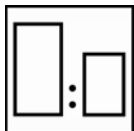


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100 Autobase Plus  
50 Plus Reducer

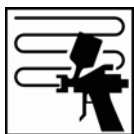


Use Sikkens measuring stick  
Nr. 1 Black



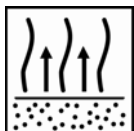
Spray gun set-up:  
1.2-1.5 mm

Application pressure:  
1.7-2.2 bar at the air inlet  
HVLP max 0.6-0.7 bar at the air cap



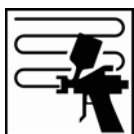
Application metallic colours:  
Full coat – intermediate coat – drop coat

Application solid colours:  
2 x 1 coat



Between coats  
3-5 minutes at 20°C

Before clearcoat application  
15 minutes at 20°C



Clearcoat application  
See clearcoat T.D.S.



Use suitable respiratory protection  
Akzo Nobel Car Refinishes recommends the use of a fresh air supply respirator

Read complete TDS for detailed product information



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## Suitable substrates

All Existing OEM finishes, with the exception of thermoplastic acrylic finishes.  
All current Sikkens preparatory products.  
*With the exception of direct application on acid containing Washprimers*

## Products and additives

Autobase Plus MM (MM) colors

### Plus Reducers

Plus Reducer Extra Fast; to use in extremely cold temperatures, temperature range: 10°C-15°C  
Plus Reducer Fast; spot and panel repairs, temperature range: 15°C-25°C.  
Plus Reducer Medium; spot and panel repairs and large areas, temperature range: 20°C-30°C.  
Plus Reducer Slow; larger areas and complete paint jobs, temperature range: 25°C-35°C.  
Plus Reducer Extra Slow; to use in extremely hot temperatures, temperature range: above 35°C.

### Additives

Blending Agent: Additive specially developed for easier application of spot repairs and fade-outs

## Basic raw materials

Autobase Plus: Physical drying binders  
Autobase Plus Blending Agent: Physical drying binders

## Surface preparation



Final sanding step P500

- Initial sanding steps may be executed with a coarser sanding grit; P360 - P400
- Respect a maximum 100 sanding grit step difference or less throughout the sanding procedure.
- For detailed surface preparation see TDS S8.06.02



Final sanding step P1000

- Initial sanding steps may be executed with a coarser sanding grit P600 - P800
- Respect a maximum 200 sanding grit step difference or less throughout the sanding procedure.
- For detailed surface preparation see TDS S8.06.02



Surface cleaning; remove any surface contamination prior to the application of Autobase Plus using an appropriate surface cleaner.



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## Mixing



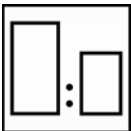
### Mixing Machine

Stir MM colors on mixing machine every 4 hours for 15 minutes



### Stir after mixing

Autobase Plus MM colors must be stirred thoroughly directly after mixing the color formula

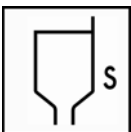


### Colour mixing by hand:

If an Autobase Plus color is made without the use of a formula it is essential to incorporate MM Q065 into the hand mixed formula; mix 3 parts of the colour with 1 part of the MM Q065.

**Elast-O-Actif** should **not** be added into the Autobase Plus color.

## Viscosity



16–17 seconds DIN cup 4 at 20°C.

## Spray gun set-up / application pressure



**Spray gun**  
Gravity feed

**Fluid tip – set-up**  
1.2-1.5 mm

**Application pressure**  
1.7-2.2 bar at the spray gun air inlet  
HVLP max 0.6-0.7 bar at the air cap

## Pot-life

6 Months when stored in a closed can at 20°C.  
4 Hours at 20°C in a closed can, when mixed with hardener.  
*Stir the ready to spray mixture thoroughly before use.*



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## Application process

### Solid colours

Apply 2 single coats or until opacity is achieved. \*Allow for a 3-5 minutes flash-off time at 20°C between coats until the basecoat dries completely to a matt finish.

*\*Allow for a minimum of 15 minutes final flash-off time at 20°C before clearcoat application.*

### Metallic colours

Apply 1 full wet coat allowing for an 3-5 minutes flash-off time at 20°C until the basecoat dries completely to a matt /semi gloss finish. Next apply an intermediate coat until achieving opacity and allow again a 3-5 minutes flash-off time at 20°C until the basecoat dries completely to a matt /semi gloss finish.

*When needed, apply a drop coat (metallic orientation coat) by reducing the pressure to 1-1 ½ bar at the gun inlet and apply the drop coat with full trigger, increase the distance to approximately 30 cm.*

*\*Allow for a minimum of 15 minutes final flash-off time at 20°C before clearcoat application.*

### Spot repairs:

When making spot repairs, use lower application pressure and apply thin coats until reaching opacity. Allow for a 3-5 minutes flash-off time at 20°C between coats. Next, fade out, by extending beyond the edges, using similar application pressure. In case of metallic colours apply a drop coat (metallic orientation coat) when needed by increasing the spray gun distance.

*In the case of high hiding colors, the color transparency can be increased by adding Blending Additive or MM070 RTS to the mixed color.*

*\*Allow for a minimum of 15 minutes final flash-off time at 20°C before clearcoat application.*

### Blending Agent:

If required, Autobase Plus Blending Additive can be used ready to spray as a pre-coat (wet-bed) to reduce the halo effect. Apply 1 full wet coat to the maximum fade-out area and allow for the pre-coat to flash off until fully dried before proceeding with the colour application.

*Apply the Autobase Plus color within the Blending Additive area.*

## Film thickness

By using the recommended application;	
Autobase Plus Solid Colors	20-40 µm
Autobase Plus Metallic and Pearl Colors	15-30 µm

*For proper color match and long term performance of the coating, it is imperative that the layer of Autobase Plus achieve full hiding. When 2 coats do not achieve full hiding, additional coats are necessary. To apply additional coats, allow the already applied coats to flash as usual and apply an addition coat. Repeat as necessary allowing proper flash between coats until full hiding is achieved.*

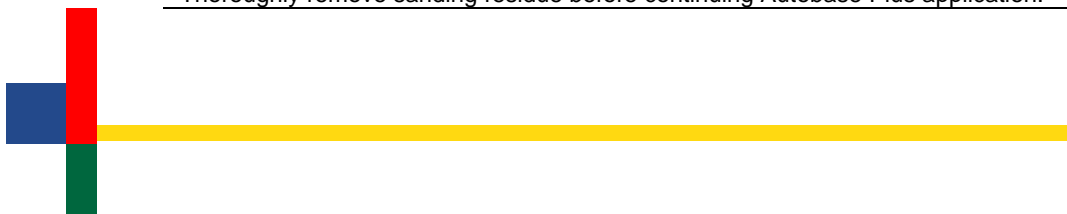
## Masking

Autobase Plus solid, metallic and pearl colors can be taped after 20 minutes flash-off at 20°C.

*Temperature increase in combination with air movement increase the ability for masking. Let the object cool down to ambient temperature before masking after which a second color of Autobase Plus can then be applied*

## Denibbing

Allow Autobase Plus to flash off sufficiently, at least 20 minutes at 20°C. Then lightly sand the damaged area with P500 free-cut dry or P1000grit wet sanding paper sanding paper. Thoroughly remove sanding residue before continuing Autobase Plus application.



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## Recoatable with

All current Sikkens clearcoats  
With the exception of;

- Autoclear LV Superior
- Autoclear UV

## Recoat time



Autobase Plus Solid: 5 hours

Autobase Plus Metallic and Pearl: 48 hours (2 days)

To extend the re-coat time of **solid** colors up to 48 hours (2 days), mix Autobase Plus as follows:  
Stir the Autobase Plus color thoroughly before adding 10% P25 Hardener.  
Stir this mixture thoroughly before adding Plus Reducer, then stir again thoroughly

*The Autobase Plus color and the hardener must be mixed thoroughly prior to the addition of the Reducer to gain the required system property.*

## Material usage

By using the recommended application the theoretical material usage is ± 10 m<sup>2</sup>/l RTS mixture.

*The practical material usage depends on many factors i.e. shape of the object, roughness of the surface, application techniques, pressure, method and application circumstances*

## Cleaning of equipment

Sikkens Solvents or solvent borne Guncleaners

## VOC

The VOC content of this product in ready to use form is 744 g/liter RTS mixture  
When 10% hardener is added prior to the Reducer 755 - 767 g/liter RTS mixture

## Product storage

Product shelf-life is determined when products are stored unopened at 20°C.  
Avoid extreme temperature fluctuation.

- *Product shelf life data see TDS S9.02.01*

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