

GENERAL GUIDELINE SPECIFICATION

# GEOGARD<sup>®</sup> LO Base Coat / GEOGARD Finish Coat

WATERPROOFING SYSTEM FOR WEATHERED SINGLE-PLY MEMBRANES (PVC, EPDM\*, PIB, HYPALON, TPO\*, ETC.)

## PART 1 – General

### 1.01 General

- A. This document is intended to provide only **general** guidelines regarding the application of listed materials as furnished by Republic Powdered Metals, Inc. These general guideline specifications are **NOT** intended as project-specific specifications and should not be used as such. The information contained herein may be used, and modified where necessary, by the owner, architect, and contractor in preparing specifications for particular roofing projects. It is the responsibility of the owner, architect, and/or contractor to ensure that these general guideline specifications are consistent with the contractual and construction requirements relating to the project.

### 1.02 Quality Assurance

- A. Applicator's Qualifications
1. Applicator shall have knowledge and general understanding of building design as well as Republic's products specified for the project.
  2. Applicator shall have business stability and own, or have access to, the equipment necessary for successful completion of the project.
  3. Technical service on application and suitability of Republic's materials is available by contacting Republic Powdered Metals, Inc., 2628 Pearl Road, Medina, Ohio 44256.

### 1.03 Submittals

- A. In the normal course of bidding, descriptive literature and technical data on all materials proposed for usage under this specification will be submitted. A roof survey shall be submitted by the bidder identifying total area to be coated, along with pictures of panel profile, seams, and details including any repairs to seams, protrusions, and general conditions of the existing roof along with a completed Notice of Award to Republic.

### 1.04 Product Storage and Handling

- A. Storage of Materials: Store in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations.
- B. Handling and Protection of Materials: Meet requirements of manufacturer's recommendations for handling and protection of materials during installation. Handle products so that they are not contaminated by foreign materials.
- C. Damaged Materials: Contaminated or damaged materials shall not be used in the installation and shall be immediately removed from site upon discovery.
- D. Exercise caution when working with solvent-based materials within the limitations described by the manufacturer.
- E. WARNING: GEOGARD contains solvents that may be irritable to some individuals; consult MSDS for GEOGARD LO Base Coat and Finish Coat for precautionary information.
- F. \* **Note: All EPDM & TPO membranes must be looked at individually as some formulations have a potential for membrane swelling due to the solvent content in GEOGARD.** A test application must be conducted by applying GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 1 gal./100 sq. ft. or 16 wet mils. Check for swelling for a 12-24 hour period. If membrane swells, a very light application of GEOGARD LO Base Coat is recommended at 8 wet mils. After 24 hour cure, follow with the remainder of actual coverage rate.

## PART 2 – Products as Manufactured by Republic Powdered Metals, Inc.

### 2.01 Coating System

- A. GEOGARD
1. Description  
GEOGARD is a fire resistant two-coat polyurethane elastomeric coating system. The system consists of a single component, high performance, low odor, low VOC modified aromatic urethane base coat and a single component, high performance, modified aliphatic urethane white finish coat.

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## 2. Performance Requirements

	GEOGARD LO Base Coat	GEOGARD Finish Coat		GEOGARD LO Base Coat	GEOGARD Finish Coat
Weight per gallon (ASTM D 1475)	11.5 ± 0.2 lbs	8.8 ± 0.2 lbs.	Tensile strength (ASTM D 2370)	220-260 psi	3480 psi
Specific gravity (ASTM D 1475)	1.38 ± 0.02	1.06 ± 0.02	Shore "A" hardness (ASTM D 2240)	37	80
Solids by weight (ASTM D 1333)	96% ± 1%	69% ± 1%	Dry time – Full Cure (ASTM D 1640)	Cure 24 hrs.	Cure 24 hrs.
Solids by volume	95 ± 1%	51% ± 1%	Flash point (ASTM D 3278)	>200°F	80°F
Elongation @ 77°F (ASTM D 2370)	500-700%	250%	Clean up	Republic Thinner #1 or Xylene	Republic Thinner #1 or Xylene
Flexibility @ 0°F (ASTM D 1737)	Passes 1/8" mandrel	Passes 1/8" mandrel			

\* A complete system consists of GEOGARD LO Base Coat and Finish Coat as outlined in Republic's specifications. Contact Republic's Technical Department for fire ratings over specific substrates.

## 2.02 Accessory Materials

- PERMAFAB is a 100% stitchbonded polyester fabric used in repairing blisters, fish mouths, splits, and as reinforcement for flashing details.
- DURATHANE is a premium-grade, moisture-cured, one component, polyurethane sealant, for use in sealing existing roof penetrations and termination bars, etc.
- REPUBLIC THINNER #1 is an aromatic petroleum solvent used for clean-up of the GEOGARD System.
- GEOGARD Primer is a single component industrial maintenance product utilized to promote inter-coat adhesion by reactivating GEOGARD products.

## PART 3 – Execution

### 3.01 Preparation For Coating

- Cleaning
  - Remove all loose dirt, dust, debris, etc., by mechanical brush, stiff broom, vacuum, power washing, etc. All surfaces must be clean and dry. Surfaces exhibiting algae growth must be cleaned with a bleach/water solution and rinsed thoroughly.
  - Flashings, blisters, and other damaged areas must be repaired and allowed to cure for 24 hours prior to applying the GEOGARD LO Base Coat to the entire roof.
  - Check for adhesion and compatibility of any remaining, tightly adhered, existing coating with GEOGARD LO Base Coat. A test application is the best method of determining compatibility with and adhesion to a previously coated surface. Contact Republic's Technical Department for further information.
  - Prevent mechanical units from distributing solvent fumes into the building.
- Flashings
  - All tight flashing seams need to be addressed by coating the seams of the flashings with GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 1 ½ gal./100 sq. ft. (24 wet mils), 4 inches wide, centered over the flashing seams.
  - All faulty or failed flashings must be repaired using PERMAFAB and GEOGARD LO Base Coat. Loose or detached flashings should be repaired using conventional techniques.
  - Apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat to all areas at 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils). The coating shall be applied as to extend 2" beyond the PERMAFAB in each direction, feather out edges.
  - Embed PERMAFAB into the coating from 4" onto the roof surface to a minimum of 8" above roof surface. Adjacent pieces should be lapped a minimum of 4". Brush for proper adhesion and removal of all voids.
  - Apply a second coat of GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 2 gal./100 sq. ft. (32 wet mils) over the PERMAFAB and a minimum of 2" beyond edges in each direction, feather out edges.
  - Coverage rate for finished repair (base coat/fabric/base coat) is approximately 30 -40 lineal ft./gal. Rates can vary depending on size of repair.
  - Install metal counter flashing as required.

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## C. Blisters

1. Make an X-cut of sufficient size and completely open blister by folding back flaps, sponge out water, and allow area to air dry. *If membrane from the blister must be removed, it must be replaced with similar membrane of the same thickness and installed per the manufacturers written specifications. The repair must then be "picture framed" with a 3-course application of GEOGARD LO Base Coat /PERMAFAB/GEOGARD LO Base Coat at the following coverage rates.*
2. Apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils) to the inside of the blister. (If replacing the membrane this step is not necessary)
3. Replace flaps and apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils) 8" wider than the blister area.
4. Cut PERMAFAB 6" wider than the blister area in each direction and embed in the GEOGARD LO Base Coat, brush for proper adhesion and removal of all voids.
5. Apply a second coat of GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 2 gal./100 sq. ft. (32 wet mils) over the PERMAFAB and a minimum of 2" beyond edges in each direction, feather out edges.
6. Coverage rates for finished repair (base coat / fabric / base coat) is approximately 30 lineal ft./gal. Rates can vary depending on size of repair.

## D. Splits

1. Apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils) over the entire area and 8" beyond the width of the split in each direction, feather out edges.
2. Cut PERMAFAB 6" wider than the split in each direction and embed in the GEOGARD coating, brush for proper adhesion and removal of all voids.
3. Apply a second coat of GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 2 gal./100 sq. ft. (32 wet mils) over the PERMAFAB and a minimum of 2" beyond edges in each direction, feather out edges.
4. Coverage rate for finished repair (base coat/fabric/base coat) is approximately 30 – 40 lineal ft./gal. Rates can vary depending on size of repair.

**NOTE:** If an opening, crack, or cut is located over a stress line, like an insulation board joint, it is best to reinforce the line with PERMAFAB for the full length of the affected sheet, from endlap to endlap ("T" joint to "T" joint). Also, before the first coat of GEOGARD LO Base Coat is applied to the cleaned surface, strip the entire stress line with 2" masking tape as a bond break to help accommodate excessive movement.

## E. Fishmouths

1. Cut fishmouth to provide a smooth edge and apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils) 6" beyond the width of the fishmouth in each direction. Feather out edges.
2. Cut PERMAFAB 4" wider than the fishmouth in each direction and embed in the GEOGARD coating, brush for proper adhesion and removal of all voids.
3. Apply a second coat of GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 2 gal./100 sq. ft. (32 wet mils) over the PERMAFAB and a minimum of 2" beyond edges in each direction. Feather out edges.
4. Coverage rates for finished repair (base coat / fabric / base coat) is approximately 30 lineal ft./gal. Rates can vary depending on size of repair.

## F. Roof Penetrations

1. The base of all roof penetrations, i.e. stacks, vents, curbs, etc., must be sealed using GEOGARD LO Base Coat embedded into PERMAFAB. Apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils), embed PERMAFAB (cut to size), brush for proper adhesion and removal of all voids. Apply a second coat of GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 2 gal./100 sq. ft. (32 wet mils) over the PERMAFAB and a minimum of 2" beyond edges.
2. Coverage rates for finished repair (base coat/fabric/base coat) is approximately 30 lineal ft./gal. Rates can vary depending on size of repair.

## G. Seams

1. All tight seams 60 mil or greater need to be addressed by coating the seams with GEOGARD Base Coat LO at 1 ½ gal./100 sq. ft. (24 wet mils), 4 inches wide, centered over the seams
2. All faulty or failed seams must be reinforced with GEOGARD LO Base Coat and PERMAFAB. Apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at a rate of 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils) in a minimum 6" wide ribbon. Embed 4" PERMAFAB. Brush for proper adhesion and removal of all voids. Apply a second coat of GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 2 gal./100 sq. ft. (32 wet mils).
3. All PIB or Butyl Tape Seams must be reinforced with GEOGARD LO Base Coat and PERMAFAB. Apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at a rate of 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils) in a minimum 6" wide ribbon. Embed 4" PERMAFAB. Brush for proper adhesion and removal of all voids. Apply a second coat of GEOGARD LO Base Coat at 2 gal./100 sq. ft. (32 wet mils).

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- Coverage rate for seam detail coat is approximately 30 – 40 lineal ft./gal.

## 3.02 GEOGARD Waterproofing System

### A. General

- Power wash existing roof. Remove all loose existing coating, dirt, dust, debris, etc.
- Check for compatibility of any remaining, tightly adhered existing coating with GEOGARD by conducting a test application to determine compatibility with and adhesion to a previously coated surface.
- If EPDM or TPO, a test application must be conducted as some formulations have a potential for membrane swelling. Refer to 1.04.F for details.
- Seams, flashings, blisters, and other damaged areas must be repaired and allowed to cure for 24 hours prior to applying the GEOGARD Base Coat to the entire roof.

### B. GEOGARD LO Base Coat / Finish Coat System

- Apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at the rate of 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils) to the roof surface including prepared flashings, blisters, splits, seams, etc. GEOGARD Base Coat should leave the surface without any peaks and valleys and provide a smooth monolithic surface.
- Allow base coat to cure (min. 24 hrs). Then apply GEOGARD Finish Coat at the rate of 1 gal./100 sq. ft. (16 wet mils). If GEOGARD LO Base Coat has been down longer than 48 hours prior to the application of GEOGARD Finish Coat, prime the GEOGARD LO Base Coat with GEOGARD Primer.
- Do not permit traffic on completed roof surfaces unless absolutely necessary, and only after complete cure.

### C. GEOGARD Walkway Application – Traffic Areas

- In areas where walkways are required, the following method is the only approved walkway option for warranty purposes.
- Completely install the GEOGARD LO Base Coat and GEOGARD Finish Coat system to specifications. Allow system to cure.
- In the walkway area, the GEOGARD Finish Coat must be primed with GEOGARD Primer prior to the application of the walkway system.
- After priming with GEOGARD Primer, apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at a rate of 16 wet mils in desired area. Embed 40" PERMAFAB into the wet base coat.
- Apply GEOGARD LO Base Coat at a rate of 24 wet mils to encapsulate the PERMAFAB.
- Immediately broadcast and back roll #20-40 mesh, angular cut, washed silica sand into the wet base coat at the rate of 13 lbs./100 sq. ft.
- After 24-48 hour cure, apply GEOGARD Finish Coat (in white or standard color) at 16 wet mils.
- Allow to cure 24 hours before permitting traffic.

## 3.03 The Protective Coating

### A. General

**NOTE:** GEOGARD LO Base Coat and Finish Coat are not recommended for roofs where all plies have become embrittled or where the insulation has become saturated. Not recommended over unweathered asphalt less than two seasons old, tar roofs, and silicone-based coatings. Not recommended for vehicular traffic. Apply at temperatures over 40°F. Surfaces must be completely dry. Do not apply when rain is imminent. CAUTION: Application of this product in high humidity or temperatures, or over water saturated substrates can lead to improper curing, surface defects, and/or loss of gloss. All surfaces suspect for moisture contamination should be evaluated prior to application. Republic makes no warranty as to appearance or color since application methods and job site conditions are beyond our control and can affect product performance. GEOGARD Finish Coat must be applied to the base coat within 48 hours of its application otherwise the base coat must be reactivated by applying GEOGARD Primer at a rate of 400 sq. ft./gal. before applying the finish coat. This includes all flashing details as well as all patch and repair work and tie-ins.

### B. APPLICATION

GEOGARD LO Base Coat and Finish Coat may be applied by brush, roller, squeegee, or heavy-duty airless spray. Preferred method of application is by roller. MIX WELL BEFORE USE utilizing power assisted equipment. When applying GEOGARD over a previously coated substrate, a test patch should be applied to determine compatibility and adhesion.

#### 1. Spray Equipment Recommendation

Application of urethane coatings with spray equipment may require some masking and possible erection of wind screens to prevent over spray and drift damage. Protect surfaces of unrelated areas from coatings and overspray possibility.

**Pumps:** Graco King 45:1 or gas powered equivalents. Graco GH733, HydraMax 350 or other manufacturer's equivalents.

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**Hose/Pressure:** 50'–300' length (depending on spray rig pressure). When using hoses longer than 100' use the next larger hose ID every 50'. Every 50' of hose will reduce the spray pressure of the rig by 10% at the gun tip. i.e., 300' hose – 3/4" (50/100') to 5/8" (50/100') to 1/2" (50/100') to 3/8" (50'). Good results are generally obtained @ 2500–3500 psi at spray tip.

**Gun:** Graco Contractor Gun, Graco Contractor FTx gun, Graco Silver Plus or equivalent. (Tip extrusions or pole guns can be used)

**\*Tip Sizes:**

Fan Width (in)	.039	.043	.047	.051	.055	.057
10" – 12"	539	543	547	551	555	559
12" – 14"	639	643	647	651	655	659
14" – 16"	739	743	747	751	755	
16" – 18"	839	843	847	851	855	
Flow Rate	1.60 gpm	1.98 gpm	2.37 gpm	2.79 gpm	3.25 gpm	3.74 gpm

**\* Graco Heavy-Duty RAC Switch tips (GHDXXX) Grey**

- \* Additional tip sizes are available between .039–.059
- \* Base Coat should be applied with a tip size of .043–.060. Finish Coat should be applied with a tip size of .039–.049
- \* Skill and experience of the spray applicator is important to the success of the coating application. Periodic checking of the film build is necessary to ensure best results.
- \* Do not permit traffic on completed roof surfaces unless absolutely necessary, and only after complete cure.

### 3.04 Clean Up

- As work progresses, it is essential to keep equipment in clean, working condition. If spray equipment is used, flush lines with REPUBLIC THINNER #1 or pure xylene. General clean-up with same.
- Do not allow the GEOGARD to remain in the spray equipment overnight.
- At the conclusion of the project, all equipment should be cleaned and returned to its designated location. Disposal of empty, partially full, or full drums should be discussed with the building owner, contractor, or engineer.

## PART 4 – File Data

### 4.01 Enclosures

### 4.02 Warranty Disclaimer

- Please note that if Republic Powdered Metals has been requested to furnish a warranty, the contractor/owner must comply with the conditions for warranty issuance set forth on the reverse side of the warranty document, a sample copy of which is available upon request. Republic Powdered Metals reserves the right to refuse issuance of a warranty pursuant to such conditions.

Contact Republic Powdered Metals, Inc. for details regarding available warranties on the GEOGARD<sup>®</sup> System.



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