



# International Fireproof Technology Inc.

The Ultimate in Firestop Solutions and Fire Protective Coatings

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## Application Guide

DC315 is the most tested and approved product for use as an Alternative Thermal Barrier or Ignition Barrier Coating for Spray Polyurethane Foam (SPF). DC315 is fully evaluated by accredited organizations such as ICC-ES, IAPMO, ULC and CCMC to assure Code Officials and end users of DC315 compliance with current IBC/IRC, NBCC and many International Codes.

### DC315 tested solutions for Spray Polyurethane Foam

- Code Compliance Evaluated by [IAPMO ER-499](#) and [ICC-ESR 3702](#) for the USA market.
- Code Compliance Evaluated by [CCMC #14036-R](#) and ULC ER39793 for the Canadian market.
- More certified full scale Thermal and Ignition Barrier tests than any other product in the world
- DC315 manufacturing facilities are 3rd. party Listed and Inspected for Quality Control.
- Tested useful life, fire resistant property is not compromised after 50 years.
- Topcoat for color, weather, and moisture protection, tested via NFPA 286 full scale testing
- ANSI 51 testing for incidental food contact
- Passed CA-1350 - qualifies DC315 as a low-emitting material in the Collaborative for High Performance Schools rating system (CHPS Designed & CHPS Verified)
- Passed strict EPA – VOC and AQMD air emission requirements
- “Single Coat Coverage” up to 24 Mil WFT on ceilings and walls - reducing labor costs equaling higher profits
- Meets Life Safety Code 101
- LEEDS compliant
- No formaldehyde

### USA Building Code Fire Performance Requirements for SPF:

**If a coating does not carry a valid Code Evaluation Report confirming the Coating complies to AC377/AC456 the testing is not valid and cannot be used!**

The International Building Code (IBC) mandates that SPF be separated from the interior of the building by a 15-minute thermal barrier, or other approved covering. DC315 passed certified NFPA 286 testing over a variety of open and closed cell spray applied polyurethane foams that were conducted by IAS certified testing facilities. All testing complies with the requirements of 2012 IBC Section 803.1.2, 2603.10 IRC Section 316.6 & 2015 IBC Section 803.1.2.1, 803.11, 2603.9 and IRC Section 316.6.

\*For USA only - Visit our website at

<http://www.painttoprotect.com/matrix/> to obtain a current matrix of all the manufacturer’s foams that DC315 has been tested and approved over as a Thermal or Ignition barrier.

**National Building Code of Canada Alternative Thermal Barrier Assemblies:** DC315 has been tested in accordance with CAN/ULC S-145 and exceeds the performance of CAN/ULC S-124 thermal barriers by delaying the contribution to fire for at least 20 minutes. This testing meets the intent of Section 9.10.17.10 and 3.1.5.12 of the NBCC as published by CCMC and ULC.

**End Use Applications:** DC315 is for interior use as a thermal or ignition barrier coating to protect SPF. Contact IFTI for instruction for using DC315 in other applications such as, but not limited to, cold storage, parking garages, high humidity, or any unconditioned spaces.

Testing	
ASTM E 84	Flame Spread 0 Smoke Development 10
CAN/ULC S102 - (tested as a system over SPF)	Flame Spread 23 Smoke Development 145
NFPA 286	15-minutes meets IBC Section 2603, 803.1.2 and 803.11. Permitted to be used where Class A finish is required.
CAN/ULC S-101, ASTM E-119	25 minutes
CAN/ULC S-145	20 minutes, Meets NBCC 9.10.17.10 and 3.1.5.12.(2)

Specifications	
Finish	Flat
Color Contact IFTI for Top Coat and Tinting	Ice Grey, White, Dark Grey and Charcoal Black available.
VOC EPA method 24	TVOC 10.3 g/L, VOC less water 18.6 g/L
Solids by Volume	67%
Specific Gravity	1.30+/-0.05 g/cc
Drying Time	@77°F & 50% R.H. – To touch 1 – 2 hours, to recoat if required 2 to 4 hours
Flashpoint	None
Reducing or Cleaning	Water
Shelf Life	1 year from date of manufacture in unopened containers and stored at 10°C to 27°C (50°F to 80°F). Do not allow to Freeze
Packaging	5 Gal. Pail -Weight 58 lbs. 55 Gal. Drum – Weight 640 lbs.

To confirm the installation complies with IFTI’s best practices and is compliant with Code Evaluation reports, installer must have copies of all application documents on site. Installation documents can be downloaded at [www.painttoprotect.com](http://www.painttoprotect.com) or Call IFTI at 949.975.8588 for current copies or with questions.

Job Work Records are an excellent way to track your installations and confirm compliance to your Building Official or Authority Having Jurisdiction. In the event of a concern on a job the installer can provide documented proof of the installation, use these forms for all thermal or ignition barrier projects.

**Prior to Applying DC315 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. Smooth, glossy foam surfaces should be flash coated with a light 3 - 4 mils Wet Film Thickness (WFT) of DC315 before applying the full application. Flash coating is a quick burst of DC315 or a primer\* via airless sprayer over an area needing treatment. \*Note primer is required for all applications in Canada.

**Allow foam to cure and cool to ambient conditions prior to applying DC315, Minimum 1 hour.**

**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. DC315 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:** DC315 must be thoroughly mixed before application. Failure to do so will seriously compromise the coating's ability to perform. It is required to perform mechanical stirring with a medium 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, 15-20 minutes per 55-gallon drum. Thinning is usually not needed. If DC315 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, continue to mix and SLOWLY add just enough water to restore a sprayable consistency. Use Caution not to add too much water or product will run and drip during application.

**DC315 Viscosity:** DC315 is a 9,000-10,000-viscosity coating at 75°F. When you open a container of DC315 it may appear thick before it is mixed, ensure proper temperature and remix for 4-5 minutes to return it to the 9000-10,000 viscosity.

**Temperature:** PROTECT FROM FREEZING DURING SHIPMENT, STORAGE, AND USE. DC315 is water-based coating which will freeze and become unusable at temperatures below 32°F. Do Not store material at temperatures below 50°F. Do Not apply DC315 when ambient air and substrate temperatures fall below 50°F. Store DC315 at 50°F to 80°F at all times. Do Not store DC315 on concrete floors during winter months. IFTI recommends an ideal installation temperature range of 62°F to 90°F. Contact IFTI for applications outside these temperature ranges.

**Humidity:** Relative humidity plays an equally important role in how well DC315 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 DC315 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 using DC315 in high or low humidity contact IFTI at 949.975.8588 or email us at [ptp@painttoprotect.com](mailto:ptp@painttoprotect.com).

**Ventilation:** Fans may be required to circulate the air during application, especially in high or low humidity. Air flow must be across the area DC315 was applied, but not directly on it. If the relative humidity is greater than 85% 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 or unconditioned spaces, such as attics, 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 for 48-72 hours following application.

Improper installation practices that do not address temperature, humidity and ventilation will void the warranty. Contact IFTI at 949.975.8588 or email [ptp@painttoprotect.com](mailto:ptp@painttoprotect.com)

**Application Equipment:** DC315 is best applied with an airless sprayer to achieve a more consistent mil thickness. In challenging areas where an airless sprayer is not practical, DC315 can be applied by brush or roller (See table for a list of recommended sprayers).

Recommended Sprayers	
Pump:	Graco UltraMax795 or equivalent
PSI:	3000
GPM:	1.00
Tip:	517 - 521 or equivalent.
Filter:	Removal of filter from machine and gun (if present) is required
Hose:	3/8" diameter airless spray line for the length of hose from pump and 1/4" x 6' whip at gun
Pump:	Graco TexSpray Mark 5 or equivalent
PSI:	3300
GPM:	1.35
Tip:	517 - 523 or equivalent.
Filter:	Removal of filter from machine and gun (if present) is required
Hose:	3/8" diameter air less spray line for the length of hose from pump and 1/4"x 6' whip at gun
Pump:	Graco GMAX 7900 or equivalent
PSI:	3300
GPM:	2.2
Tip:	517 - 529 or equivalent.
Filter:	Removal of filter from machine and gun (if present) is required
Hose:	1/2" diameter airless spray line for the first 100'-200' from pump. 3/8" for last 50' and 1/4" x 6' whip at gun
Pump:	Graco GH 833 or equivalent
PSI:	4000
GPM:	4.0
Tip:	517 - 529 or equivalent.
Filter:	Removal of filter from machine and gun (if present) is required
Hose:	1/2" diameter airless spray line for the first 100'-250' from pump. 3/8" for last 50' and 1/4" x 6' whip at gun

**Proper equipment and settings** are imperative for correct application. Remove all filters from machine and gun. DC315 requires high pressure to atomize the coating at the spray tip, correct atomization will yield a more consistent spread rate and easier coverage of uneven surfaces. Using the table, ensure you match your tip size to your machine - this is critical to ensure correct pressure at the spray tip. If the spray pattern has fingers or tails, then the pressure should be increased. If the maximum pressure of the sprayer is not enough to achieve a good spray pattern, a spray tip with a smaller orifice should be used.



A good spray pattern indicates that the paint or coating is completely atomized and distributed evenly on the surface. Hose length should be appropriate for your machine and always ensure your feed hose is larger than your whip. Having a smaller whip will serve to re-pressurize the coating at the spray gun and assist in correct atomization of the coating.

**Spraying DC315 for Maximum Yield:** If this is the first time using DC315 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 ft<sup>2</sup> per gallon, then a 5-gallon pail would cover 400 ft<sup>2</sup>. Measure out one or two 400 ft<sup>2</sup> sections using pieces of tape, thumbtacks, or canned spray paint. Use just enough to outline the area you intend to apply DC315. 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. DC315 is a single coat application up to 24 mils WFT. If multiple coats are required wait at least 2 hours between coats.

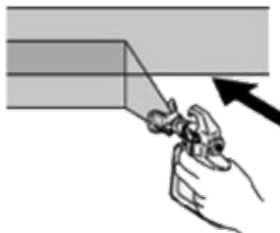
**Coverage:**

**Check appropriate test or Evaluation report for required wet film thickness (WFT) and gallon per square coverage.** Theoretical coverage is listed below

WET	Sq.Ft. Per Gallon	Sq.Ft. Per 5 Gallon
4 WFT	400 Sq.Ft. Per Gallon	2000 Sq.Ft. Per 5 Gallon
14 WFT	115 Sq.Ft. Per Gallon	575 Sq.Ft. Per 5 Gallon
16 WFT	100 Sq.Ft. Per Gallon	500 Sq.Ft. Per 5 Gallon
18 WFT	89 Sq.Ft. Per Gallon	445 Sq.Ft. Per 5 Gallon
20 WFT	80 Sq.Ft. Per Gallon	400 Sq.Ft. Per 5 Gallon
22 WFT	73 Sq.Ft. Per Gallon	365 Sq.Ft. Per 5 Gallon
24 WFT	67 Sq.Ft. Per Gallon	335 Sq.Ft. Per 5 Gallon

Actual coverage rate will vary based on surface texture, over-spray, and miscellaneous losses. Allow a minimum of 5-10% for over-spray and losses.

**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)**



Figure 1

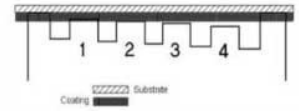


Figure 2

**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.

**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.

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-mil notch is dry, then the wet measured thickness is 18 mils.

**Medallions (Optional):** For Wet Film Thickness verification and ease of measuring the applied coating, IFTI suggests placing metal plates (aka Medallions) to the surface of the foam, on average one per 400 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 at the end of the job, touch up, and keep them on file or at the job site. They are a great tool to present your code official or Fire Marshal and verify the applied thickness of coating.



**Limitations:**

DC315 is for interior use. Contact IFTI for detailed application instructions when applying in unconditioned space such as, but not limited to, cold storage, parking garages or high humidity environments.

**Limited Warranty:**

To validate warranty, [Job Work Records](#) must be filled out for all applications of DC315. Completed Work Records can be submitted to [workrecords@painttoprotect.com](mailto:workrecords@painttoprotect.com) within 10 Days of Job Completion.

This product will perform as tested if applied and maintained according to our directions, instructions and techniques. If this product is found to be defective upon inspection by its representative, the seller will, at its option, either furnish an equivalent amount of new product or refund the purchase price to the original purchaser of this product. Seller will not be liable for any representations made by any retail seller or applicator of the product. THIS WARRANTY EXCLUDES (1) LABOR OR COST OF LABOR FOR THE APPLICATION OR REMOVAL OF THIS PRODUCT OR ANY OTHER PRODUCT, THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF ANY SUBSTRATE TO WHICH THE PRODUCT IS APPLIED OR THE APPLICATION OF REPLACEMENT PRODUCT, (2) ANY INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. OTHER LIMITATIONS APPLY.

For the complete terms of the limited warranty, go to [www.painttoprotect.com](http://www.painttoprotect.com). Some states/provinces do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations may not apply to you. To make a warranty claim, write to **Technical Service:**

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Or email Customer Service at [ptp@painttoprotect.com](mailto:ptp@painttoprotect.com)

**General Safety, Toxicity, Health Data**

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available on this coating material. Any individual who may come in contact with these products should read and understand the SDS. In case of emergency contact CHEMTREC EMERGENCY NUMBER at 800-424-9300.

**WARNING:** Avoid eye contact with the liquid or spray mist. Applicators should wear protective clothes, gloves and use protective cream on face, hands, and other exposed areas.

**EYE PROTECTION:** Safety glasses, goggles, or a face shield are recommended.

**SKIN PROTECTION:** Chemical resistant gloves are recommended, cover as much exposed skin area as possible with appropriate clothing.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION is MANDATORY!**

Respiratory protective equipment, impervious footwear and protective clothing are required at all times during spray application.

**INGESTION:** Do not take internally.

Consider the application and environmental concentrations in deciding if additional protection is necessary.