

# SafeCoat® FR-41

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## **DESCRIPTION**

**SafeCoat® FR-41** is designed for use on a wide variety of substances. It is extremely effective on wood, wood-based products, straw, hay, dry vegetation, paper, cardboard, and practically all water-absorbent materials where fire protection is desired.

**SafeCoat® FR-41** is formulated as an absorbent fire retardant and provides excellent protection against grass fires and wildfires. It is non-toxic and contains no harmful ingredients. Re-treatment is required following rain or laundering.

SafeCoat® FR-41 can be applied by spraying, padding, or immersion or incorporated directly into the product. The method of application depends on the type of material and structure of the fibre to be protected.

## **USES**

Applications by Industry: Convention/Hospitality; Furniture; Carpet; Entertainment; Residences; Trade Shows/Exhibitions/Fairs; Senior Citizen Homes; Nursing Homes; Recreation Complexes; Military; Retail; Pulp and Paper; Libraries; Theatres and Museums; Public Office Buildings; Long Term Care Facilities; Food Service; Vegetation & Grass (temporary protection); Publishing; Hospitals & Clinics; Hotels & Convention Centres; Rodeo (Straw); Government and other places of public assembly which are required to be furnished with fire-resistant materials to protect the public, as well as property, against accidental ignition or arson.

Applications by Product Group: Textiles: Coveralls; Curtains; Carpets; Tents\*; Work Clothing; Wall Coverings; Cotton and Canvas; Linen (Table Cloths); Upholstery. Paper and Cellulosic: Trade Show Displays; Straw and Hay; Decorations; Acoustic Tiles; Wood Chips and Sawdust; Packaging; Cardboard; Books and Documents; Crepe Paper; Fiber Roof Board; Wood; Dry Vegetation.

\*The water-soluble properties of **SafeCoat**® **FR-41** broadspectrum fire retardant limits these applications

## **FEATURES**

- This is an aqueous solution of inorganic salts. It is colorless and has a slight odor of ammonia but is odorless when dry.
- Is chemically neutral or slightly alkaline with a pH of 7.0 to 8.0. Its primary role is to act as a flame retardant. Treated fabric remains soft and pliable.
- SafeCoat® FR-41 broad-spectrum fire retardant is water soluble and can be washed out of both textiles and materials. It must be re-treated after laundering.
- Is approved in a ready-to-use, liquid form.
- · Easy to use, colorless, safe to use, bromine free.

## **TECHNICAL DATA and PROPERTIES**

Appearance Colourless, free-flowing liquid

Odor Slight ammonia odor

Specific Gravity 8.65 lbs/USG or 1.04 g/mL

 Solids by Weight
 33%

 pH
 7.0-8.0

Flash Point 0 (non-flammable)

**Boiling Point** Not available

**Solvents** Water base, no petroleum

derivatives

Corrosiveness Mild in liquid form

**Toxic** Non-toxic, insect resistant, mold

resistant

Dry Time Dependent upon surface

material type and thickness

Coverage 1 to 1 (1:1), i.e., one pound of

solution for one pound of

surface material

Storage Limits Store in a cool, dry location away

from direct sunlight. Keep from freezing, above 0 °C (32 °F)

Packaging Available in 1-Gallon US Jug,

5-Gallon US Pail, and 55-Gallon

US Drum.

**Note:** SafeCoat® FR-41 broad-spectrum fire retardant complies with US Federal regulations. It has very low toxicology but should be kept out of the reach of children. Read SDS, available on request, for detailed precautions.

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#### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

SafeCoat® FR-41 broad-spectrum fire retardant can be applied by spraying, coating or immersing a surface material. Apply directly to surface area. For buildings and wood roofs, apply 3 or more coats. Take care to treat cracks and crevices where possible. On grass and brush be sure to saturate to the soil. Do not dilute or mix with other products. Distribute solution evenly across the entire surface, ensuring that solution does not flow or drip to the extremes whenever possible. Surface to be treated should be dry and free from moisture for 3 to 4 hours. To spray SafeCoat® FR-41 broad-spectrum fire retardant, use a handheld or backpack pressurized spray container with an atomizer nozzle. Filter the solution into the tank to keep out any solids that may plug the nozzle. With daily use, flush out the sprayer out with warm clean water.

## Coverage rate:

The required quantity depends on the absorbency of the material, its inherent flammability, and its overall weight. As a rough guide, the maximum amount of **SafeCoat**® **FR-41** required is proportional to the original weight of the material to be treated (80 to 100%), i.e., if the dry fabric starts out weighing 1 kg, then it should pick up between 0.8 and 1 kg of solution during treatment and retain an additional net added weight of 120-150 g after drying.

# Application to Straw, Paper and Other Cellulosebased Products:

Hay or Straw Bales for Display: Approximately 1 quart of SafeCoat® FR-41 broad-spectrum fire retardant per bale is required for good penetration. Spray on with an atomizer nozzle.

Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard is best treated with a fine atomized spray on both sides. Do not soak material in any one spot for too long a period, since this will warp the cardboard and make it lose its shape. Paper and Decorative Materials: Thorough saturation of paper with spray will work. For best results, hang paper during spraying. Total immersion can be used, but a test sample is advised.

**Wood Utility Poles:** Thoroughly saturate surface approximately 100 ft²/USG (provides temporary protection until it rains).

**Grass and/or Groundcover Vegetation**: Spray directly on dry or dead vegetation to saturate thoroughly. Typically 150-200 ft²/USG is adequate. (Temporary protection; will be washed away by rain).

### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

SafeCoat® FR-41 is environmentally responsible and causes little or no harm to the environment. Avoid contact with eyes. Personal protective clothing should be used to protect eyes, lungs and skin from prolonged contact. Clean up with soap and water. Clean spray equipment with water.

Keep out of reach of children. Do not take internally.

#### **Hazard Class**

SafeCoat® FR-41 Fire Retardant Fabric Treatment is not subject to WHMIS Regulations, nor is it regulated by *Transportation of Dangerous Goods.* 

## **TEST RESULTS**

SafeCoat<sup>®</sup> FR-41 broad-spectrum fire retardant is tested under CAN/ULC S109-14/CAN/CGSB 4.2 27.1 MS.The results show "a high degree of flame resistance" on surface materials such as:

- Polyester surface materials -100%
- Cotton 100%
- Polyester/Cotton blend 65/35%
- Wood and straw fiber
- Vegetation and groundcover