Dual action enhanced passivation and barrier performance for aluminium substrates

- AGM’s Genable® 2000 series dispersions are formulated specifically to provide anti-corrosive properties for primer coatings on aluminium substrates.
- Containing a modified A-GNP grade, these products have demonstrated highly effective anti-corrosion performance, with dual action enhanced passivation and barrier performance mechanisms.
- Within a final formulation Genable® 2000 dispersions offer a cost effective technology, with loading levels down to just 0.3 wt%.
- Genable® dispersions are designed to be delivered easily into existing manufacturing processes, enabling industry formulators to access, consistently, the performance attributes of A-GNP graphene nanoplatelets.
- Genable® 2000 series dispersions are supplied as standard in epoxy resins, but with a range of customised dispersions under development.
- Genable® dispersions are supported by application guidelines, extended performance datasets and considerable formulation know-how within AGM’s Technical Group.

Standard Genable® 2000 series dispersions

Genable® dispersions have been prepared to a set viscosity and particle size via a controlled manufacturing process.

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- Typical addition levels of 0.3 - 1% depending on application
- Typical storage life 3-6 months at ambient temperature
- Set of Technical Application Notes to support formulators

Customised dispersions

Our customised dispersions are developed to meet customer-specific processing, performance and application needs. Example systems include:

- Epoxy
- Saturated Polyester
- Alkyd (Short, Medium, Long Oil)
- Polyester Polyol
- Acrylic Polyol
- Ethyl Silicate

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**EXAMPLE**

**Electrochemical Investigation**

Impedance spectroscopy is a non-destructive test method and provides an indication of corrosion protection. Our data indicates that coatings containing Genable® 2000 provide greater barrier type corrosion protection. Additional electrochemical testing suggests that the graphene is acting to increase the rate of passivation of the metal surface, acting in a catalytic manner to increase the rate of oxidation of aluminium to aluminium oxide within the scribed regions. The increased passivation layer build up within the scribed regions essentially acts to seal up the scribe in a self-healing type behaviour.

![Fig. 1](image)

Fig. 1. Impedance values indicating higher corrosion protection for the test piece containing Genable® dispersion.

*left) Samples under electrochemical testing in paint test cells

**EXAMPLE**

**TAFEL PLOTS**

Tafel plots show the onset of passivation in the scribed Genable® 2401 samples whereas no such regions were found within the scans for blank control samples nor samples containing other graphenes.

![Fig. 2](image)

Fig. 2 Tafel plot for sample without passivation

![Fig. 3](image)

Fig. 3 Tafel plot for Genable® 2401 sample showing the onset of passivation