

## **SPECIFICATION DATA SHEET - AXOLOTL PAINT Rust**

### **For the information of Specifiers and Trades**

#### **Product Description**

Axolotl Rust Paint creates rust on most interior and exterior surfaces. This applied effect actually rusts, giving the authentic feel of a rusting metal surface. That means how and where you apply Rust Paint will contribute to the end result, just like how and where you store a sheet of metal. Please note results when using Axolotl Rust Paint can vary greatly depending on application method and weather conditions.

After preparation / priming the system is:

- 1 Rust Paint Base** apply two coats.
- 2 Rust Paint Age** apply to start the rusting process.
- 3 Rust Paint Seal** apply when you are happy with the level of rust to stop the rusting and provide a more washable surface so the rust will not wipe or wash off. Rust Paint Seal is not generally used externally as full recoating at 12 – 18 months in exposed applications will be required.

#### **Precautions**

Axolotl Rust Paint is not recommended for applications on to external metal surfaces as Rust Paint contains active rust.

Axolotl Rust Paint contains real rust and will leach out, avoid applying Axolotl Rust Paint above a surface where staining will show such as limestone (unless you are happy with the rust staining as part of the overall effect).

Rust Sealer is not generally used externally as full recoating at 12 – 18 months in exposed applications will be required.

#### **Preparation**

Surfaces should be prepared to industry standard and painted with appropriate paints or primers to protect the surface where protection is required from rusting. The prepared surface must be able to accept standard acrylic paints.

It is recommended for bare surfaces that do not require protection to still be primed with one coat of Axolotl Primer coloured grey.

#### **Application**

**1. Rust Paint Base** Stir well before use. Apply a generous coat by brush or roller and allow to dry for 3-6 hours. Apply a second coat as the first but only allow to partially dry (just so the Rust Paint Finish can be applied without removing the base coat). Typically this is less than 30 minutes.

Note: a cross hatch painting technique is recommended. The look and direction that Rust Paint Base is applied will directly effect the final results.

**Clean up in water Coverage 6-8 m2 per litre per coat**

**2. Rust Paint Age** Stir and apply a generous coat by brush laying it on the surface rather than brushing it in. The surface should be kept wet for at least 30 minutes – 1 hour to give the rust time to start. You should be aware of a slight orange / brown tinge before allowing the surface to dry. Please note, time to generate initial rusting can vary greatly depending on weather conditions.

**Clean up in water Coverage 11-12 m2 per litre per coat**

Keep the surface wet by mist spraying with a hose or atomizer bottle and/or covering with a plastic sheet to retard drying.

Rust is maximized by the same conditions that cause rusting in steel products: heat with humidity. Using a salt water spray in these conditions will give more pronounced rust.

For best results avoid application in Direct sunlight, dry heat, cold, wind.

Axolotl Rust Paint can be further developed by keeping the Rust Base wet longer; re-applying the Rust Paint Age; adding some salt to the water used to mist spray; sanding the surface lightly to expose the particles before re-applying Rust Paint Age.

**3. Rust Paint Seal** Apply sealer when the paint finish has rusted to your desired results. Please note the sealer will darken the colour, and give the surface a wet look. It is recommended to test a small area first and if preferred the sealer step can be left out. Unsealed rust pain will continue develop and can leach in weather or to the touch. Rust Paint Seal will prevent the rust rubbing off, deliver a washable surface and stop the rusting process.

To apply sealer stir well and apply one or two coats depending on expected wear to internal surfaces that may be handled.

**Clean up in water Coverage 11-12 m2 per litre per coat**

## Safe Handling

Keep out of reach of children. Provide adequate ventilation. Wear safety glasses and rubber gloves. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Do not tip unused paint or washings down drains. Contact Axolotl on 02 9666 1207 if you are unsure about the handling or use of this product.

## Packaging

Axolotl Rust Paint is sold as a set of three bases. Paints can be purchased separately in the following sizes:

- 1 Rust Paint Base** available in 300ml, 1 and 4 litre containers.
- 2 Rust Paint Age** available in 100ml, 300ml, 1 and 4 litre containers.
- 3 Rust Paint Seal** available in 100ml, 300ml, 1 and 4 litre containers.

Or as a kit

**Rust Paint Small Kit** 300ml Rust Base, 100ml Rust Age, 100ml Rust Seal (*0.5m2 approximate coverage*)

**Rust Paint Medium Kit** 1 litre Rust Base, 300ml Rust Age, 300ml Rust Seal (*1.5-2m2 approximate coverage*)

**Rust Paint Large Kit** 4 litre Rust Base, 1.3 litre Rust Age, 1.3 litre Rust Seal (*6-8m2 approximate coverage*)

## NOTE FOR SPECIFIERS -

**PLEASE ENSURE SPECIFICATION SHEET IS COPIED & ATTACHED TO TENDER DRAWINGS FOR THE REFERENCE OF ALL RELEVANT TRADES.**

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