# **Technical Data**



# FLAW DETECTOR PENETRANT PENETRANT FOR NON-DESTRUCTIVE TESTING



A red coloured liquid penetrant for the non-destructive testing of surfaces and structures. Many cracks in engineering materials can be deep in spite of having a very small opening on the surface, resulting in very serious or critical defects. Such cracks may be very difficult to detect by normal visual inspection and penetrant flaw detection provides an extension of the visual inspection method. The inspection is carried out using 3 products: Flaw Detector Cleaner, Flaw Detector

Penetrant and Flaw Detector Developer. Flaw Detector Penetrant is a water washable liquid penetrant easily visible under natural white light.

#### **FEATURES**

- Inspection can be carried out with ready-to-use aerosols.
- Results are produced quickly and easily.
- An economical technology with no need for expensive and advanced equipment.
- A sensitive and reliable test method.
- Widely applicable, regardless the nature of the materials and shape of the objects.
- RCC-M Tome III Chap. MC4200 ASME Code Section V •

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Non-destructive inspection of materials, parts, assemblies, equipment, surfaces and structures:

- Detects cracks, lack of fusion, and open cavities in welded parts.
- Finds cracks and cavities caused by metal fatigue and cutting operations.
- Checks for porosity or leaks in pipes, tanks, boilers, heat exchangers.
- Identifies discontinuities, folds and cracks in castings, forgings and ceramics.

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Do not use at ambient temperatures below 10°C.

- In liquid penetrant inspections, the test object or material is coated with a visible dye solution. The excess dye is removed from the surface and a developer is then applied. The developer acts like a blotter and draws penetrant out of the imperfections of the surface. With visible dyes, the vivid colour contrast between the penetrant and the developer makes the 'bleed-out' easy to see.
- Cleaning of the surface The surface to be checked must be clean, degreased and dry. All soil such as rust, oil, grease, paint etc, which can mask the imperfections, must be removed. Finish the cleaning by spraying Flaw Detector Cleaner generously. Wipe with an absorbent cloth and allow to dry thoroughly.

- Penetrant application Shake the can of Flaw Detector Penetrant prior to use.
   Spray the penetrant in a light, even film on the surface, wetting all areas to be inspected. Allow to drain for 10 to 20 minutes.
- Excess penetrant removal Remove excess of penetrant by wiping the surface using a lint-free cloth. Apply water (Flaw Detector Penetrant is water washable) until all visible, coloured traces are removed. Care must be taken that only penetrant on the surface is removed. Dry properly.
- Development Shake the can of Flaw Detector Developer thoroughly prior to use.
   Spray a light, homogeneous coat of Developer from a distance of about 20 cm.
   Avoid any excess Developer (to avoid masking the finest flaws). Allow to develop for at least 7 minutes so that imperfections are visible.
- Visual inspection of defects Defects will appear as red spots or lines on a white background. The speed of appearance, the shape and dimensions, can give information about the nature of the defects. If necessary, after inspection clean the surface with cleaner, and protect against corrosion with one of Ambersil's corrosion protection products such as Ambersil Corrosion Inhibitor.
- NOTE: When used on certain magnesium alloys, light discolouration may occur after extremely prolonged time with Flaw Detector Penetrant.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Appearance : red liquid
Odour : solvent
Specific gravity (@ 20°C) : 0.816

Boiling range (solvent) : 180 - 250°C Flash point liquid : > 70°C Auto-ignition temperature : > 200°C

Solubility in water : water washable Packaging : 12 x 400ml

#### **STORAGE**

The product may be stored at normal ambient temperatures and has a shelf life of not less than 72 months with correct storage. Aerosols should always be stored below  $50^{\circ}$ C, away from direct heat and naked flame.

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Health and Safety sheet available separately.

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