



SilFORT[™] SHP401 SilFORT* SHP401 Description SilFORT AS4000 Hard Coat

AS4000 premium-performance hard coat is a clear, non-yellowing silicone coating which provides optimal protection against deterioration from weather, including ultraviolet rays, heat, cold, rain, snow and ice. It also resists damage from sand and dirt. AS4000 may be used with any of the following primers: LHP100PM, SHP401. **SilFORT SHP401 Primer**

SHP401 primer is used as an adhesion promoter for AS4000 hard coat on polycarbonate parts. It can be applied by flow, dip or spray coating. The primer is designed to air dry and should be tack free in about 10 minutes.

The AS4000/SHP401 coating system passes the requirements of the DOT FMVSS#108 and is included in the AMECA List of Acceptable Plastics for Optical Lenses and Reflectors Used on Motor Vehicles. It also complies with the ECE Automotive Regulations for European forward lighting applications.

Key Features and Benefits AS4000 Hard Coat

- Ultraviolet resistance
- Thermal resistance
- Abrasion and mar-resistance
- Good clarity
- Solvent/chemical resistance

SHP401 Primer

• No thermal cure required

- Improves coating adhesion
- Improves water resistance
- Improves ultraviolet resistance

Typical Physical Properties

AS4000	SHP401	
Hard Coat Values	Primer Values	
20 ± 1	2.1 ± 0.2	
Methanol, n-butanol,	1-Methoxy-2-propanol,	
isopropanol	diacetone alcohol	
19.4°C (67°F)	36.1°C (97°F)	
7.6 ± 0.1 (0.91)	7.7 ± 0.1 (0.925)	
7.0 ± 0.5	-	
3 months at ≤10°C	6 months at ambient	
(50°F)	temperature	
4-7	4-7	
728	907	
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Cured Properties:

SHP401 Primer/AS4000 Hard Coat on Lexan®[†] Polycarbonate (0.5 micron primer/5.0 microns top coat)

Taber Abrasion ¹	<u><</u> 10 d% Haze
Water Immersion ²	≥ 250 Hrs.
UV-B ³	≥ 3,000 Hrs.
#0000 Steel Wool ⁴	No visual scratches
Impact Resistance ⁴	No fracture or chipping
Heat/Humidity/Cold Cycle Test ⁵	Passed 15 cycle (90 days)

1 Taber Abrader with 500g load, CS10F wheels at 500 cycles. Haze measured per ASTM D1003. Higher haze indicates greater abrasion. Humidity during coating and Taber wheel variability will affect final values.

2 Temperature = 65° C.

3 Exposure data on UV instrument manufactured by Q Panel Corp. Cycle is 8 hours, FS 40 lamps on at 70°C and 4 hours off with condensing humidity at 50°C. 4 FMVSS 108

5 GM MG5060 Chemical/Solvent Resistance

Ethylene Glycol Antifreeze	Windshield Washer Fluid	
Heavy Duty Brake Fluid (Glycol)	Tar Remover	
Gasoline (Leaded) or Petrol	Power Steering Fluid	
Wax Remover	Sulfuric Acid (0.1N)	
Heavy Duty Detergent	Sodium Hydroxide (0.1N)	
10W40 Motor Oil		

Patent Status

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Product Safety, Handling and Storage

CAUTION:

Compatibility of Momentive Performance Materials hard coat and polycarbonate resins is dependent on anumber of factors including operational stresses, chemical exposure, temperature levels, impact and exposure to ultraviolet light. While it is up to the end user to determine what application specific testing isappropriate, it is suggested that all polycarbonate resin applications be tested for at least thirty (30) days for compatibility and crazing with this hard coat use. There is no dependable substitute for careful testing of production parts in typical operating environments.

AS4000 Hard Coat

Refrigeration is required. The warranty period is 3 months from date of shipment from MomentivePerformance Materials if stored in the original unopened container at 10°C or lower.

SHP401 Primer

Store and ship at ambient temperature, approx. 2-43°C. When stored in original sealed containers, SHP401primer will have a warranty period of 6 months. Exposure to low temperatures may cause some solidprecipitation. If this occurs, the precipitate may be

re-dissolved by submerging the closed container in awater bath. Mix until homogeneous.

Customers should review the latest Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and label for product safety information, safehandling instructions, personal protective equipment if necessary, emergency service contact information, and any special storage conditions required for safety. Momentive Performance Materials (MPM) maintainsan aroundthe-clock emergency service for its products. SDS are available at www.momentive.com or, uponrequest, from any MPM representative. For product storage and handling procedures to maintain the productquality within our stated specifications, please review Certificates of Analysis, which are available in theOrder Center. Use of other materials in conjunction with MPM products (for example, primers) may requireadditional precautions. Please review and follow the safety information provided by the manufacturer of suchother materials.

Processing Recommendations

General Requirements

Coating area should be clean, dust-free (Class 10,000 or better),well-ventilated and with the relative humiditycontrolled to $40 \pm 10\%$. If necessary, parts should be washed or wiped clean with isopropyl alcohol, a milddetergent solution and clean water rinse, followed by a filtered-air blow-off and a final ionized-air blow-off.Cleanliness is critical for the production of good parts. Both primer and hard coating solutions should be filtered continuously or just prior to use to approximately 0.5 to 1.0 micron, using a 3 to 5 micron prefilter.Electric or indirect gas-fired ovens with good convection and air exchange are recommended.

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The hard coat can be applied to primed parts by dip, spray, or flow coating. For spray applications and arge-part flow coating, the coating can be reduced to 15% solids with an appropriate solvent (e.g. n-butanolor IPA). Topcoat should be applied to result in a cured film thickness of 4.5 to 6.5 microns or thicker, depending on application. The coating should be allowed to dry at room temperature until tack free, 10 to 20minutes. After the part reaches a temperature of 130°C, AS4000 cures to an abrasion resistant hard coat in 30 to 60 minutes.

SHP401 Primer

The primer can be applied by dip, spray or flow coating to polycarbonate parts that have an initial stress levelunder 1000 psi. If a higher stress level is found to exist, the tool and molding conditions should be adjusted reduce residual stress on parts. Alternatively, parts can be annealed to reduce stress, (for example, 30minutes at 130°C for each 2,5 mm of part thickness.) If necessary, primer solids content may be reduced byadding 1-methoxy-2-propanol/diacetone alcohol (85/15) or pure 1-methoxy-2-propanol. The primer should beapplied to obtain a dry film thickness of approximately 0.5 micron. After application, the primer should air dryuntil tack free (approximately 10 minutes). Recirculate the primer through a 1 micron or better filter.

Limitations

Customers must evaluate Momentive Performance Materials products and make their own determination asto fitness of use in their particular applications.

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