

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET



**NeverFade® METAL RESTORATION TOPCOAT**  
with Kynar Aquatec®  
Water-Based PVDF  
**PRODUCT #: P-SERIES CUSTOM**



## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The NeverFade® METAL RESTORATION with Kynar Aquatec® coating system is one of APV's most advanced, field applied topcoat chemistries for the architectural industry. This water-based and low VOC product is engineered specifically for aluminum, steel, decorative metals and other ferrous and non-ferrous metal building products, offering high resistance to UV degradation. Offered with a 15-year transferable warranty on color fading, NeverFade® has proven its longevity in protecting and preserving metal exteriors with a in harsh UV-prone environments while maintaining color vibrance- even with dark colors and earth-tones.

Along with color performance, NeverFade® protects surfaces against algae, fungus, abrasion, dirt pickup, and stains and does not chalk or break down overtime like traditional exterior acrylic latex coatings, powder coatings, and urethanes.



Natural elements, such as sunlight, water, wind, and air, drastically break down coatings overtime. The heart of the Kynar Aquatec® ARC emulsion technology, the key ingredient in the NeverFade® Metal Restoration Topcoat, is the carbon-fluorine (C-F) bond. The C-F bond is one of the strongest bonds known and it is the basis for extreme weatherability, withstanding harsh thermal, chemical, and ultraviolet environmental conditions.

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:

Type:	Water-Based
Color:	Custom
Mix:	One Component
Viscosity:	63 SECONDS, #3 ZAHN CUP
Weight per Gallon (ASTM D 1475-90):	9 -12 lbs/gal (1.083-1.443 g/ml)
Gloss @ 60°	10-20 (Eggshell), 30-45 (Semi-gloss)
pH:	8 - 10
Flash Point:	> 167 °F (75°C)
Solids:	39-55% by weight 32-45% by volume
VOC:	40 - 100 g/l (depending on color)
Film thickness:	5 - 6 mil wet, 2 mil dry
Coverage:	350 - 400 sq ft/gal
Dry to touch:	15 - 30 minutes
Recommended Recoat Window:	Min. 6 hours Max. 7 days (same product)
Fully Cured:	30 days
Application Temperature:	55°F - 85°F
Humidity:	5°F above dew point
Adhesion to Substrates:	Primer required
Shelf Life:	12 Months Unopened
Freeze Caution:	Keep from freezing

## SUBSTRATES:

NeverFade® Metal Restoration Topcoat is recommended for use over a number of substrates including Aluminum, Steel, Stainless Steel and Decorative Metals. Other substrates are acceptable, contact APV Engineered Coatings' Technical Department for approval and application requirements.

## SHEENS:

NeverFade® Metal Restoration Topcoat is available in Eggshell and Semi-gloss sheens. Flat or high-gloss may be formulated under special request.

## REDUCTION:

Use as supplied, in some cases add water or L-0811 to slow dry.

## PACKAGING:

NeverFade® Metal Restoration Topcoat is ready-to-use as supplied. Packaging sizes include: 1 gallon cans, 5 gallon pails and 55 gallon drums.

## FEATURES:



Engineered with Kynar Aquatec®

Contains Complex Inorganic Pigments

Exceptional Resistance to UV Degradation & Chalking

Water-Based

Low VOC

Long-term Protection for Metal Façades

Resistant to Algae & Fungal Growth

Resistant to Abrasion

Resistant to Dirt Pick-up & Stains

Spray, Brush, or Roll Application

Custom Matched Colors

## SUBSTRATE PREPARATION:

Although APV's coating systems have been designed to apply over a wide variety of surface types, some substrates require additional preparation. Always consult your APV technical representative regarding each project. In all cases, the substrate must be properly prepared as defined in the instructions below and tested using the ASTM D3359 Standard Test Methods for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test prior to coating the surface. Follow the guidelines on surface preparation and application thoroughly by referencing the **Field Coatings Guide**. Inadequate surface preparation and application can lead to coating failure and/or under-performance.

## APPLICATION:

### TEMPERATURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

Ambient air temperature is pertinent to coating performance and cure. Be sure to check that the air, surface, and material are between 55°-85°F and at least 5°F above the dew point. Avoid application if precipitation is expected within 24 hours and/or if air or surface temperature is expected to drop below 35°F within two days. Use caution when applying paint in direct sunlight as the flow, leveling and application characteristics will be adversely affected.

**Wind Velocity** | High wind velocity can severely impair spray application which can result in loss of materials, low film build, excessive dry spray or overspray. It is recommended to delay work until wind conditions are below 15 m.p.h.

**Dust and Contamination** | Work areas should be protected from conditions where dust and contamination are possible during the application and curing process. Dust and contaminants that settle on fresh applied coatings can impair the integrity of the coating leading to a shorter coating life and reduced performance. Please ensure your work area is free from dust and contaminants. If any previous coatings accumulate dust or contaminants, remove those before adding succeeding coats.

**Mixing and Thinning** | NeverFade® topcoats and associated primer systems should be mixed thoroughly before use with an air mixer for 10-15 minutes. No dilution is necessary for most applications. However, all products can be reduced if needed for application. Additional products can be used to slow dry time. Please reference the reduction and viscosity information in Figure 1 and always consult your APV representative.

**Ventilation** | Always use adequate ventilation and proper NIOSH approved respirator when applying NeverFade® topcoats and associated primer systems. Avoid breathing mist or sanding dust created by the application or surface preparation.

### FILM THICKNESS AND SPREADING RATE

Theoretical spreading rates as defined in the Technical Data Sheet can be used as a guide for determining film thickness. However, to validate proper film thickness, wet thickness readings should be taken at random locations immediately after application. A Nordson Wet Film Gauge or similar instrument should be used for this purpose.

Dry film thickness should be measured to validate proper thickness and coverage. Consult SSPC-PA2, Sections IV, Paint Thickness Measurement. Readings should be taken in accordance with the specification's standards mentioned above.

Applying the appropriate film thickness is important to the performance characteristics of the coating. Be careful not to apply too heavy of a coat. Excessive paint on the surface may result in runs and sags, producing an unsightly appearance, as well as weak spots in the film. A heavy coat weight may also change the drying properties causing wrinkling or cracking, and adversely affect intercoat adhesion. Applying too thin of a coat can impact the service life of the coating system and could mean discontinuity in coverage.

Proper film thickness, as referenced in Figure 1, is critical and will need to be recorded for warranty compliance.

### BRUSH, ROLL AND SPRAY APPLICATION

NeverFade® and associated primer systems can be applied with a brush, roller, or spray gun. When using a spray application, it is advisable to back-roll surfaces to assure proper wetting of the substrate.

**Brush** | Nylon/Polyester Brush

**Roller** | 1/4"-3/4" nap cover; recommended roller type: Wooster® brand Pro Doo-Z or Microplush

**Spray** | Conventional, HVLP, Airless, & Air Assisted Airless | Consult an APV Equipment Specialist for recommendations on spray tips, caps, nozzles, fluid, and air pressures at [info@apvcoatings.com](mailto:info@apvcoatings.com).

## CLEANUP INFORMATION:

Always observe good professional hygiene practices and wash hands thoroughly after using our products. Clean hands immediately after use with soap and water. Use water to thoroughly clean application equipment. This will keep the coating from curing onto the surfaces. Any cured or dried coating left on the equipment will have to be removed with standard grade paint thinner. After cleaning, flush spray equipment with water or a water/solvent blend.

**CAUTIONS.** It is necessary for the integrity of the job that contractors ensure all personnel are properly protected from hazards when coating, or blast cleaning. There are numerous OSHA standards that cite how, where, and when workers need to be protected. You should consult OSHA, local, and equipment officials before starting the job to ensure your complete compliance with the law to avoid any liability issues. Product labels, Product Data Sheets, and Safety Data Sheets should always be consulted prior to any coating operations, and safety and health details should be addressed prior to implementing these operations.

Always dispose of dry, empty containers in compliance with local or state regulatory codes. First Aid: In case of eye contact, flush with water for 15 minutes. In case of skin contact, wash with soapy and water. If you experience difficulty breathing, seek a fresh source of air. In all cases, if you continue to experience discomfort, seek medical attention immediately. All products are for professional use only. Do not take internally. Keep out of reach of children. **Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for safety instructions.**

**WARNING!** Removal of old paint may generate fumes and dust that contain lead. This may be a step in the surface preparation process outlined previously. Lead can cause serious health issues. For more information regarding the proper protective equipment, containment, and cleanup for the removal of lead based paints contact the **National Lead Information Center at 1.800.424.LEAD** or contact your local health authority.



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\*NeverFade® uses a specialized pigment system. Some colors may not incorporate this pigment system which, therefore, will not be covered under the warranty. APV will notify all customers if the chosen color falls outside of this system.

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