is recommended for removal of such surface contaminants prior to material application.

4. New Portland Cement Concrete

The curing compounds must be completely removed from Portland Cement surfaces prior to the application of LS65 hybridized epoxy. High pressure water-blasting, sandblasting and/or shot blasting are the recommended methods for removing curing compounds.

5. New Asphalt

After the application of new asphalt, interim markings should be put in place prior to striping with final markings. The asphalt surface must be free of excess asphalt emulsions and oils to ensure proper adhesion of the markings and to eliminate the chance of tracking the oils on to the freshly painted lines rendering them dirty and unreflective. It is Epoplex’s recommendation to wait at least 14 days prior to applying final markings. Asphalt mixes with high oil levels may need an even longer interim period.

6. Chip and Slurry Seal Coated Surfaces

Slurry seal coats must be completely cured prior to the application of LS65 hybridized epoxy. Chip seal surfaces must be free of loose aggregate. A reasonable waiting period to allow vehicles to wear off loose aggregate is recommended.

7. Removal of Existing Pavement Markings

Existing pavement markings must be removed prior to the application of LS65 hybridized epoxy. The roadway surface should be water-blasted, sandblasted and/or shot blasted until a minimum of 90% of the pavement surface is exposed. Oil based paints and epoxies used as temporary markings must be removed prior to application of LS65 epoxy.

LS65 hybridized epoxy may be applied over latex water-based paint as a temporary marking, provided these markings were applied at a mil thickness of 10 mils or less. If water-based paint markings were applied over Portland Cement prior to removal of the curing compound, these markings must be removed prior to application of LS65 hybridized epoxy.

F. APPLICATION

1. Film Thickness

The material film thickness shall vary depending on the condition and type of pavement surface being marked. The applied film thickness, calculated without drop-on glass spheres, shall conform to the following:

| Surface Type LS65 Application Rate (1 inch = 1,000 mils) | |
|---|-------------|
| Smooth Asphalt or Concrete Surface | 20 ± 2 mils |
| New Smooth Concrete Surface | 20 ± 2 mils |
| New Grooved Concrete Surface | 25 ± 2 mils |
| New Asphalt Surface (Standard Mix) | 20 ± 2 mils |
| Open Grade Friction Course or Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA) | 25 ± 2 mils |
| Rough Asphalt or Concrete | 22 ± 2 mils |
| Smooth Asphalt or Concrete After Removal of Existing Markings | 22 ± 2 mils |
| Chip Seal | 20 ± 2 mils |
| Slurry Seal | 20 ± 2 mils |

Applied markings shall have uniform mil thickness and glass bead distribution across the width of the line. The markings shall have crisp distinct edges and clean cutoff at the end of each line.

2. Drop-On Glass Sphere Application

Type 1 and Type 4 glass spheres, as described in sections C1 and C2 above, shall be applied to the LS65 hybridized epoxy in a double drop operation. Type 4 spheres shall be applied first from the bead dispenser directly behind the epoxy application gun followed immediately by the application of Type 1 beads from a second bead dispenser. The application rates of each of the glass spheres shall conform to the following:

| Mils of LS65 Applied | Application Rate of Glass Spheres |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 20 | 10 lbs/gallon of Type 1 10 lbs/gallon of Type 4 (Total of 20 lbs per gallon) |
| 22 mils | 12 lbs/gallon of Type 4 12 lbs/gallon of Type 1 (Total of 24 lbs per gallon) |
| 25 | 15 lbs/gallon of Type 1 15 lbs/gallon of Type 4 (Total of 30 lbs per gallon) |

3. Protection of Newly Installed Markings

All applied markings shall be protected from traffic and potential tracking while the LS65 hybridized epoxy cures. Markings may be saturated with glass spheres to help prevent tracking.

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