Hi-Pon 20-03 Epoxy Red Oxide Primer is a two-pack amine-adduct cured epoxy primer designed for use as a high performance primer for many types of surfaces i.e. aluminium, galvanizing, steelwork, concrete, GRP and phenolic sheeting.

As a primer for long term corrosion of both ferrous and non-ferrous surfaces within the civil engineering and building industry, and as lining systems for potable water, chemical and fuel storage tanks, palm oil derivatives and vegetable oil.

**GENERAL PROPERTIES**

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<tr>
<td>Colour</td>
<td>Reddish Brown</td>
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<td>Gloss Level</td>
<td>Matt</td>
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<td>Volume Solids, %</td>
<td>50 ± 2 %</td>
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<tr>
<td>Specific Gravity</td>
<td>1.20 – 1.40 kg/l (Mixed)</td>
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<td>Flash point</td>
<td>Base: 7°C, Hardener: 23°C, Mix: 7°C</td>
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<td>VOC</td>
<td>512 g/L (EPA Method 24)</td>
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<td>Typical Thickness</td>
<td>60 – 80 μm dry film</td>
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<td>120 – 160 μm wet film</td>
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**SURFACE PREPARATION**

All surfaces should be clean, dry and free from contamination. The surface should be assessed and treated in accordance with ISO 8504. Oil or grease should be removed in accordance with SSPC-SP1 solvent cleaning.

**Abrasive Blast Cleaning**

Abrasive blast cleaning to Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1:2007) or SSPC-SP6. For optimum performance, blast cleaned to SSPC-SP10 with a surface profile of 50 – 75 microns (2 – 3 mils). If oxidation has occurred between the blasting and application of this product, the surface should be re-blasted to the specified visual standard. Surface defect revealed by the blast cleaning process should be ground, filled or treated in the appropriate manner.

**Shop Primer Surface**

This product is suitable for application to the unweathered steelwork freshly coated with zinc silicate shop primers. If the zinc shop primer shows extensive or widely scattered breakdown or excessive zinc corrosion, overall sweep blasting will be necessary. Other types of shop primer are not suitable for over coating and will required complete removal by abrasive blast cleaning. Weld seams and damaged areas should be blast cleaned to Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1:2007).
Damaged Area
Damage area should be prepared with abrasive blast cleaning to Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1:2007). When abrasive blasting in small area is not possible, mechanical cleaning to St 3 (ISO 8501-1:2007) is acceptable.

Hi-Pon 20-03 Epoxy Red Oxide Primer should be applied over a surface that is dry and free from all contamination and must be applied within the overcoating intervals specified (refer to application section for details).

Other Surfaces
The coating may be used on other substrates. Please contact your local Nippon Paint office for more information.

Avoid paint application when the temperature is below 10°C and relative humidity is over 85%. The temperature of steel surface must be a minimum 3°C above dew point of surrounding air.

Mixing Ratio
: Base : Hardener = 9 : 1 (by volume)
  Base and hardener should be mixed thoroughly before use.

Pot Life
: 25°C
  6 hours

Theoretical Coverage
: 6.2 m²/litre at 80 µm DFT

Thinner
: Hi-Pon Epoxy Thinner

Airless spray is recommended for application. Brush and roller are recommended for stripe coating and small areas. Care must be taken to achieve the specified dry film thickness.

Airless Spray
: Tip Size
  : 0.015” – 0.021”
  Pressure at nozzle : 140 – 170 kg/cm²

Typical Thickness
: 60 – 80 µm dry film
: 120 – 160 µm wet film

Drying Time
: Substrate Temperature
  : 25°C
  : 40°C
  Surface Dry
  : 1 hr
  : 0.5 hr
  Through Dry
  : 6 hrs
  : 3 hrs
  Cured
  : 7 days
  : 3 days
  Dry to recoat (min)
  : 6 hrs
  : 3 hrs
  Dry to recoat (max)* : Extended
The given data must be considered as guidelines only. The actual drying time/times before recoating may be shorter or longer, depending on film thickness, ventilation, humidity, underlying paint system, requirement for early handling and mechanical strength etc. A complete system can be described on a system sheet, where all parameters and special conditions could be included.

* Where an “extended” overcoating time is stated, consult Nippon Paint Protective Coatings for recommended surface preparation to achieve optimal intercoat adhesion.

The following coating systems are recommended for Hi-Pon 20-03 Epoxy Red Oxide Primer:

**Intermediate**
- Hi-Pon 20-03 Epoxy White Primer
- Hi-Pon 20-04 STE 80
- Hi-Pon 20-04 STE IM 80
- Hi-Pon 30-02 Epoxy MIO 80
- Hi-Pon 30-03 Epoxy Midcoat 80

**Topcoat**
- Hi-Pon 40-02 Epoxy Top Coat
- Hi-Pon 40-04 Epoxy Top Coat
- Hi-Pon 50-01 Polyurethane Top Coat
- Hi-Pon 50-03 Polyurethane Top Coat

For the choice of coating system for different application, refer to the product brochure or contact Nippon Paint for professional recommendation.

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<td>Vol</td>
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<td>5 L</td>
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<td>20 L</td>
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**Shelf life**
- Part A: 12 months (25°C)
- Part B: 12 months (25°C)

Subject to re-inspection thereafter. Higher temperature during storage may reduce the shelf life and may lead to gelling in the tin. Frequent temperature cycles may also shorten the shelf life.
Store in tightly closed container in a dry, cool and well ventilated space, keep away from sources of heat and ignition.

- This product is intended for use of professional applicators. Refer to the safety information display on the container and in the safety data sheet (SDS) before using the product.
- Use this product in well-ventilated area, avoid skin contact, spillage on the skin should immediately be removed with suitable cleanser, soap and water.
- Eye should be well flush with water and seek for medical attention immediately upon contact with this product.
- During the application, naked flame, welding operation and smoking is not allowed. Adequate ventilation should be provided.
- If you have any doubt regarding the suitability of use, refer to Nippon Paint for further advice.

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