

Technical Product Information

Thermochromic Function: Irreversible

Product Name: **SC458**

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Description:

SC458 is a solvent based paint showing a temperature related irreversible colour change. The temperature at which thermal paints change colour is related to the length of time exposed as well the actual temperature. A longer period of heating can initiate the same colour change that would occur after a short exposure at a higher temperature.

The initial colour is green and full colour change to a white at 458°C (temperatures related to 10 minutes heating).

The green colour has been seen as largely unchanged after 150 hours at 300°C in laboratory tests. Recent experience with pipelines held at 150 - 170°C have shown that the green colour will change to white after weeks of exposure at these temperatures.

Technical Details

Pigments	Thermochromic
Binders	Acrylic and silicon
Solids	39% (VOC 658 g/l)
Solvent	PMA, Xylene
Flash Point	33°C (Pensky Martin closed cup)
Drying method	Solvent evaporation. Touch dry typically 20-30 minutes depending on ventilation / coating thickness.
Coverage	Giving 30u dry film allow 12-13 sqm per litre of paint

Application.

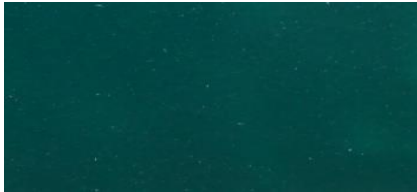
Paint may settle on storage and should be thoroughly stirred before use. Viscosity can be reduced by adding PMA solvent (CAS 108-65-6).

Before use the test surface should be thoroughly cleaned by removing all traces of grease, oil and loose material. Application direct to the metal surface is preferred method. If any kind of primer has previously been applied this should be carefully evaluated to ensure it is not affected by the thermal paint and in turn does not affect the colour change properties and adhesion of the thermal paint when heated. Zinc based primers have been used with thermal paint but compatibility should always be tested.

A single coat of paint should be applied to give an opaque covering. Typically a 30u coat will be suitable. The coating should be completely dry before heating – allow 24 hours.

Colour Change.

Initial



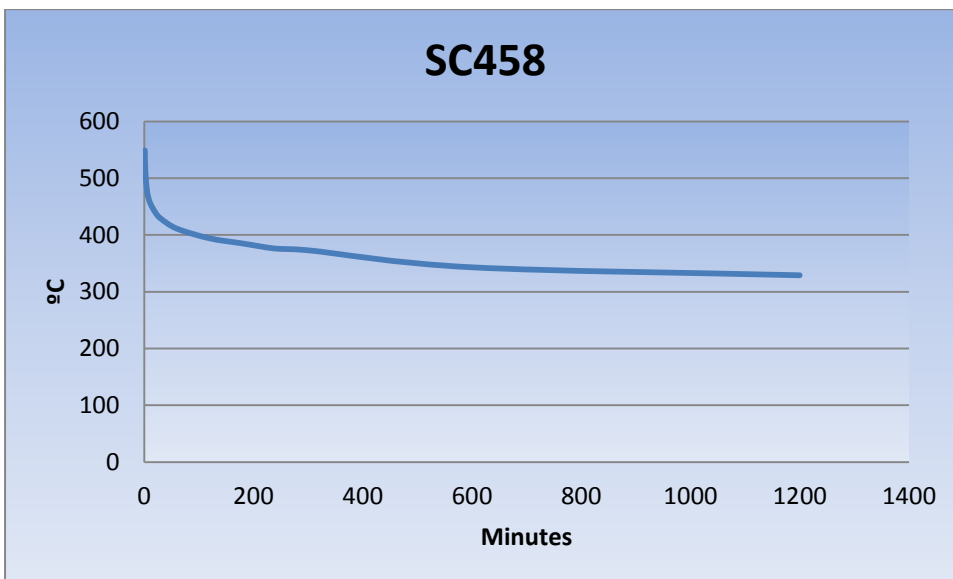
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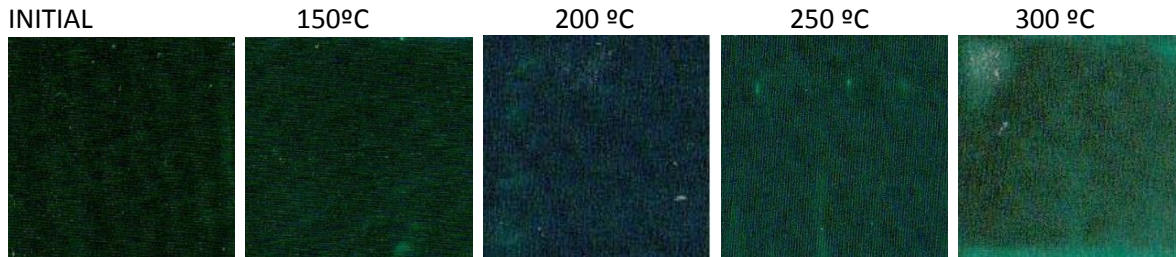
The relationship between time and temperature measured on a butterfly test rig gave the following results. Different calibration procedures may give different temperatures but the time / temperature / colour change relationship will be the same.

Colour Change to White

Minutes	1	2	5	10	20	30	60	120	180	240	300	600	1200
°C	549	513	478	458	440	429	411	394	385	376	373	343	329



Long term heating tests – paint held for 150 hours at indicated temperatures



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