



## GRIPTEX™ NON-SKID PARTICLES: 73012 or 73013

### Features & Uses

Gives AWLGRIP™ and AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoats a non-skid texture for deck and step areas.

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### Specification Data

Type: Polymer Bead

Color: Translucent

Packaging: 10 oz. by weight in a quart container

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### Product Components, Reducers, Additives, and Auxiliary Components

GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles - Fine 73012

GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles - Coarse 73013

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### Surface Preparation

#### Application Equipment

Use air atomized spray equipment recommended for AWLGRIP™ or AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoats. Fluid tip must be at least .070". Do not use airless or air assist airless spray equipment.

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#### Surface Preparation

This product is an additive component. See instructions for the primary product.

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#### Mixing & Reduction

For spray application, add 4 oz. (by weight) of GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles to each gallon of mixed color base and converter.

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#### Application Instructions

GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles may be added to mixed topcoats and applied by spray. The dry particles can be broadcast or sprinkled into a tacky paint film.





Do not apply paint materials to surfaces warmer than 105°F or colder than 55°F. Do not attempt to cure products at temperatures below 55°F.

**Cautions:**

1. Previously painted surfaces must be tested for compatibility before applying Awlgrip Products; See page 11.
2. Gelcoat non-skid areas need to be thoroughly cleaned and abraded. Use Scotchbrite™, water, abrasive cleaners, and stiff brushes to ensure proper cleaning.
3. For final removal of abrasive residues and sanding dirt, wrap a stiff bristle brush in a clean cotton cloth. Scrub the sanded surface with the cloth wrapped brush. The bristles of the brush force the cloth into the grooves and valleys of the old non-skid, removing contaminants from the surface. Change the cloths frequently. Flush the surface with fresh water, allow to dry, then wipe with AWL-PREP™ or AWL-PREP™ PLUS.

**Note:** Even on small jobs, long-term performance is improved if surfaces are primed before an AWLGRIP™ or AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoat is applied.

**Application Instructions  
of AWLGRIP™ or AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoat  
with GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles-Broadcast Method:**

The easiest way for beginners to obtain a non-skid finish is to use the Broadcast-Shaker Method. GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid is added to a still tacky application of AWLGRIP™/AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoat.

1. Clean the primed and sanded surface with AWL-PREP™ PLUS using the Two Cloth Method.
2. Mask the perimeter of the non-skid areas. 3M #218 Fine Line Tape can be used in all areas except those with tight curves. Use 3M #471 Blue Vinyl Plastic Tape for sections with tight curves.
3. Apply a light, smooth coat of AWLGRIP™ or AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoat by spray, brush, or roller. Allow the topcoat to flash off 10 to 20 minutes until the surface is slightly dry but still sticky.
4. Using a flour sifter, powdered sugar shaker, or the punctured container itself, sprinkle the GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid into the paint film. To use the GRIPTEX™ container, first punch holes in the lid with a nail or ice pick. Overlap the broadcasting stroke to provide a uniform pattern. Allow to dry 12 to 16 hours.
5. Vacuum or blow off loose, excess GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles. Repeat Steps 3 and 4 on any areas that need additional non-skid particles.
6. Apply 1 or 2 sealer coats of AWLGRIP™ or AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoat over the entire non-skid surface. This coat encapsulates the GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles in the paint, maximizing durability.





**Application Instructions  
of AWLGRIP™ or AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoat  
with GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles - Spray Method**

Use a siphon gun or a pressure pot with an agitator. A .070 fluid tip is required. Surround non-skid areas with 36" of masking paper. Also, protect other areas from overspray. Each spray pass must begin and end on the masking paper.

**Warnings:**

1. Do not stop spraying until you reach the masking paper on the opposite side. Each spray pass must begin and end on the masking paper. Large areas may require walking on the surface.
2. GRIPTEX™ Particles can be trapped in the fluid tip when the gun is shut off, causing the gun to spit and drip. Keep a rag handy to wipe the gun tip after each pass.
3. Never use GRIPTEX™ Particles in an airless spray gun or an air assist airless spray gun.

Mastering the spray application of non-skid finishes can be a very time consuming process. Applicators that do not apply non-skid materials on a regular basis will find the Broadcast Method much easier to master.

1. Clean the primed and sanded surface with AWL-PREP™ PLUS using the Two Cloth Method.
2. Mask the perimeter of the non-skid areas. 3M #218 Fine Line Tape can be used in all areas except those with tight curves. Use 3M #417 Blue Vinyl Plastic Tape for those areas.
3. Surround all non-skid areas with 36" of masking paper.
4. Mix AWLGRIP™ Color Base with AWL-CAT™ #2 and the appropriate reducer. Overall mix for this coat should be 1:1:1 by volume. Add 4 oz. by weight of GRIPTEX™ Non-Skid Particles for each mixed gallon of AWLGRIP™ or AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoat.
5. Apply by triggering the gun over the masking paper and spraying across the non-skid area in one continuous pass. The spray gun should be held well off the surface. Spraying from waist high while walking is ideal. The paint will fall to the surface as a light, dry coat. If using a siphon gun, shake the gun and cup at the end of each pass to keep the GRIPTEX™ mixed in the paint. Allow the coat to thoroughly tack.
6. Apply a coat of AWLGRIP™ or AWLCRAFT™ 2000 Topcoat to seal the surface.

