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**For Autoclear III users**

a. 100:50:30
   - Autoclear Mat
   - Sikkens Standard Hardener
   - Sikkens Production Activator

b. 100:33:50
   - Autoclear Mat
   - Sikkens XP Hardener
   - Sikkens Production Activator

Use the Sikkens Measuring Stick
#1 (Black), for 100:50:30 ratio
#25 (Blue), for 100:33:50 ratio

2-3x1
HVLP Siphon (1.8–2.2 mm)
HVLP Gravity (1.3–1.5 mm)
Max 10 psi (max 0.8 bar)

5-10 minutes at 70°F (20°C)

7 hours at 70°F (20°C)
20 minutes at 140°F (60°C)

**Use suitable respiratory protection**
Contains acrylic resins, xylene and other ingredients. When mixed, Autoclear Mat also contains isocyanates.

Read complete TDS for detailed product information
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<td>- Autocryl Hardener Rapid: a fast curing hardener used for spot and panel repairs, and for cool weather.</td>
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| Activators:|               |
| - Sikkens Production Activator: an accelerated activated reducer for Medium repairs. Temperatures from 65°F–95°F (18°C–35°C) |
| - Sikkens Rapid Activator: an accelerated activated reducer for spot and panel repairs at 55°F–85°F (15°C–28°C) |

| Additives:|               |
| - Autocryl Elast-O-Actif: additive to increase flexibility of Autoclear Mat, for use on flexible parts. |
| - Autocryl Extratop: a catalyst additive, which provides faster hardening of Autoclear Mat. |
| - Autoclear III or Autoclear HS+: If higher levels of gloss are needed, please see heading “Adjustment of Gloss Level” in this technical data sheet. |

Basic raw materials

- Autoclear Mat: hydroxyl resins
- Sikkens Standard Hardener: polyisocyanate resins
- Sikkens XP Hardener: polyisocyanate resins
- Autocryl Hardeners: polyisocyanate resins

Alternate mixing

(For Autoclear HS + users)

Using Autocryl Hardener or Autocryl Hardener rapid with Sikkens Production Activator, Autoclear Mat should be mixed as follows:

3 parts by volume of Autoclear Mat, with
1 part by volume of Autocryl Hardener
1 part by volume of Sikkens Production Activator.

For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #9 (Grey).
Suitable substrates

- Autobase Plus® Solid, Metallic and Pearl colors: after a flash-off time of 15–20 minutes at 70°F (20°C).
- Autobase Plus Single Stage converter: Solid colors of Autobase Plus, converted to a single stage, may be clear coated after a minimum of 15 minutes.
- Autocryl Solid colors: after a flash-off time of 15 minutes. Autocryl Metallic can be clear coated after 30 minutes at 140°F (60°C) or 16 hours at 70°F (20°C).
- Existing finish: in the case of spot repair.

See TDS “Spot Repairs With Autobase Plus” and TDS “Spot Repairs with Autocryl”.

Adjustment of gloss level

The following gloss levels can be achieved by mixing Autoclear Mat with Autoclear III or Autoclear HS+.

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<td>Autoclear Mat</td>
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<td>Matt (20–30 GU)</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>Eggshell (40–60 GU)</td>
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(GU = Gloss Units)
If the mixture has not been hardened. Stir the mixture thoroughly; add hardener and reducer to this mixture as shown below under the sub heading; Mixing Ratios.

Note: When using Autoclear III, both Autoclear III and Autoclear Mat must use the Sikkens Standard Hardener with Sikkens Production Activator at the mixing ratio of 100:50:30.

Note: For XP Hardener: When using Autoclear III, both Autoclear III and Autoclear Mat must use the Sikkens XP Hardener with Sikkens Production Activator at the mixing ratio of 100:33:50, #25 Measuring Stick.

Note: When mixing ready to spray Autoclear HS+ with ready to spray Autoclear Mat, the above ratios (for gloss level) should also be followed.

Mixing ratio

**Autoclear Mat / Autoclear III**

**Mixture A:** For rigid parts: (Sikkens Standard Hardener)

100 parts by volume Autoclear Mat/Autoclear III mixture
50 parts by volume Sikkens Standard Hardener
30 parts by volume Sikkens Production Activator

For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #1 (Black).
Mixture B: For flexible plastic parts:
   - 100 parts by volume Autoclear Mat/Autoclear III mixture
   - 20 parts by volume Autocryl Elast-O-Actif
For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #14 (Blue). Stir thoroughly; further preparation of the product is as follows:
   - 100 parts by volume mixed material
   - 50 parts by volume Sikkens Standard Hardener
   - 30 parts by volume Sikkens Production Activator
For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #1 (Black)

Mixture C: For rigid parts:
   - 100 parts by volume Autoclear Mat/Autoclear III mixture
   - 33 parts by volume Sikkens XP Hardener
   - 50 parts by volume Sikkens Production Activator
For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #25 (Blue).

Autoclear Mat / Autoclear III
Mixture D: For flexible plastic parts: (Sikkens XP Hardener)
   - 100 parts by volume Autoclear Mat/Autoclear III mixture
   - 20 parts by volume Autocryl Elast-O-Actif
For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #14 (Blue). Stir thoroughly; further preparation of the product is as follows:
   - 100 parts by volume mixed material
   - 33 parts by volume Sikkens XP Hardener
   - 50 parts by volume Sikkens Production Activator
For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #25 (Blue).

Autoclear Mat / Autoclear HS +
Mixture E: For rigid parts:
   - 3 parts by volume Autoclear Mat/Autoclear HS + mixture
   - 1 part by volume Autocryl Hardener Rapid
   - 1 part by volume Sikkens Production Activator
For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #9 (Grey).

Mixture F: For flexible plastic parts:
   - 100 parts by volume Autoclear Mat/Autoclear HS + mixture
   - 33 parts by volume Autocryl Elast-O-Actif
For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #9 (Grey). Stir throughly: further preparation of the product is as follows:
   - 3 parts by volume mixed material
   - 1 part by volume Autocryl Hardener Rapid
   - 1 part by volume Sikkens Production Activator
For easy and accurate mixing, use the Sikkens Measuring Stick #9 (Grey)
**Soft plastics**

As the amount of Autocryl Elast-O-Actif necessary to maintain flexibility of the topcoat over soft polyurethane foam parts is high, it is impossible for Autoclear Mat to retain its matt appearance.

For more information on spraying plastic car parts, see “Test Methods for Plastics Identification” TDS.

**Pot life**

When mixed with Autocryl Hardener Rapid: 45 minutes at 70°F (20°C).

When mixed with Sikkens Standard Hardener and Production Activator: 2 hours at 70°F (20°C).

**Spraying viscosity**

16–18 sec. ZAHN cup #2 (14–16 sec. DIN cup #4) at 70°F (20°C)

**Spray gun & pressure**

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**Application method**

Apply two to three single thin coats, allowing for a flash time of 5–10 minutes between coats. Heavy wet coats will increase the gloss effect.

**Flash times**

The flash times are dependent on air velocity and temperature. The correct choice of reducer should be made by determining the size of job and the spraying temperature. Please refer to subheading “Reducers or Activators” earlier in this technical data sheet.

**Drying time**

Autoclear Mat may be air dried or forced dried in a baking booth. The chart below shows the variations of dry times.

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**Film thickness**

Approximately 1.0 – 1.2 mils per single coat.

**Cover rate**

Approximately 70 sq. ft./liter of unmixed paint at a film thickness of 2.4 mils. It is a requirement that Autoclear Mat be applied at a film thickness of approximately 2.4 mils.

**Polishing**

As Autoclear Mat is designed to produce a low gloss (matt) appearance, polishing never recommended.

**Cleaning of equipment**

Clean equipment with Sikkens Cleaning Solvent 790 or lacquer thinner.

**Stock keeping**

- **Color:** Clear
- **Container size:** 1 liter
- **Shelf life:** Autoclear Mat: Two years if stored unopened at room temperature.

**Safety aspects**

**Ready to Spray VOC**

- Autoclear Mat 100:50:30 with Sikkens Standard Hardener / Production Activator:
  4.72 lb/gal.... (566 g/liter)
- Autoclear Mat 100:33:50 with Sikkens XP Hardener / Production Activator:
  4.73 lb/gal.... (567 g/liter)
- Autoclear Mat 3:1:1 with Autocryl Hardener / Production Activator:
  4.49 lb/gal....(538 g/liter)

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