

## Marathon 550

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### Product description

This is a two component polyamine cured epoxy coating. It is a surface tolerant product that can be applied on moist substrates. Will continue to cure when immersed in water. The product has high abrasion resistance. Suitable for environments with very high corrosivity, such as areas in the splash or tidal zone. Can be used as primer, mid coat, finish coat or as single coat system in atmospheric and immersed environments. It has excellent resistance to cathodic disbonding. Suitable for properly prepared carbon steel, galvanised steel, stainless steel, aluminium and concrete substrates.

### Scope

The Application Guide offers product details and recommended practices for the use of the product.

The data and information provided are not definite requirements. They are guidelines to assist with efficient and safe use, and optimum service of the product. Adherence to the guidelines does not relieve the applicator of responsibility for ensuring that the work meets specification requirements. Jotun's liability is in accordance with general product liability rules.

The Application Guide (AG) must be read in conjunction with the relevant specification, Technical Data Sheet (TDS) and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for all the products used as part of the coating system.

### Referred standards

Reference is generally made to ISO Standards. When using standards from other regions it is recommended to reference only one corresponding standard for the substrate being treated.

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### Surface preparation

The required quality of surface preparation can vary depending on the area of use, expected durability and if applicable, project specification.

When preparing new surfaces, maintaining already coated surfaces or aged coatings it is necessary to remove all contamination that can interfere with coating adhesion, and prepare a sound substrate for the subsequent product.

Inspect the surface for hydrocarbon and other contamination and if present, remove with an alkaline detergent. Agitate the surface to activate the cleaner and before it dries, wash the treated area using fresh water.

Paint solvents (thinners) shall not be used for general degreasing or preparation of the surface for painting due to the risk of spreading dissolved hydrocarbon contamination. Paint thinners can be used to treat small localized areas of contamination such as marks from marker pens. Use clean, white cotton cloths that are turned and replaced often. Do not bundle used solvent saturated cloths. Place used cloths into water.

When the surface is an existing coating, verify with technical data sheet and application guide of the involved products, both over coatability and the given maximum over coating interval.

### Process sequence

Surface preparation and coating should normally be commenced only after all welding, degreasing, removal of sharp edges, weld spatter and treatment of welds is complete. It is important that all hot work is completed before coating commences.

### Soluble salts removal

Soluble salts have a negative impact on the coating systems performance, especially when immersed. Jotun's general recommendations for maximum soluble salts (sampled and measured as per ISO 8502-6 and -9) content on a surface are:

For areas exposed to (ISO 12944-2):

C1-C4: 200 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

C5: 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

CX: 50 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

Im1-Im4: 80 mg/m<sup>2</sup>

## Carbon steel

### Initial rust grade

The steel shall preferably be Rust Grade A or B (ISO 8501-1). It is technically possible to apply the coating to rust grades C and D, but it is practically challenging to ensure specified film thickness on such a rough surface, hence risk of reduced lifetime of the coating system. When steel of Rust Grade C or D is coated, the frequency of inspection and testing should be increased.

### Metal finishing

For areas in corrosivity category C1 to C4 (ISO 12944-2) all irregularities, burrs, slivers, slag and spatter on welds, sharp edges and corners shall conform to minimum grade P2 (ISO 8501-3) Table 1, or as specified. For areas in corrosivity category C5, Im1-3 the requirement are for the steel to conform to grade P3 (ISO 8501-3) Table 1. All edges shall have a rounded radius of minimum 2 mm. One may use a mechanical grinder fitted with a suitable abrasive disc. All sharp irregularities, burrs, slivers, slag and spatter on welds, whether apparent before or after blast cleaning, shall be removed before coating application. It is recommended that welding smoke is removed by water cleaning according to ISO 12944-4, section 6.2.1. Welding smoke residues are water soluble and could cause blistering if not removed by washing before blasting. Defective welds shall be replaced and treated to an acceptable finish before painting. Temporary welds and brackets shall be ground to a flat finish after removal from the parent metal. Surface preparation and coating should normally be commenced only after all metal finishing and degreasing of a specific area is complete. It is important that as much hot work as possible is completed before coating commences.

### Pitting repair

Pittings in steel can be difficult to cover fully with most coatings. In some areas it is practically feasible to use filler to fill pittings. This should then be done either after the initial surface preparation or after application of first coat.

## Abrasive blast cleaning

Application of protective coating shall commence before degradation of the required surface standard occurs.

### Cleanliness

After pre-treatment is complete, the surface shall be dry abrasive blast cleaned to Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1) using abrasive media suitable to achieve a sharp and angular surface profile.

### Surface profile

Recommended surface profile 50-85 µm, grade Medium G (ISO 8503-2). Measure the achieved profile with surface replication tape (Testex) to ISO 8503-5 or by a surface roughness stylus instrument (ISO 8503-4).

### Abrasive media quality

The selected abrasive must be compatible with both the surface to be blast cleaned and the specified coating system. The abrasive shall meet specifications as per relevant parts of ISO 11124 (Specification for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives), or ISO 11126 (Specification for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives). It should be sampled and tested as per relevant parts of ISO 11125 (metallic abrasives) or ISO 11127 (non-metallic abrasives). Dry storage of abrasive and shelter for blasting pots is necessary to prevent equipment becoming clogged with damp abrasive.

All abrasive blast media used should be new and not recirculated, with the exception of steel grit. If this is utilized the circulation process must include a cleaning process.

### Compressed air quality

The supply of clean air to blasting pots must be secured to avoid contamination of abrasive and thereby of blast cleaned surfaces. Compressors must be fitted with sufficient traps for oil and water. It is also recommended to fit two water separators at the blasting machine to ensure a supply of moisture-free air to the abrasive chamber.

### Dust contamination

At the completion of abrasive blasting the prepared surface shall be cleaned to remove residues of corrosion products and abrasive media, and inspected for surface particulate contamination. Maximum contamination level is rating 1 (ISO 8502-3) as per Figure 1. Dust size no greater than class 2.

## Hand and Power Tool Cleaning

### Power tool cleaning

Minor damage of the coating may be prepared to St 2 (ISO 8501-1). Suitable method is disc grinding with rough discs only. Ensure the surface is free from mill scale, residual corrosion, failed coating and is suitable for painting. The surface should appear rough and mat.

Overlapping zones to intact coating shall have all leading edges feathered back by sanding methods to remove all sharp leading edges and establish a smooth transition from the exposed substrate to the surrounding coating. Consecutive layers of coating shall be feathered to expose each layer and new coating shall always overlap to an abraded existing layer. Abrade intact coatings around the damaged areas for a minimum 100 mm to ensure a mat, rough surface profile, suitable for over coating.

### Water jetting

High pressure water jetting surface preparation refers to ISO 8501-4, for substrates previously coated either with a full coating system (surface DC A, DC B, DC C) or shop primer (surface DP I and DP Z). The surface definition for existing coating (DC) refers to the degree of coating breakdown according to ISO 4628.

It is important before considering water jetting, to ensure that the specified coating system is compatible with the existing coating system. High pressure water jetting does not remove mill scale or create surface roughness, and is only useful for surfaces with an initial roughness suitable for the subsequent coat.

Optimum performance is achieved with preparation grade Wa 2½ (ISO 8501-4). Minimum preparation grade is Wa 1. For DP I and DP Z surface Wa 2 is accepted.

Maximum accepted grade of flash rust for any preparation is M (ISO 8501-4).

Alternatively minimum approved preparation grade is SSPC-SP WJ-2/ NACE WJ-2, Very thorough cleaning.

Maximum accepted flash rust grade is Moderate (M).

## Galvanised steel

### Abrasive blast cleaning

The galvanised finish shall be smooth as is consistent for a protective coating and shall have no sharp fins, sharp edges, dross or zinc ash on the surface. If present, remove by mechanical cleaning methods.

After removal of excess zinc and surface defects the area to be coated shall be degreased to ISO 12944-4, Part 6.2.4 Alkaline Cleaning. The galvanised surface shall be sweep blast-cleaned with the nozzle angle at 45-60° from perpendicular at reduced nozzle pressure to create a sharp and angular surface profile using approved non-metallic abrasive media. As a guide, a surface profile 25-55 µm, grade Fine to Medium; Ry5 (ISO 8503-2) should be achieved.

## Aluminium

### Abrasive blast cleaning

After pre-treatment of welds, sharp edges, removal of weld spatter and other surface contamination the surface shall be degreased using an alkaline detergent which is agitated with non-metallic brushes followed by rinsing using clean fresh water. The surface shall then be dry abrasive blast cleaned with an approved non-metallic abrasive media to create a sharp and angular surface profile. As a guide, a surface profile between 25-55 µm, grade Fine to Medium G; Ry5 (ISO 8503-2) should be achieved.

### Hand and Power Tool Cleaning

After pre-treatment of welds, sharp edges, removal of weld spatter and other surface contamination the surface shall be degreased using an alkaline detergent which is agitated with non-metallic brushes and then fresh water rinsed. The cleaned surface shall be then hand or machine abraded with non-metallic abrasives or bonded fibre machine or hand abrasive pads to remove all surface polish and to impart a scratch pattern to the surface. Do not use high speed rotational sanders.

### Stainless steel

#### Abrasive blast cleaning

The surface to be coated shall be dry abrasive blast cleaned as required for the specified surface profile using approved non-metallic abrasive media which is suitable to achieve a sharp and angular surface profile. As a guide, a surface profile corresponding to 25-55 µm, grade Fine to Medium G; Ry5 (ISO 8503-2) should be achieved.

Examples of recommended abrasives are:

- Ferrite free almandite garnet grade 30/60 and 80 grade (US Mesh size)
- Aluminium oxide grade G24

Chlorinated or chlorine containing solvents or detergents must not be used on stainless steel.

### Concrete

#### Blast cleaning

Dry abrasive blast cleaning to SSPC-SP 13/NACE No. 6.

Where the concrete has become contaminated with oils, grease, or fuels, alkaline detergent may be used to remove the contaminants. It is important to only clean an area that can be fully washed down after degreasing before the cleaner can dry on the surface. Where the contamination has penetrated deep in to the substrate it may be necessary to use Flame/ Thermal cleaning.

All prepared surfaces should then have all "blow holes" and other surface defects filled with suitable filler that is compatible with the primer and finish coat system to ensure that the coating can be applied over a smooth and regular substrate.

#### Diamond disc grinding

Diamond grind the surface to remove all laitance and expose the aggregates.

### Coated surfaces

#### Shop primers

Shop primers are accepted as temporary protection of steel plates and profiles. However the shop primer should be completely removed through blast cleaning to minimum Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1) using abrasive media suitable to achieve a sharp and angular surface profile 50-85 µm, grade Medium G; Ry5 (ISO 8503- 2).

## Application

### Acceptable environmental conditions - before and during application

Before application, test the atmospheric conditions in the vicinity of the substrate for the dew formation according to ISO 8502-4.

Air temperature	5 - 55	°C
Substrate temperature	5 - 55	°C
Relative Humidity (RH)	10 - 85	%

The following restrictions must be observed:

- Do not apply the coating if the weather is clearly deteriorating or unfavourable for application or curing
- Do not apply the coating in high wind conditions

Can be applied on moist substrates.\*

\* Moist: Blast cleaned substrate with apparent surface profile, with no accumulated water.

## Product mixing

### Product mixing ratio (by volume)

Marathon 550 Comp A	4 part(s)
Marathon 550 Comp B	1 part(s)

### Induction time and Pot life

Paint temperature	23 °C	40 °C
Pot life	1 h	20 min

The temperature of base and curing agent is recommended to be 18-23 °C before mixing.

Induction time: Not required

Increase in temperatures may occur due to exothermic curing reactions while in the paint can and pump. Increasing temperatures will have an effect on the pot life. Application factors are influenced by several factors as stated under Application data.

### Thinner/Cleaning solvent

Thinner: Jotun Thinner No. 17

## Application data

### Spray application

#### Airless Spray Equipment

Pump ratio (minimum) :	42:1
Pressure at nozzle (minimum) :	170 bar / 2500 psi
Nozzle tip (inch/1000) :	21-27
Nozzle output (litres/minute) :	2.0-3.2

Several factors influence, and need to be observed to maintain the recommended pressure at the nozzle. Among factors causing pressure drop are:

- extended hoses or hose bundles
- extended hose whip-end line
- small internal diameter hoses
- high paint viscosity
- large spray nozzle size
- inadequate air capacity from compressor
- incorrect or clogged filters

If the paint temperature from Spray gun reaches **50-55 °C**, a good rule is to stop spraying and start cleaning all the spray equipment to prevent breakdown.

## Film thickness per coat

### Typical recommended specification range

Dry film thickness	200 - 550	µm
Wet film thickness	235 - 650	µm
Theoretical spreading rate	4.3 - 1.5	m <sup>2</sup> /l

When used on horizontal areas as part of a deck coating system the maximum DFT is 1000 µm.

This product can be applied up to 50 % higher than maximum specified film thickness without loss of technical properties.

## Film thickness measurement

### Wet film thickness (WFT) measurement and calculation

To ensure correct film thickness, it is recommended to measure the wet film thickness continuously during application using a painter's wet film comb (ISO 2808 Method 1A). The measurements should be done as soon as possible after application.

Fast drying paints may give incorrect (too low) readings resulting in excessive dry film thickness. For multi layer physically drying (resoluble) coating systems the wet film thickness comb may give too high readings resulting in too low dry film thickness of the intermediate and top coats.

Use a wet-to-dry film calculation table (available on the Jotun Web site) to calculate the required wet film thickness per coat.

### Dry film thickness (DFT) measurement

When the coating has cured to hard dry state the dry film thickness can be checked to SSPC PA 2 or equivalent standard using statistical sampling to verify the actual dry film thickness. Measurement and control of the WFT and DFT on welds is done by measuring the wet and dry film thickness adjacent to and no further than 15 mm from the weld.

### Ventilation

Sufficient ventilation is very important to ensure proper drying/curing of the film.

### Stripe coating

The stripe coat sequence can be either of the following:

1. Surface preparation, stripe coat, full coat.
2. Surface preparation, full coat, stripe coat. This sequence can be used when a large substrate area has been prepared and leaving the substrate exposed for a long time while doing stripe coating could lead to surface deterioration.

It is important to pay special attention to edges, openings, rear sides of stiffeners, scallops etc. and to apply a stripe coat to these areas where the spray fan may not reach or deposit an even film.

When applying a stripe coat to bare metal use only a stiff, round stripe coating brush to ensure surface wetting and filling of pits in the surface.

Stripe coating shall be of a different colour to the main primer coat and the topcoat colour and should be applied in an even film thickness, avoiding excessive brush marks in order to avoid entrapped air. Care should be taken to avoid excessive film thickness. Pay additional attention to pot life during application of stripe coats.

Jotun recommends a minimum of one stripe coat. However, in extremely aggressive exposure conditions there may be good reason to specify two stripe coats.

### Coating loss

The consumption of paint should be controlled carefully, with thorough planning and a practical approach to reducing loss. Application of liquid coatings will result in some material loss. Understanding the ways that coating can be lost during the application process, and making appropriate changes, can help reducing material loss.

Some of the factors that can influence the loss of coating material are:

- type of spray gun/unit used
- air pressure used for airless pump or for atomization
- orifice size of the spray tip or nozzle
- fan width of the spray tip or nozzle
- the amount of thinner added
- the distance between spray gun and substrate
- the profile or surface roughness of the substrate. Higher profiles will lead to a higher "dead volume"
- the shape of the substrate target
- environmental conditions such as wind and air temperature

## Drying and Curing time

Substrate temperature	5 °C	10 °C	15 °C	23 °C	40 °C
Surface (touch) dry	15 h	11 h	9 h	4 h	1.5 h
Walk-on-dry	26 h	18 h	14 h	8 h	3 h
Dry to over coat, minimum	26 h	18 h	14 h	8 h	3 h
Dried/cured for service	14 d	10 d	10 d	7 d	3 d

Drying and curing times are determined under controlled temperatures and relative humidity below 85 %, and at average of the DFT range for the product.

Excess DFT and/or thinning will prolong drying and curing.

If the product is applied during the tidal zone on piles and jetties, it can be immersed after 1 hour. Early immersion will lead to a whitening of colours, most visible on darker colours. The corrosion performance is however not affected.

Surface (touch) dry: The state of drying when slight pressure with a finger does not leave an imprint or reveal tackiness.

Walk-on-dry: Minimum time before the coating can tolerate normal foot traffic without permanent marks, imprints or other physical damage.

Dry to over coat, minimum: The recommended shortest time before the next coat can be applied.

Dried/cured for service: Minimum time before the coating can be permanently exposed to the intended environment/medium.

## Maximum over coating intervals

Maximum time before thorough surface preparation is required. The surface must be clean and dry and suitable for over coating. Inspect the surface for chalking and other contamination and if present, remove with an alkaline detergent. Agitate the surface to activate the cleaner and before it dries, wash the treated area by low-pressure water cleaning using fresh water.

If maximum over coating interval is exceeded the surface should in addition be carefully roughened to ensure good inter coat adhesion.

## Areas for atmospheric exposure

Average temperature during drying/curing	5 °C	10 °C	15 °C	23 °C	40 °C
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Itself	14 d	14 d	10 d	7 d	3 d
polyurethane	7 d	7 d	5 d	3 d	2 d
polysiloxane	7 d	7 d	5 d	3 d	2 d
epoxy	14 d	14 d	10 d	7 d	3 d
vinyl epoxy	7 d	7 d	5 d	3 d	2 d

### Areas for immersed exposure

Average temperature during drying/curing	5 °C	10 °C	15 °C	23 °C	40 °C
Itself	14 d	14 d	10 d	7 d	3 d
epoxy	14 d	14 d	10 d	7 d	3 d
vinyl epoxy	7 d	7 d	5 d	3 d	2 d

## Quality assurance

The following information is the minimum required. The specification may have additional requirements.

- Confirm that all welding and other metal work has been completed before commencing pre-treatment and surface preparation
- Confirm that installed ventilation is balanced and has the capacity to deliver and maintain the RAQ
- Confirm that the required surface preparation standard has been achieved and is held prior to coating application
- Confirm that the climatic conditions are within recommendations in the AG, and are held during the application
- Confirm that the required number of stripe coats have been applied
- Confirm that each coat meets the DFT requirements in the specification
- Confirm that the coating has not been adversely affected by rain or other factors during curing
- Observe that adequate coverage has been achieved on corners, crevices, edges and surfaces where the spray gun cannot be positioned so that its spray impinges on the surface at 90° angle
- Observe that the coating is free from defects, discontinuities, insects, abrasive media and other contamination
- Observe that the coating is free from misses, sags, runs, wrinkles, fat edges, mud cracking, blistering, obvious pinholes, excessive dry spray, heavy brush marks and excessive film build
- Observe that the uniformity and colour are satisfactory

All noted defects shall be fully repaired to conform to the coating specification.

### Caution

This product is for professional use only. The applicators and operators shall be trained, experienced and have the capability and equipment to mix/stir and apply the coatings correctly and according to Jotun's technical documentation. Applicators and operators shall use appropriate personal protection equipment when using this product. This guideline is given based on the current knowledge of the product. Any suggested deviation to suit the site conditions shall be forwarded to the responsible Jotun representative for approval before commencing the work.

For further advice please contact your local Jotun office.

### Health and safety

Please observe the precautionary notices displayed on the container. Use under well ventilated conditions. Do not inhale spray mist. Avoid skin contact. Spillage on the skin should immediately be removed with suitable cleanser, soap and water. Eyes should be well flushed with water and medical attention sought immediately.

### Accuracy of information

Always refer to and use the current (last issued) version of the TDS, SDS and if available, the AG for this product. Always refer to and use the current (last issued) version of all International and Local Authority Standards referred to in the TDS, AG & SDS for this product.

### Colour variation

Some coatings used as the final coat may fade and chalk in time when exposed to sunlight and weathering effects. Coatings designed for high temperature service can undergo colour changes without affecting performance. Some slight colour variation can occur from batch to batch. When long term colour and gloss retention is required, please seek advice from your local Jotun office for assistance in selection of the most suitable top coat for the exposure conditions and durability requirements.

### Reference to related documents

The Application Guide (AG) must be read in conjunction with the relevant specification, Technical Data Sheet (TDS) and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for all the products used as part of the coating system.

When applicable, refer to the separate application procedure for Jotun products that are approved to classification societies such as PSPC, IMO etc.

## Symbols and abbreviations

min = minutes

h = hours

d = days

°C = degree Celsius

° = unit of angle

µm = microns = micrometres

g/l = grams per litre

g/kg = grams per kilogram

m<sup>2</sup>/l = square metres per litre

mg/m<sup>2</sup> = milligrams per square metre

psi = unit of pressure, pounds/inch<sup>2</sup>

Bar = unit of pressure

RH = Relative humidity (% RH)

UV = Ultraviolet

DFT = dry film thickness

WFT = wet film thickness

TDS = Technical Data Sheet

AG = Application Guide

SDS = Safety Data Sheet

VOC = Volatile Organic Compound

MCI = Jotun Multi Colour Industry (tinted colour)

RAQ = Required air quantity

PPE = Personal Protective Equipment

EU = European Union

UK = United Kingdom

EPA = Environmental Protection Agency

ISO = International Standards Organisation

ASTM = American Society of Testing and Materials

AS/NZS = Australian/New Zealand Standards

NACE = National Association of Corrosion Engineers

SSPC = The Society for Protective Coatings

PSPC = Performance Standard for Protective Coatings

IMO = International Maritime Organization

ASFP = Association for Specialist Fire Protection

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