



## AEW Series AQUA-ELITE™ Waterborne Pre-Catalyzed White Topcoat

The AEW Series AQUA-ELITE™ is a line of self-crosslinking waterborne, acrylic white wood coatings. They are non-flammable, low VOC, HAPs free coatings that are specifically designed to be used in conjunction with KCI's AU1 AQUASURF ULTRA™ Waterborne Universal White Primer or AU2 AQUASURF ULTRA™ Waterborne Neutral Primer in high demand interior wood finishing applications.

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 furniture
- Cabinets
- Kitchen and bath components

### KEY PERFORMANCE FEATURES

- Low odour, low VOC, HAPs free
- Formaldehyde and isocyanate free
- Non-flammable
- Excellent mar and scratch resistance
- Outstanding chemical and moisture resistance
- Excellent flow and levelling
- Fast dry, easy sand
- Conforms to KCMA / AWI Standards

### RELATED PRODUCTS

AU1 AQUASURF ULTRA™ Waterborne White Primer  
AU2 AQUASURF ULTRA™ Waterborne Neutral Primer  
896 Series Water-Based Colourants



### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Available Sheens	10, 20, 40
Weight Solids	42% ± 2
Volume Solids	28% ± 2
Viscosity	50-60" @ 25°C Ford 4
Specific Gravity	1.1770 +/- 0.01 gms/cc @ 25°C
VOC	97 g/l
Typical coverage	8-12 m <sup>2</sup> / ltr @ 1 mil dry

### ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

Catalyzation	Not required
Pot-Life	n/a
Reduction	5% 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

**COLOUR DEVELOPMENT** – AQUA-ELITE™ White Topcoats can be tinted with 896 series colourants up to a maximum of 5% by volume. For deeper colours mix 1:1 with AQUA-ELITE™ Clear Topcoat.

**COATING PREPARATION** - Ensure product is stirred well and brought to room temperature before use. Product may be sprayed by conventional, airless and air-assisted airless spray and is gun ready. Reduce with water up to 5% by volume. Ensure product is mixed after addition of colourants and water.

**SURFACE PREPARATION** - Wood surface should be clean, dry and free from any oil or grease. Sand surface smooth with 150-180 grit sand paper.

**APPLICATION** - This product is designed to be applied in ambient conditions of 12-32°C (~55-90°F) and below 50% relative humidity.

For easier primer application, seal routed MDF areas with AE Series AQUA-ELITE™ Clear Topcoat. Allow to dry 30-60

minutes at room temperature and sand coated areas with 240-320 grit sandpaper. Prime the entire surface with AU1 AQUASURF ULTRA™ WB White Primer at a rate of 3-4 mils wet. Allow to dry 30-60 minutes and sand entire surface with 240-320 grit sand paper. Apply AEW Series white topcoat in a full even coat (4-5 wet mils). Allow to dry for 1-2 hours at room temperature and sand the entire surface with 240-320 grit sand paper. Apply a second thin coat of AEW Series white topcoat at 3 to 4 wet mils.

Proper sanding is critical to produce a smooth finish and promote adhesion between the primer and the topcoat. Total film thickness of the finished system (primer and topcoat) should not exceed 5 dry mils.

**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.

## AEW Series AQUA-ELITE™ Waterborne Pre-Catalyzed White 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 AEW 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:

- AEW Series score - 103/135

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

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

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: 103/135**

**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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