

# Technical Datasheet



## MAXGUARD™ FR // H/S Fire Retardant gelcoats / Halogen free

MAXGUARD FR // H/S are halogen free flame retardant gelcoats based on a special formula of resin and mineral fillers. These gelcoats have good resistance to flame and they have low smoke formation.

### Typical liquid gelcoat properties

Property at 23°C	H (Brush)		S (Spray)	
	Value	Value	Unit	Method
Viscosity, Brookfield RV5, 10 rpm	12000	8000	mPas	ISO 2555
Viscosity, cone & plate	900	300	mPas	ISO 2884
Geltime, 2% MEKP-50	12	8	min	ASTM D2471
Density	1,50	1,48	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	ISO 2811

### Typical gelcoat base resin properties

Property (postcure 24h at 50°C)	Value	Unit	Method
Tensile strength	70	MPa	ISO 527
Tensile modulus	3600	MPa	ISO 527
Elongation at break	3,5	%	ISO 527
Flexural strength	115	MPa	ISO 178
Flexural modulus	3500	MPa	ISO 178
Heat Deflection Temperature	70	°C	ISO 75(A)
Water absorption after 28 days	80	mg/sample	ISO 62
Hardness	42	Barcol	ASTM D2583

### Application and use

MAXGUARD FR // H/S halogen free flame retardant gelcoats are suitable for use in a variety of FRP products which require good flame retardant properties. MAXGUARD FR // H/S gelcoats are mainly used in the transportation and building and construction industry. They can be used in sheets and panels in indoor applications e.g. sanitary items (shower trays) where they are not under permanent direct contact with hot water.

To achieve best results the final cured gelcoat thickness should be 300-400 microns.

Note: For more information on application and use of fire retardant gelcoats and resins, please contact Ashland's sales and technical service personal.



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Fire retardant properties	Test	Value	Method
	Oxygen index	26	ASTM D2863-70
	Epiradiator test <sup>1) 2)</sup>	M 2	NF P 92-501
	Smoke test	F1 <sup>1)</sup> ; F2 <sup>2)</sup>	NF F 16-101
	Class of Fire <sup>1)</sup>	S 4	DIN 5510-2:2009-05
	Smoke test <sup>1)</sup>	SR 2	DIN 5510-2:2009-05
	Class of Material dropping in fire <sup>1)</sup>	ST 2	DIN 5510-2:2009-05
	Toxicity, t(zul)=30 min <sup>1)</sup>	< 1	DIN 5510-2:2009-05
	Toxicity, t(zul)=15 min <sup>1)</sup>	< 1	DIN 5510-2:2009-05

<sup>1)</sup> Structure: Gelcoat MAXGUARD FR with Hetron F 640 TF(E)resin

<sup>2)</sup> Structure: Gelcoat MAXGUARD FR with Hetron F 240 TF(E)resin

### Certificates and approvals

The manufacturing, quality control and distribution of products, by Ashland Performance Materials, are complying with one or more of the following programs or standards: Responsible Care, ISO 9001, ISO 9002, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001 by .

Note: The values given for fire resistance are purely indicative. The finished parts manufactured by our customers must be tested according to the laws in force or to specific technical specifications. Optimum fire resistance is obtained on completely hardened resins and laminated parts.

### Handling and use

For good handling and working practices, see Ashland "Gelcoat Handling Guide". It is highly recommended that all materials are stored at stable temperature under 25 °C preferably indoors, and away from direct sunlight. A high quality methyl ethyl ketone peroxide (MEKP) catalyst should be used between 1.5 - 2.5%. The gelcoat with the catalyst must be gently stirred before taken in use.

Shelf life of MAXGUARD FR // H or MAXGUARD FR // S is 4 months.

Prolonged storage or storage outside of recommended conditions can influence gelcoat liquid properties like viscosity and gel time and it is recommended to test these properties before starting application.

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the products mentioned for the user's specific application.

Ashland requests that the user reads, understands and complies with the information contained herein and the current Material Safety Data Sheet.



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