UNIVERSAL ZINC CLEANER

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Product Code: **ZIN00**

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Universal Zinc Cleaner is a solvent-based degreasing and steel cleaner.

INTERIOR/EXTERIOR	Exterior

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

• This product is used for degreasing and cleaning galvanised steel and rust-free, mild steel

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Available Pack Sizes	1ℓ & 5ℓ
Colour/s	Clear
Tintable	Not tintable
Surface Appearance	n/a
Resin Base	Solvent Solution
Volume Solids Content	n/a
VOC Content	Very High VOC content > 50%
Spreading Rate	Practical Spreading Rate: 10- 12m²
	Our spreading rate is calculated per coat on a smooth surface. This is a guide only. The rate will vary depending on the porosity and profile of the substrate. Tools used and application technique/method will also have an impact on spreading rate.
Recommend WFT & DFT	n/a

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Always maintain a wet edge and avoid downing tools during the application to prevent lap marks and variances in colour or texture.

Work from corner to corner, or from one natural cut off point to the next. Do not attempt to touch up areas, completely repaint the whole area.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Mixing	Stir thoroughly with a flat paddle until homogeneous
Application Conditions	Surface Temperatures at 23°C and Relative Humidity <50%
Recoating Time	1 - 5 minutes to penetrate the grease and dirt.
Application Methods	Scrub area with a bristle brush After rinsing allow to dry completely.
Thinning	Do not thin
Cleaning of equipment	Mineral Turpentine

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STORAGE AND PACKAGING

- Store away from direct sun, heat and severe cold.
- Ensure the container is tightly sealed before storing.
- If not sealed properly and exposed to extreme temperatures, it will lead to defects such as product fouling, skinning, crystallizing and will have hard settlement.

TINT BASE SELECTION

Tint base containers are underfilled to allow for calculated volumes of colourants to be added at point of sale. Together they make up the approximate volume indicated on the packaging.

Tint bases and colourants are not recommended for use by themselves and are only considered a finished product once the correct quantities of colourant have been added and properly mixed with the tint base.

To control colour accuracy and quantity of colourant to be added, only Universal Paints colourants are permitted for use when tinting.

TINTING PROCEDURE

Select the required colour from the Universal Paints colour wall, fandeck or other colour references and hand to the colour tinting expert at the paint lab to mix and provide you with the finished product.

Note: Some selected colours may require more than 2 coats to achieve full coverage. It is not advisable to tint standard colours.

CAUTIONS

To ensure colours on the project are consistent, always check the batch numbers and product codes are the same on every container. If batch numbers are different, try mixing all the batches together in a large container so that there is colour consistency.

It is preferable to buy all the paint you need at one time and in the largest possible pack size for convenience and to reduce the chances of slight colour variations between batches.

THE CORRECT SURFACE PREPARATION IS CRITICAL TO ENSURE OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE OF THE PAINT SYSTEM.

Environmental Conditions, Drying and Curing
Drying and curing times are significantly influenced by environmental conditions during and after application. Variations in temperature, humidity, airflow and substrate temperature may affect coating performance, appearance and final film properties. Avoid painting during inclement weather. Don't wash, or wet, painted surfaces for 7 days after painting. Cold, damp or humid conditions, particularly during winter months, will retard the drying and curing.

Application should be avoided when:
- Rain, mist, fog, or condensation is expected before sufficient drying has occurred.
- Substrate temperatures are below the recommended minimum.
- Relative humidity exceeds recommended limits.

Ventilation
Adequate ventilation is essential to promote proper drying and curing. Poor airflow, enclosed spaces or stagnant humid air may considerably delay curing performance.

Recoating
Recoating intervals may need to be extended during cold or humid conditions. Ensure the previous coat is sufficiently dry before overcoating.

Full Cure
Although the coating may appear dry to the touch within the stated drying period, full chemical and mechanical cure may take several days depending on film thickness and environmental conditions.

Important Note
Drying and curing times quoted in this technical data sheet are based on standard laboratory conditions. Actual site conditions may vary and will influence product performance.

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PROCEDURE TO CHANGE A SYSTEM FROM SOLVENT TO WATER BASED OR WATER TO SOLVENT BASED.

1. Sand surface slightly with fine sandpaper to break down the existing surface to a matt finish.
2. Dust off any loose dirt contaminants.
3. Clean the surface with soap solution.
4. Rinse well with clean water.
5. Allow the surface to dry completely.
6. Apply one coat of universal undercoat.
7. Apply two coats of the selected top coat (solvent or water based).

SURFACE PREPARATION

- Apply Universal Zinc Cleaner by cloth, mop or a brush.
- Scrub with bristle scrubbing brush or broom.
- Rinse with copious amounts of water using a bristle brush or broom to obtain a water-free break surface.
- Repeat if necessary.
- Allow to dry thoroughly.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

For detailed safety information please refer to Material Safety Data Sheet. Keep out of reach of children, flames and sparks. This product is lead free, contains very high levels of VOC. Only use in well ventilated areas and do not eat, drink or smoke whilst using this product. Empty containers are suitable for recycling but caution must be exercised in the disposal of used containers.

DISCLAIMER

Universal Paints cannot be held liable if the product fails due to improper surface preparation or application

The recommendations contained herein are given in good faith and are meant to guide the specifier or the user. They are based on results gained from our tests and experiences and are believed to be reliable.

No guarantee is implied by the recommendations contained herein since conditions of use, method of application and cleanliness of the substrate prior to painting are beyond our control.

Third-Party Primer and Undercoat Systems
This product has been tested for compatibility only with recommended primers, undercoats and coating systems supplied or approved by the manufacturer.

Where primers, undercoats or previously applied coatings from other manufacturers are used, compatibility cannot be guaranteed unless prior testing and written approval have been obtained.

The use of non-approved or incompatible coating systems may adversely affect adhesion, drying and curing performance, intercoat bonding, film integrity and appearance and long-term durability.

As formulation technologies vary between manufacturers, incompatibility may occur even where products appear similar in application or intended use. The manufacturer accepts no responsibility for coating failure, reduced performance or consequential damages resulting from the use of incompatible third-party products or systems not specifically tested and approved.

NB: Technology may change with time necessitating changes to this Technical Data Sheet (TDS).
It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the latest TDS is being used.

Important
TO ORDER: Quote product name, product code number, packaging and colour.