Parex USA
Masonry Veneer Systems

1. Product Name
EPS BASECOAT & ADHESIVE

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3. Product Description
Basic Use: EPS Basecoat & Adhesive is used to adhere and coat EPS continuous insulation sheeting as part of the Parex USA MVS-Ci System. This specialized EPS coating creates an energy efficient wall substrate suitable for the application of manufactured masonry veneers.

Uses: EPS Basecoat & Adhesive is the first premium grade EPS base coat designed specifically for the Parex USA MVS-Ci wall system. The MVS-Ci wall system offers superior energy efficiency with the aesthetics of full masonry veneer cladding or in conjunction with other Parex USA finishes.

Advantages
- Combines Continuous Insulation with manufactured masonry veneers
- Fire Tested Performance
- Proven Wall Technology
- Commercial or Residential

4. Technical Data
Suitable substrates for adhering EPS:
Exterior grade gypsum sheathing
Glass mat gypsum sheathing
Masonry, concrete and cement board

Composition:
Binder base: 100% acrylic polymers, compatible with portland cement
Water based: VOC compliant
Color: Light gray

Working Time:
Pot life is 1-2 hours after cement has been added. Pot life is affected by humidity and temperature.

Drying Time:
Full adhesive bond strength is reached after 1-4 days, depending on humidity and temperature. Product drying time is within 24 hours under conditions [70ºF (21ºC), 50% RH]. Cold and/or humid weather may extend drying time. Parex USA Accel-Pak may be added to decrease drying time, see data sheet for more information.

Packaging: 55 lb. (25 kg) net weight in plastic pails.
Storage – Protect from direct sunlight and freezing at all times. Do not stack more than 3 pails high.

Shelf Life: Reference Parex USA Expiration Date of Products Technical Bulletin

5. Installation
Surface Preparation: Remove surface contaminants such as dust or dirt without damaging the substrate.
- Planar irregularities are limited to 1/4 in. (6mm) in a 4 ft. (1.2 m) radius. Surface irregularities are limited to 1/4 in. (6mm) or less for masonry and concrete and 1/8 in. (3mm) or less for sheathing.
- Irregular and uneven surface should be filled with this product prior to applying as the Adhesive.
- Painted substrates must have the paint removed by methods which result in no more than 10% of the remaining surface having paint.
- For additional options for surface preparation, contact Parex USA Technical Services Department.

Mixing:
Use clean equipment for mixing and preparation.
- Thoroughly mix one 55 lb. (25 kg) EPS Basecoat & Adhesive pail with up to 1 gal. (3.8L) of cool, clean potable water, using a heavy duty 1/2 in. (13mm) drill with a rust-free paddle at 400-500 rpm. Split evenly into two buckets.
- Pre-measure 55 lb. (25 kg) of portland cement. Add half of the portland cement, 27.5 lb (5.67 kg) to each bucket as described below.
While stirring the EPS Basecoat & Adhesive, add small amounts of portland cement in increments to obtain a final ratio of 1:1 by weight, EPS Basecoat & Adhesive to portland cement.

A small amount (maximum 16 oz. (0.47 L) of cool, clean potable water may be added to adjust workability.

Let the mixture stand for five minutes after initial mixing, then stir again, re-tempering once only as needed for workability.

EPS Basecoat & Adhesive should be used immediately after tempering. Keep container closed when not in use.

Half batches may be mixed for convenience.

Only Parex USA approved additives can be added to this product.

Application: Read the entire label before using this product.

- EPS Adhesive Application: Apply EPS Basecoat & Adhesive to the entire surface on one face of the EPS insulation board using a ½"notched trowel. The ribs should be of uniform thickness, run vertically when positioned on the wall (parallel to the 2 ft. (61 cm) board dimension) and reach the perimeter of the insulation board. To ensure high initial grab and uniform adhesive contact, apply insulation board to the wall with firm pressure to the entire surface. Apply sufficient pressure to flatten adhesive ridges. Glass mat gypsum sheathing requires extra pressure.

- EPS Basecoat Application: Rasp EPS board after 24 hours and when adhesive application has fully cured and bonded (70°F (21°C), 50% RH). Using a stainless steel trowel, apply the EPS Basecoat mixture to the rasped surface of the insulation board to a uniform thickness of 1/16 - 3/32 in. (1.5 - 2.4mm). Embed the Parex USA reinforcing mesh (355 or 358.10) immediately in the wet EPS Basecoat & Adhesive mixture. Smooth the surface of the EPS Basecoat & Adhesive mixture with a trowel until the reinforcing mesh is fully embedded and the basecoat thickness is approximately 1/16 in. (1.5mm). The color of the reinforcing mesh should not be visible at the surface of the EPS Basecoat & Adhesive material. A slight pattern of the mesh is acceptable, due to shrinkage of the cementitious basecoat upon drying.

- Mechanical Fastener Application: Once the EPS Basecoat & Adhesive is set (24-48 hours): secure the coated EPS insulation board into the stud framing using screws and metal lock plates (Wind-lock type). Space fasteners 36 inches apart (per ICC-ESR 2562).

- Application of Masonry Veneer: Application of masonry veneer can begin once EPS insulation is cured and mechanical fastening is complete. Do not use Parex USA EPS Basecoat and Adhesive to adhere masonry veneer – Use Parex USA Masonry Veneer Adhesive to install masonry veneer units.

LIMITATIONS:

- Ambient and surface temperature must be 40°F (4°C) or higher during application and curing time. Provide supplemental heat and protection from precipitation as needed.

- Use only on surfaces that are sound, clean, dry, unpainted and free from any residue which may affect the ability of the EPS Basecoat & Adhesive to bond to the surface.

- Application in direct sunlight in hot weather will significantly reduce open time for embedding Parex reinforcing mesh and smoothing the surface.

- Do not use as a leveler for EPS. Rasp EPS level.

WARNING:

- Read complete warning information printed on product container prior to use. For medical emergency information, call 1-800-424-9300.

- For more information on handling this product refer to its Safety Data Sheet (SDS). The most current SDS and Product Data Sheet (PDS) can be found on our website.

- This Product Data Sheet has been prepared in good faith on the basis of information available at the time of publication. It is intended to provide users with information about the guidelines for the proper use and application of the covered product(s) under normal environmental and working conditions. Because each project is different, Parex USA, Inc. cannot be responsible for the consequences of variations in such conditions, or for unforeseen conditions.

Cleaning: Water soluble prior to drying. Clean tools and containers with water before polymer/cement mixture sets.

Coverage: Depending on the condition of the substrate and method of application, approximate coverages per pail are:

- 1/2 in. (12.7mm) notched trowel: 215-240 ft² (20-22.3 m²)
- As a Basecoat to embed 355 Standard Mesh: 180-210 ft² (16.7-19.5 m²)
- As a double-layer Basecoat to 358 Standard Mesh and 358.10 Ultra High Impact Mesh: 150-190 ft² (14-17 m²)

6. Availability
Parex USA EPS Basecoat & Adhesive is available at leading building material and construction dealers. Contact Parex USA or visit our web site for the name of the nearest dealer at www.parexusa.com.

7. Warranty
Contact Parex USA Technical Services or visit our web site at www.parexusa.com.

8. Maintenance
Only minimal maintenance is usually required. General maintenance can be achieved with the use of clean water.

9. Technical Services
Parex USA maintains technical field representatives available throughout the country. Call Technical Services at 800-226-2424 for the nearest representative.

10. Filing Systems
Parex USA architectural and product information is available in catalog form, or electronically on our website at www.parexusa.com.