



## AE Series AQUA-ELITE™ Waterborne Pre-Catalyzed Clear Topcoat

The AE Series AQUA-ELITE™ is a line of self-crosslinking waterborne, acrylic wood coatings. They are water-white, non-flammable, low VOC, HAPs-Free, self-sealing coatings that are specifically designed for high demand interior wood finishing.

This product is part of the KCI GREENSTAR™ family of environmentally friendly coatings. KCI GREENSTAR™ products feature outstanding performance and meet or exceed all of the latest North American environmental standards. See the GREENSTAR™ Eco-Friendly Product Information Sheet for further details.

### SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS

- Interior trim and millwork
- Office furniture
- Household / institutional furniture
- Cabinets
- Kitchen and bath components

### KEY PERFORMANCE FEATURES

- Low odour, low VOC, HAPs free
- Formaldehyde and isocyanate free
- Non-flammable
- Excellent clarity / appearance
- Excellent mar and scratch resistance
- Easy to apply, excellent flow and levelling
- Outstanding chemical and moisture resistance
- Conforms to KCMA / ANSI 161.1 (2012) Standards
- Exceeds NAAWS System 8 "Acrylic Cross-linking, Water-based" Standard

### RELATED PRODUCTS

B7725 VISTA™ Pro Wipe Waterborne Wiping Stain



### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Available Sheens	10, 20, 40, 90
Weight Solids	31% ±2
Volume Solids	28% ±2
Viscosity	30-40" @ 25°C Ford 4
Specific Gravity	1.0050 +/- 0.01 gms/cc @ 25°C
VOC	98 g/l
Typical coverage	8-10 m <sup>2</sup> / ltr @ 1 mil dry

### ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Catalyzation	Not required
Pot-Life	n/a
Reduction	Max 3% by volume with water
Retarder	n/a
Clean-up	Water; if deeper clean is required, flush equipment with alcohol
Shelf-life:	6 months from date of manufacture

Dry Times  
26°C (~78°F) 50%RH

To Touch	10-20 minutes
To Sand	30-60 minutes
To Stack/Pack	24 hours

Note: Drying times will decrease at higher temperatures/lower humidity and will increase at lower temperatures/high humidity

**COATING PREPARATION** - Ensure product is stirred well and brought to room temperature before use. AE Series is gun ready for conventional, airless and air-assisted airless. Use only stainless steel or plastic components in areas of direct coating contact.

**SURFACE PREPARATION** - Wood surface should be clean, dry and free from any oil or grease. Pre-sanding of the wood is recommended in order to reduce grain raising and improve adhesion. Moisture content of the wood should be 7-9%. Stains, colour coats, glazes etc. should be applied according to manufacturer's directions should be dried prior to application of sealers or topcoats.

**APPLICATION** - This product is designed to be applied in ambient conditions of 12-32°C (~55-90°F) and below 50% relative humidity. AE Series topcoats are designed to be used self-sealing. Apply product in full uniform coats ideally applied at a rate of 3 to 4 mils wet. A normal finishing system consists of 2-3 coats AE Series. Total film thickness should not exceed 4 dry mils. Coating should be thoroughly dried and sanded smooth between coats. Sand with 240-320 grit professional finishing stearated, silicon carbide sandpaper.

It is recommended that the finished item be conditioned for 24 hours at room temperature prior to stacking and packing.

### SPRAY EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS –

Conventional Siphon Feed

- Nozzle (0.060 to 0.080 inches)
- Atomizing Pressure (25-40 psi)

Standard Pressure Pot

- Nozzle (0.060 to 0.080 inches)
- Atomizing Pressure (25-40 psi)
- Pot pressure (7-10 psi)

HVLP (suction feed)

- Nozzle (0.061 to 0.072 inches)
- Atomizing pressure (30-40 psi)

**SAFETY** – During application, always wear eye protection, gloves and appropriate work clothing to minimize contact. Use a respirator and safety glasses at all times when spraying. This product is freezable. Protect from freezing. Keep containers tightly closed and do not expose to extreme temperatures.

## AE Series AQUA-ELITE™ Waterborne Pre-Catalyzed Clear Topcoat (cont'd)

### PERFORMANCE TESTING / FILM CHARACTERISTICS

All performance testing is based on a composite of ASTM, AWI, ANSI and KCMA Standards

#### KCMA Testing (ANSI/KCMA A161.1.1.2000)

Test samples consist of solid red oak coated at 4 mils dry and aged for 21 days at room temperature

#### A. Chemical Testing

- Vertical position for 24 hrs, water washed, dried, examined

Vinegar	Pass
Orange Juice	Pass
Ketchup	Pass
Olive Oil	Pass
Mustard	Pass
Lemon Juice	Pass
Grape Juice	Pass
Coffee	Pass
100 Proof Alcohol	Pass

#### B. Detergent & Water Resistance Test

- PASS: No signs of blistering, whitening, delamination, swelling

#### C. Heat Resistance Test

- PASS: No signs of discoloration, whitening, delamination or swelling

#### D. Hot/Cold Cycle Test

- PASS: 10 cycles with no signs of discoloration, blistering, cold cracking or any film failure

#### Hot Print Resistance (ASTM D 2091-96)

- Test samples consisted of 1 mil dry film aged for 24 hours at room temperature prior to print testing
- Duck cloth under a weight of 4 psi was then placed on dry film surface for a defined temperature/time
  - 72F (18 hrs) 4 psi: pass
  - 120F (1 hr) 4 psi: pass
  - 140F (1 hr) 4 psi: pass

#### Hot/Cold Cycling Test (ASTM D 1211-97)

- Test samples were coated on red oak at 4 mils dry and aged 21 days at room temperature prior to testing
- One cycle consisted of:
  - 120F / 70% RH for 1 hour
  - Room temperature for 1 hour
  - 5F for 1 hour
- Specimens examined for discoloration, blistering, cold cracking and film failure
- No signs of failure at 10 cycles

#### Flammability Testing (ASTM E 84-08a) Surface Burn Rating

- Test samples consisted of fiberglass reinforced cement board coated with 4 mils dry of AE Series AQUA-ELITE™
- Samples were aged for 21 days at room temperature prior to testing
- Flame Spread Index: 5.0 Class 1 / Class A
- Smoke Development: 5.0 Class 1 / Class A

#### AWMAC / AWI (NAAWS Performance Standards Testing)

System # 8 Acrylic Crosslinking Water based:

- Standard Score – 109/135
- AE Series score - 116/135

#### Section A: Chemical Resistance Testing ASTM D1308

Vinegar	4	Red Wine	5
Lemon Juice	5	Windex	4
Orange Juice	5	Fantastic 409	4
Ketchup	5	Lysol	2
Coffee	5	33% Sulphuric Acid	3
Olive Oil	5	77% Sulphuric Acid	1
Boiling Water	4	28% Na <sub>4</sub> OH	5
Cold Water	5	Gasoline	4
Nail Polish Remover	4	Murphy's Oil Soap	5
Household Ammonia	4	Vodka 100% Proof	4
VM&P Naphtha	5	1% Detergent	5
Isopropyl Alcohol	4	10% TSP	5

Rating: 1: Poor 2: Fair 3: Good 4: Very good 5: Excellent

#### Section B: Wear Resistance / ASTM D4060 Abrasion Resistance

Rating: 4/5

#### Section C: Cold Check Resistance / ASTM D1211

Rating: 5/5

#### Section D: Cross Hatch Adhesion / ASTM D3359

Rating: 5/5

**TOTAL SCORE: 116/135**

**DISPOSAL** - Disposal of chemicals and their solutions should be done according to local, provincial and federal regulations. Safety Data Sheets are available and should be consulted when handling products. These products are for industrial and professional use only; Application directions must be followed.

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