# Powder. Perfected.

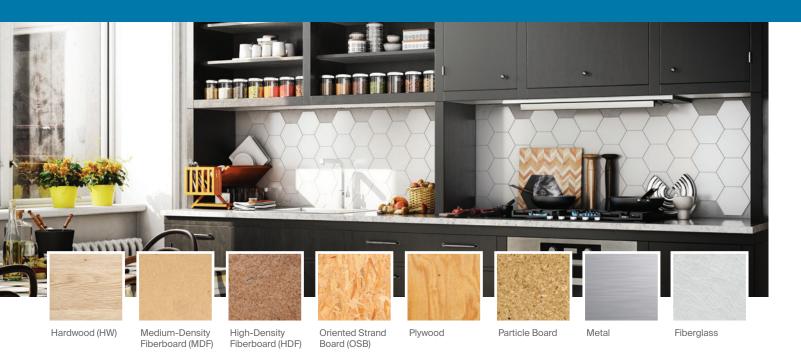


PPG ENVIROCRON<sup>®</sup> HeatSense powder coatings for heat-sensitive substrates





We protect and beautify the world®



## Advanced technology brings the power of powder to wood, wood-composite substrates and metals

Powder coatings have long been renowned for their toughness and durability when used over thinner metals, but the technology has worked less reliably over wood and wood composites. Low conductivity, warping, variations in moisture content and inconsistencies in substrate quality have all made it difficult for wood coaters to adopt powder.

Dense and oversized metal items such as kettle bells or construction counterweights have been problematic to powder coat as well, as it is often difficult to bring them up to a uniform temperature.

We're solving these challenges with our low-bake *Envirocron* HeatSense powder coating technology for heat-sensitive wood, wood-composites and metals. These coatings, coupled with a strictly regimented application and curing process, overcome the traditional barriers to using powder on these substrates.

The result is a tough, durable coating that delivers clear advantages over competing finishing technologies in aesthetics and functionality.

#### Suggested markets

Office furniture and equipment

**Building products** 

General industrial

#### Suggested end uses

Office furniture

Cabinetry and casework

Building and construction

Store fixtures and point-of-purchase (POP) displays

Heat-sensitive and oversized metals

#### Unique benefits



Sealed edges provide durable protection from heat, moisture, physical impacts and UV light



Cost-effective, compact, low-waste, high-output, automated application technology



Delivers aesthetics and functionality: solids, textures, antimicrobial\*-protected films



Available in a wide range of custom colors, glosses and textures



No edge-banding allows for application on curved and straight parts; may reduce labor costs

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## The performance benefits of low-cure powder by end use



## **Office furniture**

- No edge banding creates more design freedom
- No edge banding can reduce labor cost
- Hardness and scratch resistance
- Sealed edges improve moisture resistance



#### Cabinetry and casework

- Compact, single-coat process versus multi-coat liquid process
- Fully encapsulated and seamless, offering moisture and chemical resistance
- Design flexibility (e.g., one-piece shaker door)
- Small, custom-color batches



## **Building and construction**

- Exceptional durability and appearance
- Factory-applied, water-resistant barrier on OSB sheathing
- Prefinished, factory-applied coating for engineered wood siding
- Factory-applied primer for plywood



## Store fixtures and point-of-purchase (POP) displays

- Freedom of design with custom colors, finishes and textures
- Hardness and scratch resistance
- Seamless coverage aids in ease of cleaning
- PPG SILVERSAN<sup>™</sup> antimicrobial\*-protected coating in public places



#### Heat-sensitive and oversized metals

- Protects metals that have traditionally been too dense/large to powder coat
- Exceptional durability and appearance
- Freedom of design with custom colors, finishes and textures
- PPG SilverSan antimicrobial\*-protected coating

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	<i>Envirocron</i> HeatSense Powder Coating	Melamine	High-Pressure Laminate	Solventborne Liquid Coating
Sustainability	Low VOCs Low CO <sub>2</sub> Low waste	High VOCs Moderate CO <sub>2</sub> High waste	High VOCs Moderate CO <sub>2</sub> High waste	Highest VOCs Highest CO <sub>2</sub> High waste
Labor	Low	High	High	High
Durability	Excellent	Good	Good	Good
Moisture resistance	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Good
Design flexibility	Custom colors, textures, antimicrobial*-protected surface options	Limited due to edge banding	Limited due to edge banding	Thousands of solid colors, antimicrobial*-protected surface options

## Overall, powder outperforms competing technologies

Powder coatings outperform solventborne liquid coatings, high-pressure laminates and melamine across several key metrics, the most important of which is in the realm of sustainability. Powder's VOCs and carbon footprint are considerably lower, boosted by the fact that powder can be reclaimed and resprayed.

Performance is another factor. Powder provides better durability than all competing technologies as well, but does so in fewer coats. Because powder fully encapsulates the substrate, it provides better moisture resistance than laminate or melamine, which are banded and leave openings at corners.

Finally, in addition to custom color matching, powder offers finishing capabilities that are not available to all competing technologies, including textures, veins, metallics and antimicrobial\*protected surface options.

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## The curing and application process

Once applied to a pre-heated substrate, this powder breakthrough allows for fast curing at low temperatures through convection, infrared (IR) and/or combination convection/IR ovens.

#### Step 1: Preheat the substrate

- Temperature range 150-250° F (66-121° C)
- Substrate dimensions and type dictate conditions

#### Step 2: Powder application

- Standard powder spray guns
- Film thickness of 4 mils (100 μ) or more enough to form a continuous film
- Film thickness uniformity has to be controlled

#### Step 3: Powder cure

- Temperature range 250-350° F (121-177° C)
- Dwell time 5-10 minutes
- Substrate dimensions and type dictate conditions

## Start-up investment\*

## \$250K

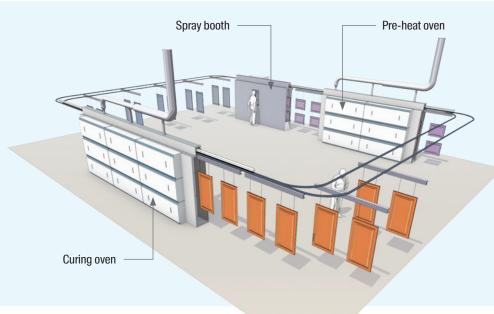
- Manual spray, continuous line
- 200 300 parts per hour

## **\$1.2M**

- Automated spray with reclaim, continuous line
- 750 1,000 parts per hour

## \$2.0M

- Automated spray with reclaim, continuous line
- 2,000 3,000 parts per hour



\* Approximate figures represent typical equipment cost for a PPG Envirocron HeatSense line. Contact a PPG representative for more information or a detailed quote.

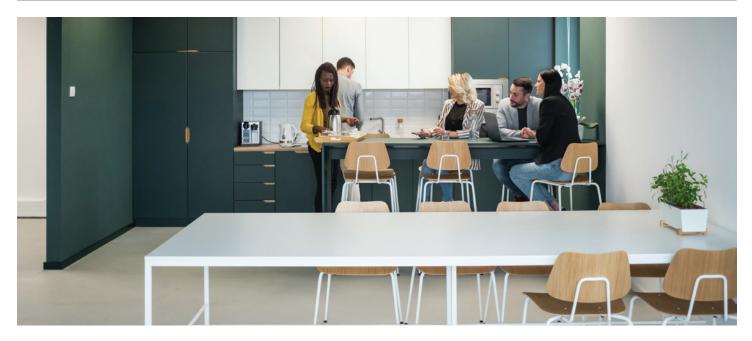


## Envirocron HeatSense powder coating technologies

The *Envirocron* HeatSense family of coatings offer formulations for a wide variety of end uses and substrates. The hard, fully encapsulated surface helps to protect your products from chips, scratches, chemicals, heat and water – all while delivering aesthetic and functional options not available with competing technologies.

Product Characteristics	Interior	Exterior
Recommended Substrates	Medium- and high-density fiberboard, hardwood, plywood, fiberglass, steel	Plywood, oriented strand board, steel, composite concrete board, wood siding
Colors Options	Custom	Custom
Gloss ASTM D523 @ 60°	5 - 80	5 - 80
Texture Options	Smooth and texture	Smooth and texture
Specialty	Optional antimicrobial*-protected	Optional mold and mildew resistance
Oven Type	Convection, IR or Combo	Convection, IR or Combo

Performance Properties <sup>+</sup>				
Dry Film Thickness ASTM D4138	4.0 – 7.0 mils	4.0 – 7.0 mils		
Pencil Hardness ASTM D3363	H – 2H minimum	H minimum		
Solvent Resistance PCI #8	No effect	Slight mar		
Boiling Water Resistance NEMA LD 3-2005 -3.5	No effect	No effect		
Detergent/Water Resistance KCMA 9.5	No swelling or edge cracking	No swelling or edge cracking		



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<sup>+</sup> Proper selection of substrate, powder, film thickness and curing process is critical to achieving a quality coated part.



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#### A trusted global coatings leader

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**Renowned color** expertise

Trend-setting palettes for home, auto and industry paired with unrivaled color matching



#### **Commitment to** sustainability

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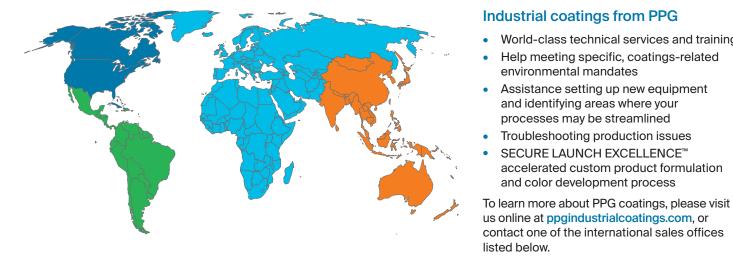
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