

# CRYSTIC<sup>®</sup> GELCOAT 81PA WHITE

## Isophthalic Industrial Grade Spray Gelcoat

### Introduction

Crystic Gelcoat 81PA White is an isophthalic, spray quality, industrial grade white pigmented pre-accelerated gelcoat.

### Applications

Crystic Gelcoat 81PA White is most suitable for all general moulding requirements. It has been designed for application by spray yielding good coverage and flow and levelling properties. For normal mouldings, the gelcoat thickness should be controlled to about 0.5 - 0.6mm.

Crystic Gelcoat 81PA White is not recommended for use in the marine application or corrosion resistance application.

### Formulation

The following formulations are recommended for laminating.

Parts by Weight	Formulation I
Crystic Gelcoat 81PA White	100
Catalyst M or MEKP M-50	1 - 2

Curing should not be carried out at temperature below 15°C and the gelcoat must be allowed to attain workshop temperature before being formulated for use. This gelcoat only requires the addition of catalyst to start the curing reaction. Shortly before use, the correct amount of catalyst should be added and thoroughly stirred into the gel coat.

### Physical Data - Uncured

The following tables give typical properties of Crystic Gelcoat 81PA White when tested in accordance with BS 2782.

Property	Unit	Liquid Gelcoat
Appearance		White, Bit Free
Viscosity at 25°C, B/F SP2 rpm 20	Poise	25 - 35
C & P Viscosity at 25°C	Poise	2.0 - 3.5
Specific Gravity at 25°C		1.1 - 1.3
Stability at 20°C	Months	3
Geltime at 25°C Using 2% Butanox M50 (or Other Equivalent Catalyst)	Minutes	18 - 22

### Physical Data - Uncured

Property	Unit	Fully Cured* Base Resin (Unfilled Casting)
Barcol Hardness (Model GYZJ 934-1)		40
Deflection Temperature Under Load† (1.80 MPa)	°C	75
Elongation at Break	%	2.0
Tensile Strength	MPa	65
Tensile Modulus	MPa	3500

\* Curing Schedule - 24hrs at 20°C, 3hrs at 80°C.

† Curing Schedule - 24hrs at 20°C, 5hrs at 80°C, 3hrs at 120°C.

**Post-Curing**

Satisfactory laminates for many applications can be made with Crystic Gelcoat 81PA White by curing at workshop temperature (20°C). However, for optimum properties, laminates must be post-cured before being put into service. The moulding should be allowed to cure for 24 hours at 20°C, and then be oven-cured for 3 hours at 80°C.

**Storage**

Crystic Gelcoat 81PA White should be stored in the dark in suitable, closed containers. It is recommended that the storage temperature should be less than 20°C where practical, but should not exceed 30°C. Ideally, containers should be opened only immediately prior to use.

**Packaging**

Crystic Gelcoat 81PA White is supplied in 20Kg and 225Kg containers.

**Health and Safety**

Please see separate Material Safety Data Sheet.

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