Gurit EPOXY

PRODUCT DATASHEET

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MICROBALLOONS

LOW DENSITY BONDING FILLER

Microballoons are hollow phenolic resin spheres which have a distinctive reddish/brown colouration. This makes them particularly useful for cosmetic fillet joints and fillers in wood construction, as well as structural adhesives for less demanding applications on softer timbers such as cedar.

Although not as waterproof as glass bubbles, microballoons are often preferred for their excellent sanding characteristics. Microballoons are not normally used with polyester or vinylester resins because they can be subject to styrene attack which may cause the spheres to collapse.

Gurit has a range of filler powders which are designed to modify the properties of Gurit multi-purpose systems, and so create resin mixes for use as fillers and adhesives. The fillers form three distinct categories: hollow spheres, short fibres, and flow modifiers.

- Hollow phenolic resin spheres
- Easy to sand, filling and filleting for cosmetic wood applications
- Low strength bonding of softwood
- Brown in color

PRODUCT DETAILS

Composition:	Phenolic resin
Appearance:	Red/brown powder
Particle size:	90 microns by sieve
Particle density:	250g/litre approx.
Bulk density:	100g/litre approx.
Ave. hydrostatic compression strength:	350psi

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Below are approximate filler loadings for making adhesive and filler mixes together with AMPRO multi-purpose systems. For further information please refer to the respective AMPRO datasheet.

ADHESIVE MIXES

All filler additions are approximate and can be adjusted by the user to achieve the desired consistency.

FILLER TYPE	DESCRIPTION	FILLER QUANTITY		AMPRO SILICA ADDITION*		APPROX. DENSITY	APPROX. VOLUME
		%	FOR 1KG	%	FOR 1KG		
Microballoons**	Brown, low density	15 - 20	150 - 200g	3 - 5	30 - 50g	0.7 g/cm3	1.8 Ltrs
Glass Bubbles**	White, low density	15 - 20	150 - 200g	4 - 6	40 - 60g	0.6 g/cm3	2.0 Ltr
Microfibres	Opaque, high strength	7 - 10	70 - 100g	2 - 4	20 - 40g	0.9 g/cm3	1.0 Ltr

**calculated by weight relative to the mixed system of resin and hardener*

FILLING AND FAIRING MIXES

All filler additions are approximate and can be adjusted by the user to achieve the desired consistency.

FILLER TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EASE OF SANDING	WATER RESISTANCE	FILLER QUANTITY		AMPRO SILICA ADDITION*		APPROX. DENSITY	APPROX. VOLUME
				%	FOR 1KG	%	FOR 1KG		
Microballoons	Brown, low density	Easy	Moderate	25 - 30	250 - 300g	2 - 3	20 – 30g	0.6 g/cm3	2.2 Ltrs
Glass Bubbles	White, low density	Moderate	High	35 - 40	350 - 400g	3 - 5	30 – 50g	0.5 g/cm3	3.0 Ltrs

**calculated by weight relative to the mixed system of resin and hardener*
***Microfibres are always preferred for load-carrying adhesive joints*

MIXING & HANDLING

When mixing add Microballons, Glass bubbles or Microfibres first to the mixed resin / hardener and mix in fully. Add the silica next to the stiffness of mix required. Always pay particular attention to the sides and bottom of the mixing vessel, to ensure an even consistency of the entire mix.

AVAILABILITY

The product is available in a number of formats as shown in the table below. Please contact your local customer support representative for more information.

FILLER TYPE	500ML / 90G	1 - 2 LITRES / 300G	30 LITRES / 5KG	50 - 100 LITRES / 12KG	NOTE
Microballoons	A225-002	A225-003	A225-005	A225-007	All quantities are approximate due to the low density nature of the fillers.

TRANSPORT & STORAGE

The product should be kept in securely closed containers during transport and storage. Adequate long term storage conditions will result in a shelf life, as per table, see product container label for expiry date.

COMPONENT	UNITS	10 – 25°C
Microballoons	Months	24

When storing microballoons, it is particularly important to exclude air as they readily absorb atmospheric moisture which will affect the performance of the filled mix.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The following points must be considered:

1. Skin contact must be avoided by wearing protective gloves. Gurit recommends the use of disposable nitrile gloves for most applications. The use of barrier creams is not recommended, but to preserve skin condition a moisturizing cream should be used after washing.
2. Protective clothing should be worn when mixing, laminating or sanding. Contaminated work clothes should be thoroughly cleaned before re-use.
3. Eye protection should be worn if there is a risk of resin, hardener, solvent or dust entering the eyes. If this occurs flush the eye with water for 15 minutes, holding the eyelid open, and seek medical attention.
4. Ensure adequate ventilation in work areas. Respiratory protection should be worn if there is insufficient ventilation. Solvent vapors should not be inhaled as they can cause dizziness, headaches, loss of consciousness and can have long term health effects.
5. If the skin becomes contaminated, then the area must be immediately cleansed. The use of resin-removing cleansers is recommended. To finish, wash with soap and warm water. The use of solvents on the skin to remove resins etc must be avoided.

   Washing should be part of routine practice:

   - before eating or drinking
   - before smoking & vaping
   - before using the lavatory
   - after finishing work

6. The inhalation of sanding dust should be avoided and if it settles on the skin then it should be washed off. After more extensive sanding operations a shower/bath and hair wash is advised.

Gurit produces a separate full Safety Data Sheet for all hazardous products. Please ensure that you have the correct SDS to hand for the materials you are using before commencing work.

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