

2.1 VOC Corrosion Resistant Epoxy Primers

# CRE-X21 Series Primers

CRE-121	White Epoxy Primer
CRE-321	Gray Epoxy Primer
CRE-921	Black Epoxy Primer
CRE-2xx	Tintable*

The CRE-X21 Series Primers provide a range of performance features that include excellent adhesion and chemical resistance and outstanding corrosion protection when applied over properly prepared steel and aluminum.

At 2.1 lbs/gal VOC as blended or when further reduced with exempt solvents, this series is lead and chrome-free and offers high build properties. Its excellent sag resistance and fill properties make this primer well suited for application over a sandblasted profile.

*Note: For acceptable compatibility between this primer and CPC topcoats please see the CPC Primer/Topcoat compatibility chart (CPCTB01).*

**Features and Benefits:**

- Capable of high film build
- Provide excellent adhesion
- Provide strong corrosion and chemical resistance
- Are plural component capable
- CRE standard primers can be intermixed
- \*Tintable version is tinted with 7 ounces of H series tints to create custom colors.
- May be used over ZNP Series zinc rich primers

**Associated Products:**

- CRE-121 2.1 VOC White Epoxy Primer
- CRE-321 2.1 VOC Gray Epoxy Primer
- CRE-921 2.1 VOC Black Epoxy Primer
- CRE-2xx 2.1 VOC Tintable Epoxy Primer
- CRE-211H Catalyst for CRE-X21 Primers
- Exempt Solvent: Q30 - Acetone
- Non-Exempt Solvents\*: Q50 - Aromatic 100, Q60 - MEK, Q70 - MAK, Q80 - Xylene, Q160 - Aromatic 150
- \* Addition results in VOC greater than 2.1 lbs/gal

**Physical Constants:** All values are theoretical, depend on color and are Ready-to-Spray. Actual values could vary slightly due to manufacturing variability.

	CRE-X21 or CRE-2xx w/tint	CRE-X21 or CRE-2xx w/tint : CRE-211H	CRE-X21 or CRE-2xx w/tint : CRE-211H : Q30	CRE-X21 or CRE-2xx w/tint : CRE-211H : Q50, Q60, Q70, Q80, Q160
Percent solids (by weight)	66.6 – 70.0	70.2 – 72.6	63.5 – 66.0	62.8 – 65.9
Percent solids (by volume)	53.4 – 56.5	60.7 – 62.8	52.0 – 53.8	52.0 – 53.8
HAPs (lbs/gallon of product)	≤ 1.1	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.0	≤ 1.9
Photo-chemically reactive	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>RTS Combinations:</b>	<b>CRE-X21 (Package) or CRE-2xx w/tint</b>	<b>CRE-X21 or CRE-2xx w/tint : CRE-211H</b>	<b>CRE-X21 or CRE-2xx w/tint : CRE-211H : Q30</b>	<b>CRE-X21 or CRE-2xx w/tint : CRE-211H : Q60</b>
Volume Ratio:	As is	2 : 1	2 : 1 : 1/2	2 : 1 : 1/2
Applicable Use Category	Primer	Primer	Primer	Primer
VOC Actual	194 – 222 g/L 1.62 – 1.85 lbs/gal	197 – 216 g/L 1.65 – 1.80 lbs/gal	169 – 185 g/L 1.42 – 1.55 lbs/gal	284 – 312 g/L 2.38 – 2.61 lbs/gal
VOC Regulatory (less water less exempt)	244 – 277 g/L 2.04 – 2.31	229 – 249 g/L 1.91 – 2.08	229 – 249 g/L 1.91 – 2.08	321 – 352 g/L 2.68 – 2.94
Density	1372 – 1461 g/L 11.45 – 12.19 lbs/gal	1255 – 1315 g/L 10.47 – 10.97 lbs/gal	1188 – 1239 g/L 9.91 – 10.34 lbs/gal	1190 – 1253 g/L 9.93 – 10.46 lbs/gal
Volatiles wt. %	30.0 – 33.4	27.4 – 29.8	34.0 – 36.4	34.1 – 37.2
Water wt. %	0.3 – 0.8	0.2 – 0.6	0.2 – 0.6	0.2 – 0.6
Exempt wt. %	15.4 – 17.8	11.4 – 13.0	19.5 – 21.1	10.2 – 11.8
Water vol. %	0.4 – 1.2	0.3 – 0.8	0.3 – 0.7	0.2 – 0.7
Exempt vol. %	17.3 – 20.8	11.5 – 13.8	24.1 – 26.1	9.9 – 11.9
Flashpoint:	CRE-121 = 65°F (18°C) CRE-321 = 65°F (18°C) CRE-921 = 65°F (18°C)	CRE-2xx = 65°F (18°C) CRE-211H = 59°F (15°C)	Q30 = 4°F (-6°C) Q60 = 21°F (6°C) Q80 = 81°F (27°C)	Q50 = 106°F (41°C) Q70 = 102°F (39°C) Q160 = 145°F (63°C)

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## Directions for Use

### Substrate Preparation:

The surface to be coated must be abraded or sandblasted and free of all contamination (including dust, dirt, oil, grease and oxidation). A chemical treatment (or conversion coating) will improve adhesion and performance properties of the finished coat. Variability can occur with substrates, preparation, application method or environment. We recommend that adhesion and system compatibility be checked prior to full application.

Substrate	Direct to Substrate	Substrate	Direct to Substrate
Cold Rolled Steel	Excellent	Galvanized	Excellent
Hot Rolled Steel	Excellent	Aluminum	Excellent
Stainless Steel	Excellent	Plastic / Fiberglass	Surface should be free of all contamination. Because of the variability of plastic/fiberglass substrates, coating performance should be confirmed on the actual plastic/fiberglass substrate being used.
Galvaneal	Excellent		

\* It is recommended that the substrate be cleaned with SSPC-SPC2 Hand Tool or SSPC-SPC3 Power Tool clean Minimum. For best performance, a minimum blast of SSPC-SP6 (NACE#3), Commercial Blast Cleaning is recommended.

### Mix Directions:



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Thinning: To maintain 2.1 VOC, Q30 (Acetone) or other exempt solvents may be used. To achieve 2.8 VOC, 1/2 part of Non-Exempt Solvent may be used. When applying with airless equipment reduction may not be necessary.



Blend Ratio: **CRE-X21 : CRE-211H : Optional Regular or Exempt Solvent**  
2 : 1 : 1/2

Pot Life @ 77°F (25°C): 2 hours when reduced with any approved exempt or non-exempt solvent



Spray Viscosity Range: #3 Zahn = 10 – 20 seconds

Shelf Life: (each component unopened)  
CRE-X21- 4 years in gallon containers, 2 years in 5-gallon containers  
CRE-211H Catalyst - 2 years

### Application Equipment:



Conventional (with or without pressure pot): 1.4 – 1.8 mm needle/nozzle with 50 – 70 psi at the gun

HVLP (with or without pressure pot): 1.3 – 1.6 mm needle/nozzle with 10 psi at cap or per manufacturer

Airless: 0.013 – 0.017 tip with a fluid pressure of 2000 – 2400 psi

Air-Assisted Airless: 0.013 – 0.017 tip with a fluid pressure of 1520 – 1800 psi with 25 – 30 psi air pressure

Brush or Roll: Apply blended CRE-2XX and CRE-X21 using a high quality natural bristle brush or with a 3/8 solvent resistant nap roller, rolling in one direction. CRE may be reduced 10 – 15% with the slower evaporating Q-code solvents for ease of leveling and flow. \* Use of these solvents will result in a blended VOC greater than 2.1 lbs/gal.

Electrostatic: Minimum 1.5 mm tip with recommended reduction ratio using Q30, Q60 or Q70 solvent.

### Application:



Apply: 1 – 2 wet coats with a 10 – 15 minute flash between coats. Apply only when air, product and surface temperatures are above 60°F (16°C) and when surface temperature is at least 5°F (3°C) above the dew point.

	CRE-X21 : CRE-211H	CRE-X21 : CRE-211H : Exempt Solvent
Recommended Total Wet Film Build:	3 – 13 mils	4 – 15 mils
Recommended Total Dry Film Build:	2 – 8 mils	2 – 8 mils
Square Foot Coverage @ 1mil no loss:	973 – 1007 sq. ft. (dependent on color)	834 – 863 sq. ft. (dependent on color)

### Dry Times:



Air Dry @ 77°F (25°C) 50% RH\*:

To Touch: 90 – 120 minutes

To Handle: 2 – 3 hours\*

To Recoat: 1 hour – 4 days. After 4 days the primer must be sanded before recoating.

To Topcoat: 1 hour – 4 days. Medium to full wet coats should be applied.

After 4 days, the primer must be sanded before topcoating. This CRE primer may be recoated with itself up to 2 weeks after initial application without sanding as long as the primer remains free of contaminants. Primed surface may be cleaned with an appropriate CFX cleaner if necessary before topcoating.

Force Dry @ 140°F (60°C): 40 minutes at 140°F (60°C) after 15 minute flash at 77°F (25°C)

\* Paint film is not fully cured for 7 days. Drying time varies, depending upon film build, color selection, temperature, humidity and degree of air movement.

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## Technical Data\*

### Performance Properties:

*In Service Temperature Limit*

Complete paint system, including appropriate topcoat, dry temperature limit = 300°F (149°C).  
If the in-service part has primer only, the color of the primer will change as you approach 300°F. Primer integrity will be maintained up to 300°F. If the primed part has been exposed to elevated temperatures for any extended period of time, the part must be cleaned and sanded prior to topcoating.

### Technical Properties:

**BONDERITE® 1000**  
**CRE-321**  
**No Topcoat**

Test	ASTM Method	Results
Pencil Hardness	D3363	F
Adhesion	D3359	5B
Chip Resistance	D3170	6

### Chemical Resistance:

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**CRE-321**  
**No Topcoat**

Chemical	ASTM Method	Result
Toluene	D1308	Very Slight Ring
10% NaOH (Sodium Hydroxide)	D1308	Pass
10% HCl (Hydrochloric acid)	D1308	Slight gloss loss
10% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (Sulphuric acid)	D1308	Moderate gloss loss
Gasoline	D1308	Pass
Isopropanol	D1308	Pass
Water**	D1308	Pass

\*\* Although resistant to intermittent exposure, this product is not recommended for immersion.

### Weather Resistance:

**Salt Spray System:**  
**Blasted Hot Rolled Steel**  
**CRE-321**  
**AUE-300 Urethane**

	ASTM Method	Result
<b>Salt Spray – 1000 hours</b>	B117	
Corrosion Creep***	D1654	9A
Scribe Blisters	D714	4F
Face Blisters	D714	None

\*\*\* Results based upon 4 – 5 mils DFT.

**Humidity System:**  
**Bonderite 1000**  
**CRE-321**  
**AUE-300 Urethane**

	ASTM Method	Result
<b>Humidity – 100 hours</b>	D2247	
5 Minute Recovery Adhesion	D3359	5B
1 Hour Recovery Adhesion	D3359	5B
24 Hour Recovery Adhesion	D3359	5B

All tests results assume proper cure and preparation of test substrates. Unless otherwise stated, all results were obtained spraying product direct to metal on *Bonderite 1000*.

\* The application and performance property data above are believed to be reliable based on laboratory findings. It is for the buyer to satisfy itself on the suitability of the product for its particular use. Variation in environment, procedures of use, or extrapolation of data may cause unsatisfactory results.

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## Safety:



These materials are designed for application only by professional, trained personnel, using proper equipment under controlled conditions and are not intended for sale to the general public.

Safe application of paints and coatings requires knowledge of equipment, materials and individual training. Directions and precautionary information on both equipment and products should be carefully read and strictly observed for personal safety and property protection. Consideration must be given to eliminate conditions, which may generate hazardous atmospheres during spray application or subject operators or bystanders to injury or illness.

Special precautions must be taken when utilizing spray equipment, particularly airless equipment. High-pressure injection of coatings into the skin by airless equipment may cause serious injury requiring immediate medical attention at a hospital. Treatment advice may also be obtained from Poison Centers.

Air quality should be maintained with adequate ventilation; applicators can achieve additional protection by wearing respirators and other protective garments such as gloves and overalls. In all cases, wear protective eye equipment. During the application of all coatings materials, all flames, welding and smoking must be prohibited. Explosion proof equipment must be used when coating these materials in confined areas.

### PRECAUTIONARY INFORMATION

Before using the products listed herein, carefully read each product label and follow directions for its use. Please read and observe all warnings and precautionary information on all product labels. Prevent all contact with skin and eyes and breathing of vapors and spray mist. Repeated inhalation of high vapor concentrations may cause a series of progressive effects including irritation of the respiratory system, permanent brain and nervous system damage and possible unconsciousness and death in poorly ventilated areas. Eye watering, headaches, nausea, dizziness and loss of coordination are indications that solvent levels are too high. Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling the contents can be harmful or fatal.

KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN

### MEDICAL RESPONSE

Emergency Medical or Spill Control Information (412) 434-4515; CANADA (514) 645-1320 and in MEXICO 01-800-00-21-400. Have label information available.



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