

### MATERIAL SPECIFICATION SHEET (MSS03)

#### description >>>

WETLUX is a high specification, specialist thermoplastic road marking designed for improved *Wet Night-Time Visibility*. WETLUX utilises elements of ULTRALUX's whiteness characteristics and combines these with the latest in 'Big Bead' Technologies to deliver a consistent level of information to the road user in dry, wet or rainy conditions.

#### scope of use >>>

WETLUX is recommended for situations where Wet Night-Time Visibility is required to improve road safety or where profiled /audible markings cannot be used. It is available as Screed, Extrusion or Spray grades.

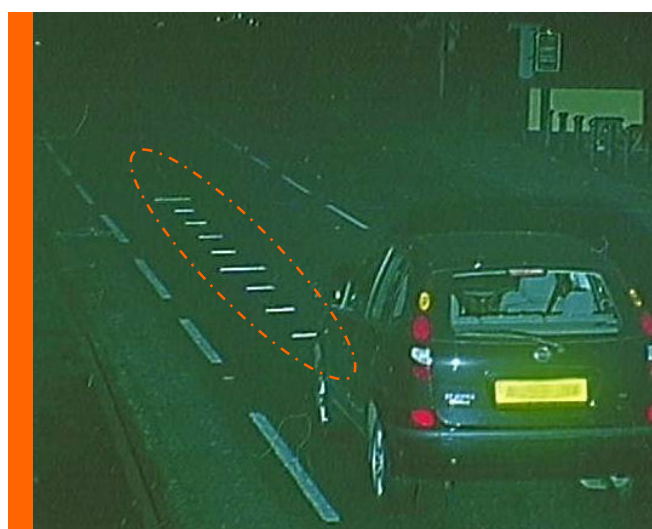
#### product highlights / benefits >>>

- High performance material giving good dual visibility in both dry and wet night conditions
- Ideal for use in wet climates where enhanced wet night visibility is required to help improve driver safety and guidance
- Independently tested and supported by a valid UK Road Trial Certificate (BS EN 1824)
- Very stable material, does not significantly discolour upon prolonged heating (up to 6hrs)
- Available in both White & Yellow grades

#### technical data >>>

Laboratory Tests	Value	Class
BS EN 1871 Softening Point	≥ 65°C	SP1
Export Grades	≥ 95°C	SP3
BS EN 1871 Luminance (β)	≥ 80 White	LF6
Road Trials	Value	Class
BS EN 1824 Durability	1x10 <sup>6</sup> wheel passes	P5
Performance Tests	Value	Class
BS EN 1436 Retroreflectivity (RL) Dry (RW) Wet	(white) ≥ 100 mcd m <sup>-2</sup> lx <sup>-1</sup> ≥ 35 mcd m <sup>-2</sup> lx <sup>-1</sup>	R2 (min) RW2 (min)
Initial retroreflectivity is entirely dependent on the application method, surface applied materials and conditions of application.		
BS EN 1436 Luminance (Qd) (Diffuse Illumination)	≥ 130 mcd m <sup>-2</sup> lx <sup>-1</sup> (min)	Q3
BS EN 1436 Skid Resistance (SRT)	≥ 45	S1
Higher initial skid resistance is achieved by the use of a special Drop on Bead / Aggregate / Grain mixture.		

Other Data	Value	Class
Flash Point (Open Cup)	≥ 230°C	N/A
Maximum Safe Heating Temp	220°C	N/A
Application Temp. Screed / Extrusion Spray	150 - 200°C 180 - 210°C	N/A N/A
Relative Density	1.9 ± 0.2 g/cm <sup>3</sup> (mt / m <sup>3</sup> )	N/A
Coverage Rate Screed / Extrusion Spray	100 – 250 m <sup>2</sup> / mt 230 – 390 m <sup>2</sup> / mt	N/A N/A
Coverage rate is approximate only and depends on application speed, method, applied thickness and road surface texture.		



KEY:  WETLUX Thermoplastic

#### packaging & storage >>>

WETLUX thermoplastic is packed in approx. 25kg heat-sealed meltable "pillow sacks" in 1 tonne lots. Each batch is covered with a polyethylene top-sheet and shrink-wrapped. Materials should be stored under cover in dry conditions and if stored correctly will have a shelf life of > 1 year.

The pillow sacks contain ventilation holes to prevent bursting and it is important that the material is stored under cover to prevent ingress of moisture. Wet material poses a significant Health and Safety risk to operators as it can "foam" excessively and overflow from the pre-heater.

#### health & safety information >>>

Please refer to separate H&S Data Sheet (MSDS XXXX). General information for all products is contained on the reverse of the pallet weight sheet.



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## 'WET-NIGHT VISIBLE' THERMOPLASTIC ROAD MARKING MATERIAL

### surface preparation >>>

The surface should be dry, free from dust, dirt, grease or oil and any other detritus material. The road surface temperature should be above 5°C. Ideally existing markings should be removed prior to application.

WETLUX may be applied over existing thermoplastic markings provided that they are in a sound condition and will not be easily removed from the road surface. WETLUX should not be applied over old paint markings.

On worn bituminous and concrete surfaces, a suitable tack coat primer should be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions prior to application.

It should be noted that thermoplastic road markings laid on new bituminous surfaces could suffer from "bitumen carry-over" leading to discolouration and masking of the road markings.

### application information >>>

WETLUX is supplied in 25kg (approx.) low melt polyethylene bags that may be melted with the product (depending on application method, not recommended for spray materials).

Place a few bags of product into the preheater, fitted with mechanical agitation and temperature control devices, and heat up to approaching the stated application temperature.

When this initial material is molten the remainder of the preheater may then be filled (heating a small amount initially, increases the rate of heat transfer and reduces heating time for a full preheater of material).

When the material has been brought to the recommended temperature, and has been thoroughly mixed, it can then be transferred to the application equipment.

**DO NOT EXCEED** the maximum safe heating temperature as this is potentially dangerous and could lead to flashing, discolouration of the material and severe deterioration of the binder.

Surface applied glass beads or bead / aggregate / grain mix recommended by Kestrel Thermoplastics should be used. Application rates vary depending upon the grade of drop-on material to achieve



optimum performance. Typical application rates are  $400 \pm 100 \text{ g/m}^2$ .

Use of alternative materials may reduce the performance characteristics of WETLUX products.

WETLUX products should be applied at the recommended thicknesses as follows:

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| 1) SCREED    | 2 – 5 mm    |
| 2) EXTRUSION | 2.5 – 4mm   |
| 3) SPRAY     | 1.5 – 2.5mm |



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