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**GALVAPREP SG**  
Conversion Coating Process

## 1. Introduction:

GALVAPREP SG is a non-flammable phosphoric acid based coating chemical that is designed to produce a uniform zinc phosphate coating on steel and galvanized surfaces. This zinc phosphate coating offers the best affordable substrate for both paint adhesion and corrosion resistance.

GALVAPREP SG contains a small amount of detergent which aids in the removal of light soils and oils and promotes the formation of a uniform zinc phosphate coating. For corroded and heavily soiled surfaces, the use of METALPREP 79 cleaning and conditioning chemical is recommended as the first step in preparing the metal surface for painting.

## 2. Operating Summary:

### Brush Application:

Apply GALVAPREP SG, as received, to a lightly soiled or chemically cleaned surface.

### Operation and Control:

Temperature: Ambient to 120° Fahrenheit

## 3. The Process:

The process to prepare metal for painting normally consists of the following steps:

- A. Apply METALPREP 79
- B. Thoroughly rinse with water
- C. Treat with GALVAPREP SG
- D. Allow the chemical to react
- E. Thoroughly rinse with water
- F. Dry

#### 4. Materials:

METALPREP® 79  
GALVAPREP SG

#### 5. Equipment:

Acid resisting (rubber, stainless steel or plastic) buckets, troughs or other suitable container should be used to hold the diluted METALPREP 79 and GALVAPREP SG. Ordinary steel pails may be used, but only for a short time. Galvanized containers should not be used. If production conditions warrant, troughs may be installed to collect the GALVAPREP SG coating chemical run-off for reuse.

Long-handled, window type brushes, clean cloths or synthetic sponges may be used to brush on the METALPREP solution.

#### 6. Treating with diluted GALVAPREP SG:

##### Buildup:

The GALVAPREP SG is used as received.

##### Operation:

Selecting the size area to be treated at one time will depend on the method of application, condition of the metal surface, temperature and part configuration. GALVAPREP SG should not be allowed to dry on the metal surface and it is beneficial to rewet the surface with fresh GALVAPREP SG several times to ensure complete coating reaction. A typical treatment time is where the GALVAPREP SG is in contact with the metal surface between two and five minutes.

GALVAPREP SG is normally applied at temperatures between room and 120° Fahrenheit. If drying does occur, rewet the surface with GALVAPREP SG, prior to water rinsing.

NOTE: Operators should be equipped with rubber gloves, aprons and goggles to avoid contact with GALVAPREP SG. Adequate ventilation should be provided.

Blistering and corrosion problems under paint are often the result of poor rinsing. Chemical salts trapped under a paint film will eventually result in blistering or corrosion problems.

Often, sheet galvanized is chemically treated or passivated. This corrosion resisting treatment does inhibit chemicals from reacting or paint from adhering to the galvanized surface. When this condition is encountered, a suggestion is to apply the GALVAPREP SG with a scotch-brite pad. The abrasive pad will abrade through the passivation treatment and allow the GALVAPREP SG to react with the galvanized metal.

Blushing or yellowing on steel can be seen when using METALPREP 79 solution or GALVAPREP SG. This chemical coating is not injurious to quality, provided it is not rust or pitting.

Powdering of a zinc phosphate coating can result from poor cleaning, drying, over reacting or many other reasons. Powder can affect paint adhesion. Gently wipe and remove the powder without abrading the chemical coating with a dry, clean rag after the work has dried. Caution should be taken not to redeposit oils, lint or other soils back on the metal surface.

Paint soon after the work is dry in order to prevent soils or oxidation from recontaminating the prepared metal surface.

As an aid to drying, heating the treated part, blowing off with forced clean dry filtered air or gently wiping with a dry, clean rag will lessen the time required.

7. Storage Requirements:

GALVAPREP SG will freeze at 32° Fahrenheit. Freezing is not detrimental to the product. It is recommended that the product be kept from freezing. However, should the product freeze, simply thaw it in a warm place and stir it prior to use.

8. Waste Disposal Information:

Applicable regulations concerning disposal and discharge of chemicals should be consulted and followed.

Disposal information for the chemical products used in this process is given on the Material Safety Data Sheet for each product.

The processing bath is acidic and contains phosphate and heavy metals. Waste treatment and neutralization may be required prior to discharge to sewer.

The processing bath and sludge can contain ingredients other than those present in the chemical as supplied and analysis of the solution and/or sludge may be required before waste treatment and disposal.

9. Precautionary Information:

Before handling the chemical products used in the process, the first aid and handling recommendations on the Material Safety Data Sheet for the product should be read, understood and followed.

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