



## Prep™240 Industrial Coating Remover (Gel)

Lifts most high performance coatings such as urethanes and epoxy topcoats and primers, siloxanes, fuel resistant primers and chemical agent resistant coatings (CARC). Use on nearly all substrates including steel, aluminum, concrete, composite, and masonry.

### Features and Benefits

- Maintains the surface profile of metallic substrates that was present before application
- Does not effect glass, Plexiglas® or rubber
- Easily sprayed with standard equipment
- Easy clean-up with soap and water or denatured alcohol
- Water-based, non-flammable, low VOC
- Non-ozone depleting / low odor
- Contains No TAP's or HAP's (Toxic/Hazardous Air Pollutants)
- No DOT shipping restrictions

### Recommended Use

- In power-generation facilities, nuclear plants, the pulp & paper industry, petrochemical facilities, rail and marine environments.
- Removal of most epoxies and urethanes
- Fuel resistant primers, some inorganic primers, coal tar epoxies, and chemical agent resistant coatings (CARC)
- Graffiti removal from unpainted cement or metal surfaces
- Coating removal from many plastic and fiberglass surfaces (test patch required)
- Any area where abrasive blasting is not an option for environmental or economic reasons

### Product Data

Appearance:	Green/blue gelled emulsion
Specific Gravity:	1.03
Boiling Point:	212°F (100°C)
Freezing Point:	32°F (0°C)
pH:	3.0
Flash Point:	>178°F (81.11°C)
Coverage:	25 to 80 sq. ft/gallon (Theoretical)
VOC:	410 g/L
Shelf Life:	24 months

### Safety Precautions

Proper safety procedures should be followed at all times while handling this product. Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for important health/safety information before use. **For Professional Use Only; Not Intended for Household Use.**

MSDS are available through the DuraPrep® website, [www.ppg.com/surfaceprep](http://www.ppg.com/surfaceprep) or by calling 412-434-4515.

**Do not collect and/or store removed paint and stripper waste residue in metal containers. Only use plastic containers.**

### Packaging

1 gal (3.8 L)	
5 gal (19.0L)	
55 gal (210 L)	Special Order
330 gal (1254 L)	Special Order

### Limitations of Use

Surface temperatures should be between 50°F to 95°F (10°C to 35°C). **Prep™240** performs effectively at lower temperatures, but the dwell time must be increased. Above 85°F (30°C), product may need to be over-applied, re-applied or covered with plastic to prevent drying. **Prep™240** may not strip thick film, highly chemical resistant epoxies in acceptable timeframes. Do not use in mild steel tanks.



## Directions for Use:

**Test Area:** Always prepare a test area of varying stripper thickness prior to full application. This will indicate the time required for completion, approximate square foot usage and suitability of product for the paint and the substrate.

**Masking:** Cover/protect areas where stripping is not desired, including adjoining surfaces where over spray may travel. Plastic (polyethylene) sheets make a very effective barrier. If using masking tape, apply two layers of tape and remove the top layer immediately after application as the remover may soak through the tape, damaging paint under it. Spray all plants and vegetation liberally with water before and after application. Cover delicate vegetation to avoid damage.

**Mixing:** If on visual examination, water appears to have separated out of **Prep™ 240**, thoroughly mix the stripper with a drill until it becomes homogeneous once again, usually 2-5 minutes. **DO NOT MACHINE SHAKE. DO NOT DILUTE.**

**Equipment and Tools:** **Prep™ 240** is engineered for airless spray application. Ensure application equipment is free of any previously applied products or chemicals or solvents (especially mineral spirits). Clean with denatured alcohol prior to use. Use only professional equipment with chemical resistant packings, such as a Titan 440i or larger pump. Equip the sprayer with a tip size of 0.019 inches or larger (Example: a 519 or 425 tip). Other equipment: brushes, rollers, scrapers, masking tape, plastic (polyethylene) sheets, pressure washers, electric drills with mixers, empty pails for clean-up, water. Roller application is not recommended.

**Dwell Time:** The time required for penetration varies according to the type of paint and the temperature. Most paint systems require 2 to 24 hours. Leave the stripper overnight for best results. Dwell time and stripper thickness required is best determined by test area.

**Application:** Apply a thick even layer of stripper onto the coating being removed. An airless sprayer is the most effective means of application. Always start the sprayer pump at the lowest pressure setting and slowly build up the pressure until an adequate fan pattern has been produced. The minimum wet film thickness should be 15 mils (300 microns). The stripper must be applied 1.5 to 2 times thicker than the coating to be removed, e.g. 20 mils of coating requires 28-40 mils of stripper to be removed effectively.

High pressure and narrow tip sizes will break the strippers emulsion and will reduce its effectiveness. When trying to build up films thicker than 30 mils (600 microns) it is advisable to build the stripper film in two separate applications. First apply a light coat of approximately 15 mils (thick enough to hide the surface color of coating), allow it to dwell for about 5-30 minutes and then build the rest of the stripper film thickness in the second application. Once applied, leave the stripper alone, as agitation slows down penetration. Brushing and rolling should be avoided because these methods produce lower film build and inconsistent thickness of stripper.

**Re-application:** When there are multiple layers of paint, it is quite likely that there is poor inter-coat adhesion between some layers. Premature lifting may occur at this interface. If this happens, remove the lifted layers and reapply the stripper. Do not allow the stripper to dry out. The stripper is designed to remain wet and effective over extended periods of time (up to 48 hours) but excessive sunshine, windy conditions or insufficient stripper thickness can cause early drying. If the stripper starts to dry, reapply a light coating and allow extra time for completion.

**Removal and Cleanup:** Removal of lifted paint can be completed by scraper, squeegee, or wet/dry vacuum suction system or by pressure wash. If pressure washing is used, protect all areas that may come in contact with stripper residue and removed paint from pressure washer operations. Pressure wash from the bottom up on vertical surfaces to prevent rinse water from deactivating stripper in sections below pressure washing removal operations. The stripped surface can be rinsed with **Prep™ 120** in a 2oz - 4oz per gallon dilution or denatured alcohol to remove all chemical residues before repainting. Collect lifted paint and dispose of it in accordance with local government regulations. Clean the spray equipment by running water or denatured alcohol through the equipment soon after the spraying has been completed.

**WARNING!** If you scrape, sand, or remove old paint, you may release lead dust or fumes. LEAD IS TOXIC. EXPOSURE TO LEAD DUST OR FUMES CAN CAUSE SERIOUS ILLNESS, SUCH AS BRAIN DAMAGE, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN. PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO AVOID EXPOSURE. Wear a properly fitted NIOSH-approved respirator and prevent skin contact to control lead exposure. Clean up carefully with a HEPA vacuum and a wet mop. Before you start, find out how to protect yourself and your family by contacting the USEPA National Lead Information Hotline at 1-800-424-LEAD or log on to [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead). In Canada contact a regional Health Canada office. Follow these instructions to control exposure to other hazardous substances that may be released during surface preparation. **NOT APPROVED FOR AVIATION USE!!**

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