

# Finish Primer 442

Technical Data Sheet: 153-40  
**P4420 / P4423**

- 1. Introduction** ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 is an epoxy-based finish primer offering advanced adhesion qualities over various substrates, exceptional sanding characteristics, and good film build.
- 2. Range of application** ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 is designed to prime and seal old and new, properly prepared, stable surfaces such as gelcoat and fiberglass, as well as to seal other Alexseal® primers and filler systems. Using this primer as a base enhances the "Wet Look" of ALEXSEAL®'s Topcoats. Finish Primer 442 may be used above and below the waterline.

- 3. Color**
- Colors of mixture: White / Gray  
 Base material: White / Gray  
 Converter: Clear

- 4. Coverage** Volume Solids catalyzed without reduction: 39 %.  
*Note: Coverage rates are figured for base and converter. Reducer is added as percent of total quantity of base & converter.*

	m <sup>2</sup> / liter	m <sup>2</sup> / gal	sq. ft. / gal	Rec. DFT in μm (mils)
<b>Theoretical</b>	6.2	23.5	253	75 - 100 (3 - 4)
<b>Practical</b>				
Conventional Air Spray Equipment	2.9	11.2	120	75 - 100 (3 - 4)
HVLP Air Spray Equipment	3.3	12.5	134	75 - 100 (3 - 4)
Brush / Roller	5.5	20.9	225	75 - 100 (3 - 4)

- 5. Substrate pre-treatment** The substrate must be clean, dry and free from dust, grease, oil and other contamination. Fiberglass and gel coat should be coated directly with ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 after sanding with 100 - 150 grit. Refit and repair: Old coatings must have good adhesion and chemical resistance and must be sanded with 100 - 150 grit. A compatibility test should be performed if the old coating is questionable. Steel and Aluminum should initially be coated with an ALEXSEAL® Metal Primer. Fairing Systems: ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 should be applied over ALEXSEAL® Super Build 302 after block sanding with 100 - 150 grit.

- 6. Trade names**
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|---------------|-------|---|
| Base Material | P4420 | ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 White       |
|               | P4423 | ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 Gray        |
| Converter     | C4427 | ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 Converter   |
| Reducer       | R4042 | ALEXSEAL® Epoxy Primer Reducer          |
| Accelerator   | A4429 | ALEXSEAL® Accelerator Finish Primer 442 |

- 7. Mixing ratio**
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|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 part by volume           | P..... | ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 Base      |
| 1 part by volume           | C4427  | ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 Converter |
| 5 to 25 % reduction (vol.) | R4042  | ALEXSEAL® Epoxy Primer Reducer        |
- Example: 1 : 1 : 1/4 = 12.5 % reduction for spray application

The amount of reducer required may vary depending on the application conditions.

Allow a 15 minute induction period after mixing base and converter, add reducer and remix.

442 may be reduced up to 25% for thin smooth applications such as use as a sealer where surfacing build is not as necessary.

R5015 ALEXSEAL® Topcoat Reducer Brush may be used for Brush or Hot Temp application.

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## 8. Application

Viscosity Zahn #2: ≈ 25 sec, DIN 4 cup 4mm: ≈ 21 sec  
 Nozzle Size Gravity Gun 1.4 to 1.8 mm (0.055 to 0.071) - Conventional & HVLP  
 Nozzle Size Siphon Cup 1.6 mm (0.060) - Conventional & HVLP  
 Fluid Nozzle Size Pressure Pot 1.2 to 1.6 mm (0.046 to 0.060) - Conventional & HVLP  
 Atomizing Pressure 2.0 to 4.0 bar (30 to 60 PSI) - Conventional & HVLP  
 Pot Pressure 0.7 to 1.5 bar (10 to 22 PSI) - Conventional & HVLP

### Spray & Brush

Apply 2 or 3 coats to a wet film thickness (WFT) of 100 - 220 microns (4 - 8 mils) per coat. This will achieve a dry film thickness (DFT) of 50 - 75 microns (2 - 3 mils) for a 2 coat application. Minimum recommended film thickness before sanding is 75 microns (3 mils) DFT. Maximum recommended film thickness during a spray application is 3 coats totaling 300 microns (12 mils) WFT, or 100 microns (4 mils) DFT.

### Accelerator

A4429 ALEXSEAL® Accelerator for Finish Primer 442 is used to reduce the drying time of ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442. Additional quantities of A4429 ALEXSEAL® Accelerator for Finish Primer 442 reduce pot life, and are not recommended.

Add up to 12.5% of A4429 to the catalyzed 442 epoxy primer, or 1 pint A4429 for each mixed gallon of base and converter. A4429 also replaces that amount of the reducer. Mixing to achieve 12.5% reduction using A4429 is 2 quarts base, 2 quarts converter, 1 pint A4429. Example 1:1:1/4.  
 Mixing for 25% overall reduction using this accelerator will require 12.5% reduction using A4429 and 12.5% reduction using R4042 Epoxy Primer Reducer. Example 1:1:1/4:1/4.

## 9. Pot life and Drying

Optimal application environment range - min. 15°C (60°F) 40% RH, up to max. 30°C (85°F) 80% RH

Temperature for minimum recoat time	15°C (60°F)	20°C (68°F)	25°C (77°F)	30°C (85°F)	Max Dry Time
Pot Life - approx.	12 hrs	12 hrs	12 hrs	12 hrs	N/A
Pot Life - with A4429 ALEXSEAL® Accelerator for Finish Primer 442	6 hrs	6 hrs	6 hrs	6 hrs	N/A
Dust Free	90 min	60 min	45 min	30 min	N/A
Tape Dry - without accelerator	30 hrs	24 hrs	18 hrs	14 hrs	N/A
Tape Dry - with A4429 ALEXSEAL® Accelerator for Finish Primer 442	24 hrs	18 hrs	14 hrs	12 hrs	N/A
Fully Cured - without accelerator	11 days	9 days	7 days	5 days	N/A
Recoat with another coat of ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442	3 hrs minimum	2 hrs minimum	1 hr minimum	1 hr minimum	24 hrs maximum
Overcoat with another product including 202, 302, 303, 328, 357 and 501. Sanding is required after max time.	12 hrs minimum	12 hrs Minimum	12 hrs minimum	12 hrs minimum	24 hrs maximum

Note: The above chart reflects approximate minimum and maximum time. Surface temperature, air flow, direct or non-direct sunlight, quantity and or choice of reducer, and film thickness will effect actual tack up, recoat, overcoat, and drying times during application. During the drying phase the minimum temperature is 15°C (60°F). Ideal temperature: 25°C (77°F). The minimum application condition should be 3°C (5.4°F) above dew point.

## 10. Packaging

P4420	ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 White	1 QT & 1 Gal
P4423	ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 Gray	1 QT & 1 Gal
C4427	ALEXSEAL® Finish Primer 442 Converter	1 QT & 1 Gal
R4042	ALEXSEAL® Epoxy Primer Reducer	1 QT & 1 Gal
A4429	ALEXSEAL® Accelerator Finish Primer 442	1 PT

## Professional Use Only

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