

Hempel NORSOK coating systems

NORSOK M-501 edition 7
system guide



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About Norsok M-501

The NORSOK standards are a series of standards developed by the Norwegian petroleum industry. The purpose of these industry standards is to replace the individual oil company specifications and to add value, reduce cost and lead time and to remove unnecessary activities in offshore field developments and operation.

NORSOK M-501 mandates a series of systems based on generic coating type and minimum scheme thicknesses. In addition, for some systems, testing requirements are also necessary for pre-qualification to this standard.

NORSOK M-501 Edition 7 is the latest version of the NORSOK standard. It was published in November 2022 with requirements covering steel quality, surface preparation, selection of coating materials, application procedures, inspections, and longer durability systems.

NORSOK M-501 approved systems from Hempel

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Each of the published system sheets in this brochure provide examples of Hempel - recommended schemes, corresponding to the different systems within edition 7 of the NORSOK M-501 standards. Where a system requires pre-qualification, this is clearly stated and Hempel systems listed will have been subjected to all of the necessary pre-qualification testing. Where pre-qualification isn't mandatory, a series of recommended schemes are listed.

For advice on regional product availability and additional schemes, please contact your local Hempel representative or email hempel@hempel.com

Exposure conditions

Atmospheric CX (Systems 1A & 1B)
 • Cyclic ageing testing (ISO 12944-9)

Splash/tidal zone CX+Im4 (System 7A)
 • Cyclic ageing test (ISO 12944-9)
 • Cathodic Disbonding (ISO 12944-9)
 • Impact Test (ASTM G14:04, 2018)

Immersed Im4 (System 7B)
 • Cathodic Disbonding (ISO 12944-9)



System 1

Atmospheric steel



System 1A: Offshore and coastal environment, non-insulated / -50°C to +80°C

Corrosion category: CX

Pre-qualification is required

Application areas: Structures, structural components, frames, base plates, enclosures, permanent lifting beams and lugs, bridges, crane boom, A-frames, lifeboat stations and rescue areas, equipment items, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempel's Galvosil 15700	60
Hempaprime Multi 500	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempel's Galvosil 15700	60
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime Ultimate 850	60
Hempaprime Multi 500	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime Ultimate 850	60
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempel's Galvosil 15700	60
Hempadur Quattro XO 17870	180
Hempel's Pro Acrylic 55883	60
Total	300

Note 1: Topcoats in system 1A&1B can be exchanged with another topcoat. Pre-qualified topcoats are:
 Hempathane HS 55610
 Hempathane Speed-Dry Topcoat 250
 Hempel's Pro Acrylic 55883 (Non isocyanate)
 Hempaxane Light 55030 (Non isocyanate)
 Hemuthane WB Top 58530 (Waterborne)

System 1

Atmospheric steel



System 1B: Offshore and coastal environment, non-insulated / -50°C to +80°C

Corrosion category: CX

Pre-qualification is required

Application areas: Structures, structural components, frames, base plates, enclosures, permanent lifting beams and lugs, bridges, crane boom, A-frames, lifeboat stations and rescue areas, equipment items, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 750	60
Hempaprime Multi 500	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 750	60
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 770	60
Hempaprime Multi 500	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 770	60
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 860	60
Hempaprime Multi 500	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 860	60
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 770	60
Hempadur 4774D	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 750 Pro	60
Hempaprime Multi 500	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Avantguard 750	60
Hempadur 4774D	180
Hempathane HS 55610	60
Total	300

Note 1: Topcoats in system 1A&1B can be exchanged with another topcoat.
 Pre-qualified topcoats are:
 Hempathane HS 55610
 Hempathane Speed-Dry Topcoat 250
 Hempel's Pro Acrylic 55883 (Non isocyanate)
 Hempaxane Light 55030 (Non isocyanate)
 Hemuthane WB Top 58530 (Waterborne)
 Note 2: Avantguard® is a registered trademark of Hempel A/S.

System 1

Atmospheric steel



System 1D: Offshore and coastal environment, insulated / -50°C to +200°C

Corrosion category: NA

Pre-qualification is required

Application areas: Structures, structural components, equipment items, piping and valves

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime CUI 275	125
Hempaprime CUI 275	125
Total	250

System 1F: Buried in soil / -50°C to +80°C

Corrosion category: Im3

Pre-qualification is required

Application areas: Structures and piping

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempel's Polyester GF 35990	500
Hempel's Polyester GF 35990	500
Total	1000

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Multi-Strength 35840	500
Hempadur Multi-Strength 35840	500
Total	1000

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime Strength 530	500
Hempaprime Strength 530	500
Total	1000

Note 1: System with Hempaprime Strength 530 has been tested with glassflake version.

System 2

Metalised and stainless steel



System 2A / System 2C (stainless steel only): Offshore and coastal environment, submerged, buried, insulated and non-insulated / +80°C to +595°C

Corrosion category: CX, CX+Im4, Im4, Im3

Pre-qualification is not required

Application areas: Exhaust stack, flare stack, pressure vessels, equipment, piping and valves, and pumps.

Product	DFT (µm)
Thermally Sprayed Aluminium or alloys of Aluminium	200
Hempadur 15570 (diluted) ¹	Sealer
Total	200

Product	DFT (µm)
Thermally Sprayed Aluminium or alloys of Aluminium	200
Hempel's Silicone Aluminium 56914/3 ²	Sealer
Total	200

Product	DFT (µm)
Thermally Sprayed Aluminium or alloys of Aluminium	200
Hempel's Sealer 05990 ¹	Sealer
Total	200

Note 1: Sealer shall be two-component epoxy for operating temperatures below 80°C. As pre-qualification is not required other options are available according to local assortment.
 Note 2: Sealer shall be aluminium silicone for above +80°C.

System 2B: Offshore and coastal environment, non-insulated / -50°C to +80°C

Corrosion category: CX

Pre-qualification is not required¹

Application areas: Structures, structural components, equipment items, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Thermally Sprayed Zinc or alloys of Zinc	100
Hempaprime Multi 500	Sealer
Hempaprime Multi 500	125
Hempathane HS 55610 ¹	75
Total	300

Product	DFT (µm)
Thermally Sprayed Zinc or alloys of Zinc	100
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter (diluted) ¹	Sealer
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	125
Hempathane HS 55610 ¹	75
Total	300

Note 1: Sealer and the subsequent coats shall be pre-qualified as part of the system 1A
 Pre-qualified topcoats are:
 Hempathane HS 55610
 Hempathane Speed-Dry Topcoat 250
 Hempel's Pro Acrylic 55883 (Non isocyanate)
 Hempathane Light 55030 (Non isocyanate)
 Hemuthane WB Top 58530 (Waterborne)

System 3

Tanks



System 3A: Potable water / -20°C to +40°C

Corrosion category: NA
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Internal surface of carbon steel tanks.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 35560	300
Hempadur 35560	300
Total	600

Note: Coating material shall be certified to local regulatory requirements for material in contact with potable water

System 3B: Internal lining combined with cathodic protection for tanks containing corrosive waters / -20°C to 50°C

Corrosion category: NA
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Internal surface of carbon steel tanks.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Quattro XO 17720	175
Hempadur Quattro XO 17720	175
Total	350

System 3C: Stabilized crude, diesel and condensate / -20°C to +50°C

Corrosion category: NA
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Internal surface of carbon steel tanks.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 15600	150
Hempadur 15600	150
Total	300

System 3D: Hydrocarbon liquids and vapour, produced water, aviation fuel. Max. operating pressure 0.3 MPa // -20°C to +75°C

Corrosion category: NA
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Internal coating of process vessels.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 15600	125
Hempadur 15600	125
Total	250

System 3G: Methanol, ethanol, mono ethyl glycol and similar / -20°C to +40°C

Corrosion category: NA
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Internal coating of storage vessels.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempel's Galvosil 15700	60
Total	60

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System 4

Decks



System 4A: Offshore and coastal environment, non-insulated / -20°C to +80°C

Corrosion category: CX
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Walkways, escape routes, decks and floors, helideck, heavy duty

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 15570	50
Hempadur Spray-Guard 35490	3000
Total	3050

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Spray-Guard 35490	3000
Total	3000

System 6

Other metals when painting is required



System 6A: Offshore and coastal environment, non-insulated / -50°C to +80°C (Stainless steel)

Corrosion category: CX
Pre-qualification is not required

Application areas: Structures, structural components, equipment items, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 15570	50
Hempaprime Multi 500	100
Hempathane HS 55610	75
Total	225

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 15570	50
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	100
Hempathane HS 55610	75
Total	225

System 6B: Offshore and coastal environment, non-insulated / -50°C to +80°C (HDG steel)

Corrosion category: CX
Pre-qualification is not required

Application areas: Structures, structural components, equipment items, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 15553	50
Hempaprime Multi 500	100
Hempathane HS 55610	75
Total	225

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 15553	50
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	100
Hempathane HS 55610	75
Total	225

Note 1: Pre-qualified topcoats are:
Hempathane HS 55610
Hempathane Speed-Dry Topcoat 250
Hempel's Pro Acrylic 55883 (Non isocyanate)
Hempaxane Light 55030 (Non isocyanate)
Hemuthane WB Top 58530 (Waterborne)

System 6

Other metals when painting is required



System 6C: Offshore and coastal environment, insulated / -50°C to +200°C (Stainless steel)

Corrosion category: NA
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Pressure vessels, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime CUI 275	125
Hempaprime CUI 275	125
Total	250

System 6D: Offshore and coastal environment, non-insulated / -50°C to +80°C (Aluminium)

Corrosion category: CX
Pre-qualification is not required

Application areas: Structures, structural components, equipment items.

Product	DFT (µm)	Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 15570	50	Hempadur 15570	50
Hempaprime Multi 500	100	Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter	100
Hempathane HS 55610	75	Hempathane HS 55610	75
Total	225	Total	225

Note 1: Pre-qualified topcoats are:
Hempathane HS 55610
Hempathane Speed-Dry Topcoat 250
Hempel's Pro Acrylic 55883 (Non isocyanate)
Hempaxane Light 55030 (Non isocyanate)
Hemuthane WB Top 58530 (Waterborne)

System 7

Submerged carbon and stainless-steel including splash zone



System 7A / System 7D: Splash and tidal zones combined with cathodic protection, up to +50°C

Corrosion category: CX+Im4
Pre-qualification is required

Application areas: Structures, structural components, equipment items, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Multi-Strength 35840	500
Hempadur Multi-Strength 35840	500
Total	1000

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime Strength 530 ²	500
Hempaprime Strength 530 ²	500
Total	1000

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempel's Polyester GF 35990	500
Hempel's Polyester GF 35990	500
Total	1000

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime Strength 650	500
Hempaprime Strength 650	500
Total	1000

Note1: Pre-qualification test the carbon steel is also valid for stainless steel.
Note 2: Hempaprime Strength 530 is prequalified in the glassflake containing shades XXXXG (ISO24656, Cat V compliant) and XXXX4

System 7

Submerged carbon and stainless-steel including splash zone

System 7B / System 7E:

Seawater combined with cathodic protection, up to +50°C

Corrosion category: Im4
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Structures, structural components, equipment items, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter ²	175
Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter ²	175
Total	350

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Quattro XO 17720	175
Hempadur Quattro XO 17720	175
Total	350

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 35620	175
Hempadur 35620	175
Total	350

Product	DFT
Hempaprime Strength 530	175
Hempaprime Strength 530	175
Total	350

System 7C / System 7F:

Seawater combined with cathodic protection, up to +150°C

Corrosion category: Im4
Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Pressure vessels, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 85671	125
Hempadur 85671	125
Hempadur 85671	100
Total	350

System 7C / System 7F:

Seawater combined with cathodic protection, up to +180°C

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur 85671 ¹	175
Hempadur 85671	175
Total	350

Note 1: Pre-qualification test the carbon steel is also valid for stainless steel.
Note 2: 1st coat of Hempaprime Multi 500 Winter is Aluminium version.

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Note 2: 1st coat of Hempadur 85671 is Aluminium version based on System 7C for seawater combined with cathodic protection, up to +180°C.

System 8

Internal areas (Heating Ventilation and Air-conditioning- HVAC)



System 8: In HVAC controlled environment / -50°C to +80°C

Corrosion category: C1

Pre-qualification is not required

Application areas: Structures, structural components, equipment items, piping and valves.

Product	DFT (µm)	Product	DFT (µm)
Hempadur Quattro XO 17720	150	Hempaprime Multi 500	150
Total	150	Total	150

Note 1: As pre-qualification is not required it can be specified according to the generic requirement with Hempel products according to local assortment.

System 9

Cryogenic



System 9: Offshore and coastal environments, insulated, below -50°C

Corrosion category: NA

Pre-qualification required.

Application areas: Equipment items, piping, and valves in cryogenic service.

Product	DFT (µm)
Hempaprime CUI 275	150
Hempaprime CUI 275	150
Total	300



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