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	Gently shake the Autowave can prior to	o use
	100Autowave10-50Activator WB	
	Use Sikkens measuring stick 14 _{Blue}	
	Spray gun set-up: Below 28°C: 1.2 – 1.3 mm Above 28°C: 1.3 – 1.4 mm	Application pressure: 1.7-2.2 bar at the air inlet HVLP max 0.6-0.7 bar at the air cap
	Application metallic colors: Closed wet coat – Light wet coat – Drop coat	Application solid colors: 2 x 1 coat
$\frac{1}{1}$	Between coats: Until completely matt at 25°C	Prior to clearcoat application: 15 minutes at 25°C
	Clearcoat application See clearcoat T.D.S.	
	Use suitable respiratory protection Akzo Nobel Car Refinishes recommends the use of a fresh air supply respirator.	

Read complete TDS for detailed product information

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Suitable substrates

All Existing OEM finishes.

All current Sikkens preparatory products with the exception of Washprimers.

Note: All Autowave SEC colors except SEC2322 must be applied on Colorbuild Plus Black or Autowave MM400.

Autowave SEC2322 (NIS AV2) should be applied over color NIS1052.

Products and additives

Product:	Autowave MM colors Autowave RM SEC colors	
Activators:	Activator WB, the waterborne basecoat activator to use for all repair sizes at standard application conditions at approximately 75°F (25°C) and higher with a relative humidity range between 20% to 80%.	
Additives:	Autowave Additive LP, to extend the pot-life of Autowave metallic colors. Activator WB HT/LH Autowave Separator Autowave Guncleaner Autowave 2.0 Hardener (see TDS S5.01.02)	

No plasticizer required for application on plastic car parts.

Basic raw materials

Water based acrylic dispersion

Surface preparation



Final sanding step P500 o For detailed surface preparation see TDS S8.06.02



Final sanding step P1000 • For detailed surface preparation see TDS S8.06.02



Remove contamination using an appropriate cleaner.

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Mixing



Gently shake Autowave MM several times for better pour viscosity. Stir Autowave MM 888 Metallic toners and MM245 toner thoroughly before first use.



The Autowave MM colors must be stirred thoroughly directly after mixing the formula.



Add 10-20 parts Activator WB as standard mixing ratio for all Autowave colors.

- Mix the Autowave metallic colors which are more sensitive for cloudiness/mottling or more difficult
- to blend with 20-30 parts Activator WB for optimum metallic control and easier color blend.
- Add maximum 20 parts Activator WB to Autowave solid colors to obtain hiding power.

Climate condition; low humidity (<20%)

<u>Metallic colors</u>; Add up to 30 parts of Activator WB to Autowave metallic colors for optimum sprayability, flow and metallic control.

*Add up 40 to 50 parts of Activator WB to Autowave metallic colors in case the temperature rises above 95°F (35°C) in combination with a humidity drop below the 10% for optimum sprayability, flow and metallic control.

Climate condition; high humidity (>70%)

<u>Metallic colors</u>; Add minimum 10 parts of Activator WB to Autowave metallic colors for optimum sprayability, flow and metallic control.

Solid colors; a minimum amount of Activator WB (0-10 parts) can be add to Autowave solid colors.

For accurate mixing always use measuring stick No.14 (blue) or mix on the scale using Addit.

Color mixing without formula:

If an Autowave <u>metallic color</u> is made without the use of a formula it is essential to incorporate sufficient MM666 into the hand mixed formula. Mix 4 parts of MM666 to 1 part of the MM888 toner.

Points of attention

Filtering:

For optimum straining use waterborne suitable paint strainers, size: 125µm. **Application:** In the event of a black pre-coat requirement i.e. special effect colors, use deep black MM400 RTS **Solvents:**

Avoid contact between waterborne products and solvents.

Viscosity



20-30 seconds DIN cup no. 4 at 70°F (20°C)





Spray gun set-up / application pressure



Spray gun Gravity feed **Fluid tip – set-up** Below 28°C: 1.2 – 1.3 mm Above 28°C: 1.3 – 1.4 mm Application pressure 28-30 psi (1.7-2.2 bar) at the spray gun air inlet HVLP max 8-10 psi (0.6-0.7 bar) at the air cap

Pot-life



All mixed solid and pearl Autowave colors: Autowave Metallic colors: Autowave Metallic colors containing MM 777: 3 months at 70°F (20°C). 1 week at 70°F (20°C). 1 day at 70°F (20°C)

To obtain a three month pot-life for all Autowave metallic colors add Autowave Additive LP.

Adding Autowave Additive LP: Thoroughly stir the MM toners after mixing, then add 5% of Autowave Additive LP. Stir thoroughly before adding Activator WB, stir once more prior to use. *Do not use Autowave Additive LP in solid colors!*

Restriction: Autowave Hardener 2.0 <u>cannot</u> be added to ready mixed Autowave colors containing Additive LP in combination with Autowave toners 338NA, 338NB, 338ND, 338NS

Application process

Solid colors

Apply 2 single coats or until opacity is achieved. Flash-off between coats until completely matt. Pure Autowave MM 245 can be applied in 2 single layers with flash-off or wet-on-wet in 2 light wet coats.

Metallic/pearl/SEC colors

Apply a closed wet coat. Next apply a light wet coat. Flash-off between coats until completely matt. Next apply a mist coat.

For optimal metallic orientation increase the distance to 30 cm

Spot repairs

Decrease application pressure and apply thin coats until opacity is achieved. Dry until matt before fading out well beyond the edges. In case of metallic colors apply a drop coat if needed.

In the case of high hiding colors, the color transparency can be increased by adding MM 666 RTS to the RTS mixed color.

Under the hood

For under the hood application add 10% of Autowave 2.0 Hardener to the Autowave color. The use of clearcoat is not needed.



Autowave drying and air acceleration

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Humidity and airflow will influence the Autowave flash off and drying times. These times can be reduced to a minimum by using air accelerator systems with a minimum distance of 3 feet (1 meter) from the object, thus increasing the airflow over the object.

When heat is used for drying, allow object to cool down to application temperature before proceeding with color or clearcoat application.

Film thickness

By recommended application; Autowave solid, metallic and pearl colors: 0.4-0.9mils (12-25 µm). The total dry layer thickness of Autowave should never exceed 1.2 mils (30µm).

Masking

Autowave Solid, Metallic and Pearl colors can be taped after 20 minutes flash-off at 75°F (25°C).

- Temperature increase in combination with air movement increase the ability for masking.
 - Let the object cool down to ambient temperature before masking.

Denibbing

Allow Autowave to flash off sufficiently, at least 20 minutes at 75°F (25°C). Then lightly sand the damaged area with P800 free-cut sanding paper while applying compressed air. Thoroughly remove sanding residue before continuing Autowave application.

Recoatable with

All Sikkens (VOC compliant) clearcoats with the exception of: Autoclear, Autocear LV Supreme

Recoat time

Minimum 15 minutes at 75°F (25°C). Maximum 24 hours at 75°F (25°C)

Should this maximum time be exceeded, abrade the surface and apply another coat.

Material usage

By using the recommended application the theoretical material usage is \pm 86-150 sq.ft/liter (\pm 8-14 m²/liter) RTS mixture.

The practical material usage depends on many factors i.e. shape of the object, roughness of the surface, application techniques, pressure and application circumstances.

Cleaning of equipment

Clean and rinse the spray gun thoroughly after use with Autowave Guncleaner.

- Purge the spray gun with Activator WB prior to Autowave use.
 - o Do not use any conventional thinner unless removing dried Autowave deposits.
 - Do not soak the spray gun for long periods either with Autowave Guncleaner or Activator WB.

VOC

The EU limit value for this product (product category: IIB. d) in ready to use form is max. 420 g/liter of VOC. The VOC content of this product in ready to use form is max. 420 g/liter.



Storage



- Product shelf-life is determined when products are stored unopened at 70°F (20°C). Avoid too much temperature fluctuation.
 - For optimal performance, store opened products at application temperature
 - Maximum transport and storage temperatures between 37°F-95°F (3°C-35°C).
 - Frost causes gelling / lumps in Autowave toners after which they no longer can be used.
 Product shelf life data see TDS S9.01.02

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