



Autobase® Plus

**Basecoat** 07.06.2023 (Old TDS No. S05.02.65)

## FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY

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100 Autobase Plus

50-80 Plus Reducers



Use Sikkens measuring stick





Spray gun set-up: Application pressure: 1.2-1.5 mm 1.7-2.2 bar at the air inlet

HVLP max 0.6-0.7 bar at the air cap



Application metallic colors: Application solid colors:

Full coat - intermediate coat - drop coat

2 x 1 coat



Between coats Before clearcoat application 3 – 5 minutes at 20°C 15 minutes at 20°C



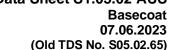
Clearcoat application See clearcoat T.D.S



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, with the exception of thermoplastic acrylic finishes.

All current Sikkens preparatory products.

With the exception of direct application on acid containing Washprimers

# **Product and additives**

Autobase Plus MM (MM) colors

Plus

**Reducers** Plus Reducer Fast; spot and panel repairs, temperature range: 15°C-25°C.

Plus Reducer Medium; spot and panel repairs and large areas, temperature range: 20°C-30°C. Plus Reducer Slow; larger areas and complete paint jobs, temperature range: 25°C-35°C. Plus Reducer Extra Slow; to use in extremely hot temperatures, temperature range: above 35°C.

**Additives** 

Blending Agent: Additive specially developed for easier application of spot repairs and fade-outs Hardener P25: extend recoat time, improve stone chip resistance and adhesion properties

## **Basic raw materials**

Autobase Plus: Physical drying binders

Autobase Plus Blending Agent: Physical drying binders

## **Surface preparation**



Final sanding step P500

o For detailed surface preparation see TDS S8.06.02



Final sanding step P1000

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Remove contamination using an appropriate cleaner

#### Mixing



### Mixing Machine

Stir MM colors on mixing machine every 4 hours for 15 minutes



### Stir after mixing

Autobase Plus MM colors must be stirred thoroughly directly after mixing the color formula



#### Standard system

Autobase Plus 100 50-80 Plus Reducers

Use measuring stick No. 1 Black

# When using Autoclear LV Superior

100 Autobase Plus + 10% Hardener P25

50-80 Plus Reducer Use measuring stick 1

#### NOTE:

## Special enhancements to the Autobase Plus system.

To improve: elasticity, recoat properties, stone chip resistance, adhesion properties and total system robustness it is possible to add Hardener P25 to Autobase Plus. The Hardener is added in the ratio of 10% by volume of the base (color) mix prior to adding Plus Reducers After adding hardener mix thoroughly and mix with Reducer as mentioned above.

When Autobase Plus + 10% Hardener P25 combination is used, it is advised to check the color by use of a spray-out prior to application.

#### Color mixing by hand:

If an Autobase Plus color is made without the use of a formula it is essential to incorporate MM Q065 into the hand mixed formula; mix 3 parts of the color with 1 part of the MM Q065.

Elast-O-Actif should not be added into the Autobase Plus color.

## **Viscosity**



16-17 seconds DIN cup 4 at 20°C.

3/2





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## Spray gun set-up / application pressure



Spray gun Gravity feed Fluid tip – set-up 1.2-1.5 mm **Application pressure** 

1.7-2.2 bar at the spray gun air inlet HVLP max 0.6-0.7 bar at the air cap

#### Pot-life

6 months when stored in a closed can at 20°C.

4 hours at 20°C in a closed can, when mixed with hardener.

Stir the ready to spray mixture thoroughly before use.

## **Application process**

#### Solid colors

Apply 2 single coats or until opacity is achieved. Flash-off between coats until completely matt

#### **Metallic colors**

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

#### 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 well hiding colors, transparency can be increased by adding Blending Agent or MM070 RTS to the mixed color.

Note: Mix (3 parts of the MM Q070 with 1 part of the MM Q065) then mix combination, 100 parts to 50 parts reducer before use.

Allow for a minimum of 15 minutes final flash-off time at 20°C before clearcoat application.

## **Blending Agent:**

Autobase Plus Blending Agent can be used ready to spray as a pre-coat.

Apply a full wet coat to the maximum fade-out area and allow to flash off until fully dried.

Apply the Autobase Plus color within the Blending Agent area.

#### Film thickness

Solid colors:	microns
Per coat	7.5-10
By using the recommended application (2 coats)	15-20
Metallic colors:	
Per coat	7.5-10
By using the recommended application (2 coats)	15-20



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## Masking

Autobase Plus solid, metallic and pearl colors can be taped after 20 minutes flash-off at 20°C.

Temperature increase in combination with air movement increase the ability for masking. Let the object cool down to ambient temperature before masking after which a second color of Autobase Plus can then be applied

## Denibbing

Allow Autobase Plus to flash off sufficiently, at least 20 minutes at 20°C.

Then lightly sand the damaged area with P500 free-cut dry or P1000 grit wet sanding paper sanding paper.

Thoroughly remove sanding residue before continuing Autobase Plus application.

#### Recoatable with

All current Sikkens clearcoats With the exception of; Autoclear LV Autoclear UV Autoclear 2.0

## Recoat time



Autobase Plus Solid: 5 hours Autobase Plus Metallic and Pearl: 48 hours (2 days)

To extend the re-coat time of solid colors up to 48 hours (2 days), mix Autobase Plus as follows: Stir the Autobase Plus color thoroughly before adding 10% Hardener P25.

Stir this mixture thoroughly before adding Plus Reducer, then stir again thoroughly

The Autobase Plus color and the hardener must be mixed thoroughly prior to the addition of the Reducer to gain the required system property.

## Theoretical coverage

By using the recommended application the theoretical material usage is  $\pm$  10 m<sup>2</sup>/l RTS mixture. The practical material usage depends on many factors i.e. shape of the object, roughness of the surface, application techniques, pressure, method and application circumstances

## Cleaning of equipment

Sikkens Solvents or solvent borne Guncleaners

#### VOC

The VOC content of this product in ready to use form is 744 g/lt RTS with 50% Plus Reducer and 803g/lt Plus Reducer mixture

When 10% hardener is added prior to the Reducer 755 - 767 g/liter RTS mixture



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#### **Product storage**

Product shelf-life is determined when products are stored unopened at 20°C. Avoid extreme temperature fluctuation.

Product shelf life data see TDS S9.01.02

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