DC 315 applied over Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF), is an Alternative Barrier System to meet the “NBC of Canada 2010 Section 3.1.5.12” as a thermal barrier. To be approved as an Alternative Barrier System, DC 315 is applied over SPF, and is tested to the criteria of CAN/ULC S101 for a minimum duration of 10 minutes by an accredited fire testing facility. Independent test results show DC 315 will delay the involvement of SPF in a fire situation and will successfully protect against flashover, melting, and smoke development. DC 315 has received a CAN/ULC S 101 Listing for 25 minute duration and is certified and marked by Warnock Hersey Intertek (WHI). IFTI insist on consulting the Authority Having Jurisdiction prior to installing DC 315.

Characteristics

Color: All orders ship in Light Gray (White and Dark Gray available via special order)

V.O.C.: (47 g/l)

Volume Solids: 67%

Packaging: 5 gallon containers

Advantages of Using DC315 over Spray Polyurethane Foam

- DC 315 is the only 3rd party inspected fire protective coating for SPF
- marked and listed by Warnock Heresy Intertek W/N 20947
- Single coat coverage reducing labor and material costs equaling higher profits
- Industry leading spread rate
- Passed CAL 1350 - safe for use in schools and high occupancy buildings
- Passed strict EPA – V.O.C. and AQMD air emission requirements
- Approved for Incidental Food Contact complies with NSF/ANS1-51
- Easily applied with a sprayer, roller, or brush with no complicated mixing
- 1 year shelf life
- Fast and easy clean-up, with no waste and fast turnaround time
- Compatible with any paintable construction material
- Meets Life Safety Code 101
- Meets LEED’s point requirements
- No formaldehyde

DC 315 is the most tested and approved product in the world for use as an, “Alternative Thermal Barrier Coating System” over Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF).

Visit us at our website www.painttoprotect.com to obtain a current matrix of all the manufacturer’s foams DC 315 has been tested and approved over as a Thermal Barriers in compliance with current NBC of Canada codes.

If a coating has not passed a full scale test on a manufacturer’s foam it cannot be used on that foam.

Building Code Fire Performance Requirements for SPF:

All Model Building Codes mandate that spray polyurethane foam be separated from the interior of the building by a thermal barrier, or other approved covering. In Canada, DC 315 has passed CAN/ULC S101 testing with a rating of 25 minutes and satisfies “classification B” of section 3.1.5.12(2)(e) of the NBCC 2010. Testing was conducted at Standards Council of Canada recognized and accredited 3rd party testing facilities over SPF products manufactured in compliance with CAN/ULC S 705.1. SPF installation must be in compliance with the CAN/ULC S 705.2 and Thermal Barrier application must be documented on installers daily work report as per this standard.
In order to validate warranty and confirm the installation complies with IFTI’s best practices, installer must obtain all current installation documents and complete a job work record for each completed installation. Daily work records must be sent to IFTI within 10 days of project completion. Installation documents include Application Guide, Ventilation Guide and Job Work Report. These documents can be downloaded at www.painttoprotect.com or by calling IFTI at 949.975.8588

**Prior to Applying DC 315 to Ensure Proper Adhesion:** Adhesion of a coating to SPF requires the foam surface to have a slight profile or texture similar to an orange peel (view below). Smooth or glossy foam surfaces should be flash coated with a light 3 - 4 mils Wet Film Thickness (WFT) of DC 315 before applying the full application. Flash coating is a quick burst of a primer via airless sprayer over an area needing treatment. We also recommend flash coating around all pipes and air ducts.

![Orange Peel Surface Texture](image)
**Orange Peel Surface Texture**
Description: The surface shows a fine texture and is compared to the exterior skin of an orange. This surface is considered acceptable for receiving a protective coating.

![Coarse Orange Peel Surface Texture](image)
**Coarse Orange Peel Surface Texture**
Description: The surface shows a texture where nodules and valleys are approximately the same size and shape. This surface is acceptable for receiving a protective coating because of the roundness of the nodules and valleys.

![Smooth Surface Texture](image)
**Smooth Surface Texture**
Description: The surface shows spray undulation and is ideal for receiving a protective coating.

**Wait 12-24 hours to let foam off gas and cure before applying DC 315:**

**Surface Preparation:** All surfaces to be coated must be clean, cured, firm, dry and free of dust, dirt, oil, wax, grease, mildew, and efflorescence. The quality of any application is only as good as the surface preparation that precedes the application. Our coating has excellent bonding characteristics and will adhere to most sound, clean, foam surfaces. Verify that the surface of the foam is free of gouges, holes, and exposed cells. Also verify the surface is stable, and not crumbling or deteriorated. If any such defects are found make sure to repair them prior to proceeding.

**Material Preparation:** **DC 315 must be thoroughly mixed before application. Failure to do so will seriously compromise the coating’s ability to perform.** It is recommended to perform mechanical stirring with a high speed drill and a paddle appropriate for the size container you are working from. Contents should be stirred from the bottom up making sure to scrape the bottom and sides with a paint stick as you go. Contents should be stirred to a creamy consistency with no lumps. Continue mixing for 4-5 minutes per 5 gallon pail. Thinning is usually not needed. If DC 315 has been exposed to high heat, water may evaporate from the plastic 5 gallon container. If the paint level is below 3 inches from the top of the container, add enough water to bring the level back up to within 3 inches from the top in order to ensure proper consistency.

**DC 315 Viscosity:** DC 315 is a 9,000-10,000 viscosity coating. When you open a container of DC 315 it may appear thick before it is mixed, but once remixed for 5 minutes it will return to 9000-10,000 viscosity.

**Temperature:** **PROTECT FROM FREEZING DURING SHIPMENT AND STORAGE.** DC 315 is water based coating which will freeze and become unusable at temperatures below 0°C (32°F). **Do Not** store material at temperatures below 10°C (50°F). **Do Not** apply DC 315 when ambient air and substrate temperatures fall below 10°C (50°F). Store DC 315 at 10°C - 27°C (50°F to 80°F) at all times. **Do Not** store DC 315 on concrete floors during winter months. IFTI recommends an ideal installation temperature range of 16°C- 32°C (62°F to 90°F).

**Humidity:** Relative humidity like temperature plays an equally important role in how well DC 315 cures. **Ideal conditions are 50-65% relative humidity.** Curing times are significantly affected when humidity levels exceed 70%. Low relative humidity can also be a problem, because DC 315 may dry too quickly and lead to blistering on the surface. It is imperative that humidity is monitored throughout the application and curing process. 65% humidity at the beginning of the job will quickly rise as the coating is installed. Continue monitoring humidity as the coating cures until equilibrium is achieved. For additional information on applying DC 315 in high or low humidity contact IFTI at 949.975.8588 or email us at ptp@painttoprotect.com.

**Ventilation:** Please see humidity and temperature guidelines above. We recommend running fans to circulate the air during application, especially in high or low humidity. Air flows must be across the area DC 315 was applied, but not directly on it. If the relative humidity is greater than 65% at the end of spraying and cross ventilation is not drastically reducing it, then a mechanical industrial dehumidifier is required. **IMPORTANT-** when spraying in enclosed spaces, particularly those that have just been insulated with an air barrier material like SPF, it is mandatory to use an “exhaust” blower at one end of the enclosed space and run a hose to the exterior of the building for removing stale air. Use a “supply” blower at the opposite end of the enclosed space and a hose from the exterior to maintain a negative pressure compared to the surrounding area, maintaining at least 0.3 air changes per hour following application until coating has fully cured. **Improper installation practices that do not address humidity will void the warranty.** Contact IFTI at 949.975.8588 or email ptp@painttoprotect.com for a current ventilation guide.
**Freezing:** It's also important that air temperatures do not drop below 10°C (50°F) in the work space until the coating has fully cured. Curing paint can still contain moisture that will crystallize in sub-freezing temperatures instead of evaporating out into the atmosphere as it is designed to do. If temperatures do drop, you won't see a problem until the following spring or as temperatures rise. Moisture will remain hidden in the coating over the winter and then migrate to the surface under a warm spring sun, which may form blisters or delamination.

**Application Equipment:** DC 315 is best applied with an airless sprayer to achieve a more consistent mil thickness. In challenging areas where an airless sprayer is not practical, DC 315 can be applied by brush or roller (See pg. 4 for a list of recommended sprayers).

**Spraying DC 315 for Maximum Yield:** If this is the first time using DC 315 we suggest testing a pre-measured area to get a feel for spraying and yield. Example, if the job requires 20 wet mils or 80 sq. ft. per gallon, then a 5 gallon pail would cover 400 sq. ft. Measure out one or two 400 sq. ft. sections using pieces of tape, thumbtacks, or canned spray paint. Use just enough to outline the area you intend to apply DC 315. We suggest spraying inside the outlined area and taking wet film thickness measurements, with a wet film gauge across the area, to get a feel for maximum yield.

**Coverage:** **DC 315 MUST BE THOROUGHLY MIXED FOR 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO APPLICATION WITH A MECHANICAL MIXER**

Check appropriate test report for required wet film thickness (WFT) and gallon per square coverage.

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**Overlapping Technique:** The overlapping technique ensures that an even amount of coating was sprayed onto the surface. The spray gun should be aimed so that the tip points at the edge of the previous stroke, therefore overlapping each stroke by 50%. To maximize efficiency when spraying on broad or open surfaces (e.g. ceilings and bare walls), the outside edges of walls should be sprayed first. The middle can then be sprayed quickly requiring less precise strokes. Given the contour of SPF we suggest spraying side to side followed by an up and down stroke.

**Measuring Wet Film Thickness (WFT)**

**How to Use a Wet Film Thickness Gauge:** A WFT gauge is designed to give the spray applicator immediate mil measurement of the film build just been sprayed. There are several types of WFT gauges available. The most common is the notch gauge (see figure 1). Other types of gauges available from specialty vendors include the eccentric disk, rolling notch, and the 6 sided.

**Technique:** When placing the gauge on a freshly painted area, the gauge must be placed at a 90 degree angle to the substrate and pressed firmly to ensure correct depth. The applicator also needs to be aware of variations in the surface that may influence the reading. For example, if the surface is not perfectly flat, one direction may give a more accurate reading than the other. International Fireproof Technology, Inc. (IFTI) suggests placing metal plates throughout the surface of the foam, or at least one per 100 sq. ft. These plates are available at most hardware stores. IFTI recommends writing the job date and applicator name on the back of each plate. Measuring WFT on the front side of the plate will give the most accurate reading. Collect these plates and keep them on file at the job site. They are a great tool to present your code official or Fire Marshal.

To use the WFT gauge, place the gauge directly on the wet area just sprayed as described above (see figure 2). The notches will indicate the measured film thickness. For example, if the 18 mil notch is wet and the 20 notch is dry, then the wet measured thickness is 18 mils.
Recommended Sprayers for DC 315:

For Residential and Warehouse usage:

Small Size Jobs Less than 7,500 Square Feet:

- **Pump:** Titan 640 Impact or equivalent
- **Hose:** 3/8” diameter airless spray line for the first 100’ from pump and 1/4” x 6’ whip
- **Tip:** 517 – 521
- **Mesh:** 30
- DC 315 may not exceed 24 Mils WFT in one coat.

Medium Size Jobs:

- **Pump:** Titan 840 Impact or (Graco) Ultra Max II 795 Hi-Boy or equivalent
- **Hose:** 3/8” diameter airless spray line for the first 100’ from pump and 1/4” x 6’ whip
- **Tip:** 517 – 523
- **Mesh:** 30
- DC 315 may not exceed 24 Mils WFT in one coat.

Large Size Jobs:

Airless sprayer: With capability of 1.3 gallon per minute or more. Heavy Duty Fluid Section with high viscosity fluid passages.

- **Pump:** (Titan) 1140 Impact or (Graco) Mark IV-Mark V-Mark X- 220-240 volt offering or equivalent
- **Hose:** 3/8” diameter airless spray line for the first 100’ from pump and 1/4” x 6’ whip
- **Tip:** 517 – 525
- **Mesh:** 30
- DC 315 may not exceed 24 Mils WFT in one coat.

- **Pump:** (Graco) 7900HD 2 gallon per minute
- **Hose:** Max hose length 250 feet (250 feet 3/8 hose, 1/4 whip, HD Blue Gun
- **Tip:** 517 – 525
- **Mesh:** 30
- DC 315 may not exceed 24 Mils WFT in one coat.

- **Pump:** (Graco) GH 833 4 gallon per minute 4000 psi
- **Hose:** Max hose length 300 feet (1/2 inch 250 feet, 3/8 50ft, 1/4 whip hose, HD Blue Gun
- **Tip:** 517 – 525
- **Mesh:** 30
- DC 315 may not exceed 24 Mils WFT in one coat.

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- **Hose:** Max hose length 300 feet (1/2 inch 250 feet, 3/8 50ft, 1/4 whip hose, HD Blue Gun
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- **Mesh:** 30
- DC 315 may not exceed 24 Mils WFT in one coat.

Material must be applied at a maximum 24 wet Mils (WFT) in one coat
Tip size recommendation: .017-.025 @ 12 inches from substrate
Pressure recommendation: 3000psi
Surfaces should be sprayed with a 50% over lap spraying side to side followed by an up and down stroke.