

As with all powder coatings, this product may vary between lot numbers, KV settings, mil thickness, oven temperatures, application equipment and technique. We recommend a clear topcoat to maintain the appearance and prevent oxidation on metallic powder coatings.

Always coat a sample before any production to determine if this product meets all your requirements.

### Item Code / Color Name:

PSS 11342 Ford Cactus Gray

### Suggested Cure Time and Temperature:

The cure time starts when the substrate reaches temperature. Always check temperature of thickest part of the substrate.

15 Minutes at 350°F (176°C)

### Special Instructions / Notes:

Each additional coat of powder coating will act as an insulator, which will require extra time for the substrate to reach temperature. Extend cure times as needed.

To achieve the proper color, a clear top coat must be applied. Inconsistent mil thickness of the base coat or top coat can lead to uneven color results. Apply the base coat and top coat according to the recommended mil thickness listed. Wait until the part has thoroughly cooled before applying the top coat. After the top coat has been applied, fully cure according to the topcoat's recommended cure schedule.

We strongly recommend spraying a test panel before applying any additional base coats or top coats to your project. This ensures the final color meets your specifications and allows you to be fully prepared for any potential color or finish changes.

### Powder Properties:

Thermosetting Powder Coating  
Powder Type: Polyester (Does not contain TGIC)  
Gloss: High Gloss: 85+ Gloss Units  
Recommended Use: Exterior / Interior  
Adhesion/Crosshatch: 5B  
Mandrel Bend: 98% Resistance  
Indirect Impact: 80 Inch-pounds  
Direct Impact: 80 Inch-pounds  
Pencil Hardness: 2H  
Specific Gravity: 1.49+/-0.05  
Finish Type: Solid Tone  
Storage: Store in a cool, dry environment 70° F (21° C)  
Shelf Life: 6-8 Months

## Application:

Pre-treatment and proper prep to substrate before powder coating are critical factors in developing maximum corrosion resistance and maximizing the product's lifetime. Electrostatic spray to a cold substrate. Please see application guide for additional information.

**Recommended Mil Thickness: 2.0-3.0 MILS**

## Equipment Information:

Gun System: Nordson Encore LT  
Fluidized Hopper Recommended  
Not Recommended for Tribo Application  
Suggested Nozzle: Conical Tip With Diffuser  
Alternative tips can be used but may cause color variation.

## Testing parameters are as follows:

- **Gloss Units and levels** are measured at a 60° angle
- **Adhesion** is measured on a scale of 0B, 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, with 5B being the highest achievable rating.
- **Flexibility or Conical Mandrel Bend:** "100% Resistance" is the highest achievable rating and indicates that the coating did not crack or spall.
- **Impact Performance Direct/ Indirect:** is measured on a scale of 0 inch-pounds to 160 inch-pounds, with 160 inch-pounds being the highest achievable rating.
- **Type of Substrate:** Mild Steel Q panel/ Aluminum Q panel (Blasted/ Unblasted)

Not all powder coating is recommended for exterior use; it is the buyer's responsibility to ensure they purchase a product best-suited for the intended application. Certain pigment types, such as those found in the Illusion Series and Transparent powders, do not have the same level of UV resistance as those found in Solid Tone finish types.

Exterior topcoats applied to interior finishes may improve UV resistance and durability of the product but DOES NOT ensure a long-lasting exterior finish. Please conduct your own testing to ensure the products you choose meet your requirements.

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