

# Transpoxy Novacure 488

## Product description.

Transpoxy Novacure 488 is a solventless phenolic epoxy coating offering excellent resistance against corrosion and a selected range of chemicals such as hydrocarbons. The product offers good through curing properties enabling faster return to service than with ordinary tanklinings.

The product complies to the performance requirements of Def-Stan Standard 80-97 as well as those of the Energy Institute standard EI 1541 - 2016.

## Physical properties.

Product code	4.88
Colour	Light grey, White
Texture	Semi-gloss
Volume Solids	Approx. 98%
Specific gravity	Approx. 1.5 g/ml
VOC	Approx. 34 g/liter
Flashpoint	Both base and hardener > 100°C

## Usage data

Film thickness	Dry film thickness per coat (µm)	Wet film thickness per coat (µm)	Theoretical spreading rate (m <sup>2</sup> /l)
Range	200 - 500	210 - 525	4.8 - 1.9
Recommended	300	315	3.2

**Mixing ratio** By volume, base to hardener: 75 : 25

## Curing Times

	Substrate temperature		
	10°C	23°C	30°C
Touch dry	6 Hours	2 Hours	1 Hour
Dry to handle	16 Hours	8 Hours	6 Hours
Full cure	8 Days	5 Days	3 Days
Potlife	180 Minutes	90 Minutes	45 Minutes

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

The actual drying time/times may be shorter or longer, depending on film thickness, temperature, ventilation, humidity, preceding paint system etc.

## Recoating intervals - see application section

Recoated with	Substrate temperature					
	10°C		23°C		30°C	
	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
Single pack products	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-pack products	16 Hours	48 Hours	8 Hours	24 Hours	6 Hours	24 Hours

Recoating information is given for guidance only and subject to local climate and environmental conditions. Consult your local Transocean representative for specific recommendation.

As a general rule, the best intercoat adhesion is achieved when the subsequent coat is applied before the preceding coat has been fully cured. After prolonged exposure times it may be necessary to roughen the surface to ensure intercoat adhesion.

## Surface Preparation.

### Steel - Blast cleaning

All surfaces should be clean, dry and free from contamination. Surfaces should be treated in accordance with ISO 8504:2000. All edges shall be ground to a minimum radius of 2 mm. Remove weld spatter and smooth weld seams by using disc grinders, chipping hammers or other suitable power tools. Sharp edges, weld seams, corners and other areas that are likely to receive less dry film thickness than specified, should be stripe coated.

The surfaces shall be blast-cleaned to min. Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1:2007). The surface profile and the anchor pattern shall be between 40 µm and 70 µm.

The abrasives shall be free from oil, grease, moisture, chloride contamination etc.

### Coated substrates

All surfaces should be clean, dry and free from contamination. Surfaces should be treated in accordance with ISO 8504:2000. Ensure compatibility of the coated substrates with the selected paint system. If the remaining part of the existing coating system needs to be sweep-blasted, fine abrasive shall be used to avoid damage to the coating system.

When recoating aged coated substrates, damaged areas must be removed back to a firm edge. Light abrade or sweep-blast the surface in order to provide a physical key for adhesion.

When recoating zinc primed products, ensure the primer has been fully cured. Zinc salts products shall be removed by high pressure fresh water cleaning.

Contact your local Transocean office for more information.

## Application.

### Mixing

The product is supplied in 2 containers as a unit. Always mix a complete unit in the proportions supplied. Do not mix more material than can be used within the specified pot life.

- Stir the base (Part A) with a clean mechanical mixer.
- Then add the entire contents of Curing Agent (Part B) and mix thoroughly.

Avoid too vigorous mixing as it leads to in air inclusion, which may result in poor application results. If thinner is required, only add after mixing of the two components.

Irrespective of the substrate temperature, the advised minimum temperature of the mixed paint is 15 °C. At lower temperatures, more thinner may be required to obtain a proper application viscosity, which may result in lower sag resistance and slower curing.

### Conditions

The temperature of the substrate should be at least 10°C and at least 3°C above the dew point of the air.

Temperature and relative humidity should be measured in the vicinity of the substrate.

In general, the maximum recommended surface temperature is 40°C. Higher steel temperatures are acceptable provided dry-spray is avoided by proper spray application and extra thinning if required. In extreme cases it may be necessary to reduce film thickness in order to avoid sagging.

When applying the paint in confined spaces, provide adequate ventilation during application and drying. Observe local regulations. Please contact your local Transocean representative for a specific recommendation.

### Methods

<b>Guiding data Airless spray</b>	Pressure at nozzle	180 - 250 bar
	Nozzle size	0.41 - 0.58 mm
	Spray angle	40 - 80 degrees
	Volume of thinner	Thinning not advised

<b>Guiding data Airspray</b>	Pressure	Not applicable
	Nozzle size	
	Volume of thinner	

**Brush / Roller** Suitable for stripe coats and touch-up work only.

**Thinner** This is a solvent free product.  
Do not use any thinner except for cleaning equipment.

**Cleaner** Transocean Epoxy Thinner 6.03

**Film thickness.**

The paint must be applied as a continuous layer and as close to the specified wet film thickness as possible. Use a wet film thickness gauge to verify that the correct wet film thickness is applied.

Over application, excessive thinning, wrong application techniques etc. may lead to runs and sagging of the paint. When the paint is still wet, such effects can be rectified by brushing out the defected areas.

When the defect is noticed after curing of the paint, repair the affected areas by disc sanding to an even smooth surface and apply an additional coat of paint.

**Stripe Coating.**

Stripe coating may be required to achieve the specified film thickness on specific areas such as edges, corners, weld seams etc. Use a round brush and ensure proper wetting of all areas. Avoid excessive application as it will lead to brush marks and may also result in air entrapment, which is detrimental to the paint's performance.

**Additional usage instructions**

For this type of coating it is advised to use a heavy duty single feed airless. Compression 45 : 1, but preferably 60 : 1

Corners, edges and weld seams should be stripe-coated prior to a full coat application.

Allow ventilation during and after application of the coating system. Temperature of the ventilation air should lie between 20°C and 35°C. Continue ventilation until the system has fully cured.

Do not apply the coating when ambient temperature will be less than 10°C for more than 48 hours after application of the coating.

If at any time, a greasy appearing film is observed on the surface of the coating, the surface should be thoroughly wiped with clean rags saturated in Transocean Epoxy Thinner 6.03 or Transocean Cleaner 6.13. Allow evaporation of the solvent before recoating.

## Additional Product information

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### Storage and shelf life

The product must be stored in accordance with national regulations. The cans are to be kept in a dry, cool, well ventilated space and away from source of heat and ignition. Cans must be kept tightly closed and kept in original containers until required for use.

Partly used containers should be re-sealed securely and stored according to the recommended manner. (See section 7 of relevant MSDS).

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### Health and safety

Observe the precautionary notices on the label of the container. A material safety data sheet is available upon request and national or local safety regulations should be followed. This product is intended for use by professional applicators.

As a general rule, avoid skin- and eye contact by wearing overalls, gloves, goggles, mask, etc. Spraying should be carried out under well-ventilated conditions. This product contains flammable materials and should be kept away from sparks and open flames. Smoking in the area should not be permitted. Avoid the inhalation of vapours and particulates by the provisions of good natural ventilation sufficient to keep air-borne concentrations below the Occupational Exposure Standards during the application and drying of paint films.

In operations where natural ventilation is insufficient to achieve this - e.g. painting work in enclosed areas - exposure should be controlled by the use of local exhaust ventilation. When this is not reasonably practicable, suitable respiratory protective equipment must be worn. For spray application or when OES's are likely to be exceeded, use the respiratory equipment as recommended in for instance BS4275:1974. This specification gives advice on selection, use and maintenance of various types of breathing apparatus. Protect other persons in the area.

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### Disclaimer

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This Data Sheet supersedes all previous Data Sheets supplied to you relating to this product. It contains important information which must be communicated to the user. The user must satisfy himself of the suitability of the product for the intended application and surface, as surface and application conditions are beyond our control. The user must also satisfy himself of the suitability of the product in circumstances other than those set out in this data sheet. The user should also maintain appropriate control procedures. Should further information be required, please contact our Technical Department.

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