

PELCO® Conductive Graphite

Product No. 16051

Water based colloidal graphite resistance coating

DESCRIPTION:

PELCO® Conductive Graphite is a unique dispersion of colloidal graphite in water which combines a very fine particle size distribution with outstanding film forming properties on a wide variety of substrates. Very thin films of PELCO® Conductive Graphite will conform and adhere to the finest surface details and are readily formed on either hot or cold surfaces, thus taking fullest advantage of the versatile lubricating, anti-adherent, electrical and opaquing properties of pure graphite. In its undiluted form PELCO® Conductive Graphite is a stable colloidal gel containing a small quantity of protective ammonia. It may be diluted with water for large scale application as an additive, electrically conductive coating or lubricant. Partially dried graphite can be mixed with DI water to regain the original consistency.

Advantages offered by PELCO® Conductive Graphite include:

- Purified water carrier solvent
- Environmentally friendly, no ozone-depleting chemicals
- Very stable dispersion
- Easy to handle
- Air drying
- Applicable on various substrates
- Very good impregnation properties
- Excellent coverage of all woven and nonwoven materials
- Ultra-fine particle size
- Opaque even in very thin layers
- High solids content (22%)
- Improved coating build up
- High lubricity
- Good electrical resistivity

TYPICAL APPLICATIONS:

Electrical

- Specimen preparation for SEM and EM applications
- Antistatic coating
- Plating nonconductors
- ESD prevention
- Shielding
- Impregnation or coating of gaskets for anti-adherent and anti-static properties

Lubricating, Parting and Optical

- Vacuum lubricant
- Dry lubrication of moving parts in electronic assemblies
- Sliding surfaces
- Mold Release
- Photographic and lithographic opaque

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES (as supplied):

Pigment	Graphite 22% by weight
Carrier/diluent	Demineralized water
Consistency	Thixotropic gel
Density	1.120 kg/l
pH	10 - 14
Viscosity (Brookfield)	100-900 cP
Shelf Life	at least 2 months from date of shipping under original seal

TYPICAL PROPERTIES (as cured):

Maximum service temperature in air*	600°F (315°C)
Coverage	208 sq ft/gal @ 1 mil dry film thickness

*Service temperature under vacuum conditions is significantly higher.

Resistance

The electrical characteristics of the dry coating can be varied by adjusting the ratio of concentrate to diluent, the method of application, thickness, and the type and degree of heat treatment. Resistance coatings have a negative temperature coefficient of resistance. Typical resistance values of the dry coating on a glass substrate are as follows:

<u>Application Method</u>	<u>Cure Cycle</u>	<u>Resistance at 25µm (1 mil)</u>
Brush, undiluted	Air dry	100 - 300 Ohm/square

METHOD OF USE: SURFACE PREPARATION

Before coating, clean all grease and dirt from the surface to be coated. Preheating the substrate to 140°F (60°C) will speed drying and lessen flow marks.

APPLICATION

PELCO® Conductive Graphite may be applied by brush in its undiluted form. Diluted PELCO® Conductive Graphite may be applied by flow, spray, brush, dip, or sponge methods. The optimum viscosity for each method is best established by pretesting. Suggested starting formulations are listed below.

<u>Method</u>	<u>grams of Conductive Graphite: grams of Water</u>
Brush	1:1
Flow, dip, sponge	1:3
Spray	1:5

CURING

Coating adhesion can be increased and the resistance decreased by drying at 149°F (65°C) for 2 to 5 minutes. A longer cure at 392°F (200°C) for up to 60 minutes will further stabilize the resistance.

HANDLING

PELCO® Conductive Graphite can be stored at temperatures between 41 and 104°F (5° and 40°C). PELCO® Conductive Graphite should be stored in a cool place and should not be allowed to freeze. Containers should be tightly re-sealed after use in order to prevent contamination and loss of ammonia. Product should not be stored in a steel container.

PRECAUTIONS: See Material Safety Data Sheet for proper first aid instructions.

NOTE: PELCO® Conductive Graphite does not contain any ozone-depleting chemicals.

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