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# Super Shield™ Silver Conductive Coating 842AR Technical Data Sheet

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## Description

The 842AR *Super Shield™ Silver Conductive Coating* is a one-part durable acrylic lacquer pigmented with an extremely conductive silver flake. It utilizes a solvent based system with no heat cure necessary. The cured coating is smooth, hard, and abrasion resistant. It provides good adhesion to plastics, extreme conductivity, high frequency shielding, and extreme corrosion resistance, even in harsh marine environments.

## Applications & Usages

The 842AR is designed to provide a conductive coating to the interior of plastic electronic enclosures to suppress EMI/RFI emissions. It excels when the highest level of shielding is required.

Its effectiveness at high frequencies and thin minimum layer makes it suitable for board level applications in miniaturized electronics.

It is optimal for military, medical, or other mission critical applications where the highest levels of attenuation are essential.

The 842AR is commonly used by manufacturers of these devices:

- Medical equipment
- Military equipment
- Scientific equipment
- Test Equipment
- Communication devices
- Cellphones, laptops, PDA's
- Consumer electronics
- Automotive applications
- Aerospace applications
- Drones and other RC vehicles

Other applications for 842AR include:

- Repairing damage to existing shielding
- Conductive undercoat for electroplating
- Providing electric continuity for circuits
- Circuit repair

It is a simple effective solution to impart excellent conductivity to a surface.

## Benefits and Features

- **Provides extreme EMI/RFI shielding over a broad frequency range**
- **Volume resistivity of 0.0001  $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$**
- **Smooth, durable, and abrasion resistant**
- **Can be applied by spray or brush**
- **Available in aerosol format**
- **Can be applied very thin, 0.5 mil minimum coating thickness**
- **Quick dry time, no heat cure required**
- **Mild solvent system**
- **Strong adhesion to acrylic, ABS, polycarbonate, and other injection molded plastics**
- **Excellent adhesion to wood and ceramics**
- **Extremely corrosion resistant, suitable for harsh marine environments**
- **Low VOC; HAP Free; Does not contain toluene, xylene, or MEK**

### ENVIRONMENT

RoHS Compliant  
Low-VOC



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## Usage Parameters

<i>Properties</i>	<i>Value</i>
Recoat Time (liquid) <sup>a)</sup>	3 min
Drying Time @25 °C [77 °F]	24 h
Drying Time @65 °C [149 °F]	30 min
Shelf Life	2 y
Theoretical HVLP Spray Coverage <sup>b)</sup>	≤59 600 cm <sup>2</sup> /L ≤5.9 m <sup>2</sup> /L ≤35 100 in <sup>2</sup> /gal ≤240 ft <sup>2</sup> /gal

- a) Assumes let 2:1 let down with MG 4351 Thinner 1 Cleaner Solvent  
b) Idealized estimate based on a coat thickness of 25 µm [1.0 mil] and 65% transfer efficiency

## Temperature Ranges

<i>Properties</i>	<i>Value</i>
Constant Service Temperature	-40 to 120 °C [-40 to 248 °F]
Intermittent Temperature Limits	-50 to 125 °C [-58 to 257 °F]
Storage Temperature Limits <sup>b)</sup>	-5 to 40 °C [23 to 104 °F]

b) The product must stay within the storage temperature limits stated.

## Principal Components

<b>Name</b>	<b>CAS Number</b>
Silver	7440-22-4
Acrylic Resin	25608-33-7
Acetone	67-64-1
Dimethyl carbonate	616-38-6
Heptan-2-one	110-43-0

## Properties of Cured 842AR

<i>Electric &amp; Magnetic Properties</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Value</i>	
Volume Resistivity	Method 5011.5 in MIL-STD-883H	0.0001 Ω·cm	9337 S/cm
Surface Resistance	Square probe	<i>Resistance</i> <0.01 Ω/sq <sup>a)</sup>	<i>Conductance</i> >100 S
1 coat @0.9 mil	Square probe	<0.01 Ω/sq <sup>a)</sup>	>100 S
2 coats @1.8 mil	Square probe	<0.01 Ω/sq <sup>a)</sup>	>100 S
3 coats @2.9 mil			
Magnetic Class		Diamagnetic (Non-magnetic)	
Relative Permeability		<1.0	
Shielding Attenuation for 33 µm [1.0 mil]	IEEE STD 299-1997		
>10 to 100 kHz	"	84 dB to 89 dB	
>100 kHz to 1 MHz	"	82 dB to 93 dB	
>1 MHz to 10 MHz	"	56 dB to 79 dB	
>10 MHz to 100 MHz	"	51 dB to 70 dB	
>100 MHz to 1 GHz	"	70 dB to 81 dB	
>1 GHz to 10 GHz	"	62 dB to 83 dB	
>10 GHz to 18 GHz	"	48 dB to 70 dB	



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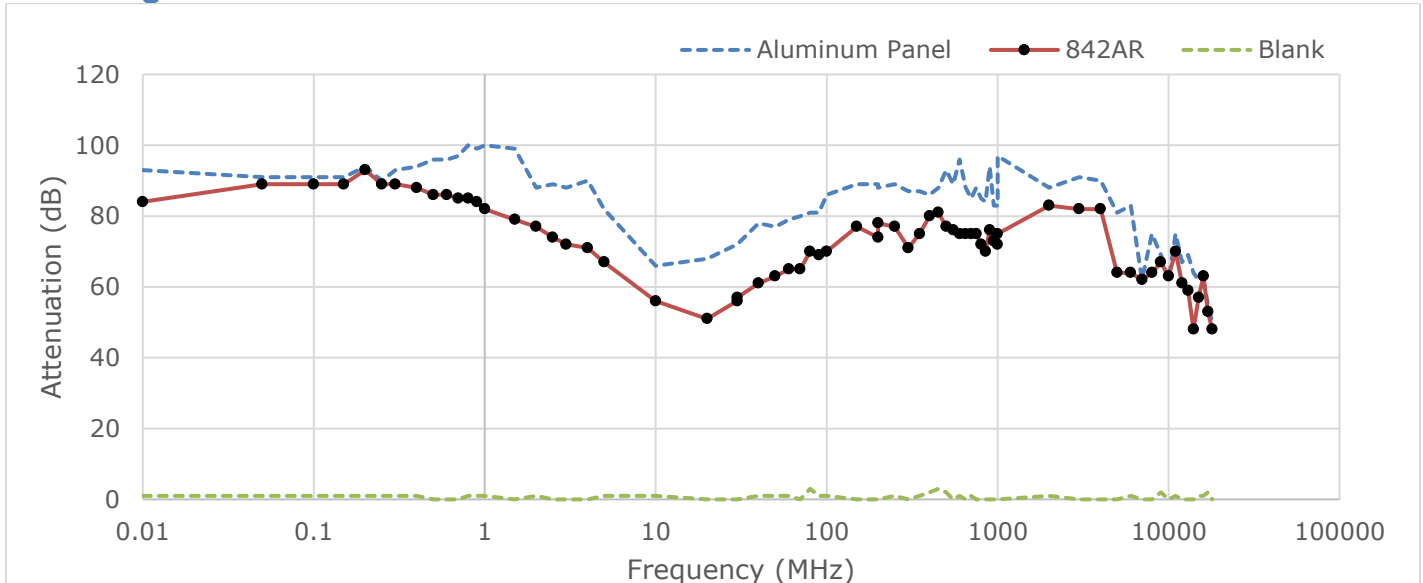
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<i>Physical Properties</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Value</i>
Paint Type	—	Lacquer (Thermoplastic)
Color	Visual	Light grey
Abrasion Resistant	—	Yes
Blister Resistant	—	Yes
Peeling Resistant	—	Yes
Water Resistant	—	Yes
<i>Mechanical Properties</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Value</i>
Adhesion <sup>b)</sup>	ASTM D3359	5B
Pencil Hardness <sup>b)</sup>	ASTM D3363	3H, hard
<i>Environmental &amp; Ageing Study</i>	<i>Method</i>	<i>Value</i>
Salt Fog Test @35 °C [95 °F], 96 h <sup>b)</sup>	ASTM B117-2011	
Resistivity before	MG-ELEC-120	<0.01 Ω/sq <sup>a)</sup>
Resistivity after	"	0.05 Ω/sq
%Conductivity after	"	<20%
Cross-Hatch Adhesion	ASTM D3359-2009	5B
Cracking, unwashed area	ASTM D661-93	None
Visual Color, unwashed area	ASTM D1729-96	Slight yellowing

- a) Readings less than 0.01 Ω/sq are below the detection limit of the handheld multimeter and square probe method.
- b) Tested on acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) material

The coating attenuation value is provided in Figure 1.

## Shielding Attenuation



**Figure 2.** Attenuation of 842AR coating at different frequencies



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## Properties of Uncured 842AR

<i>Physical Property</i>	<i>Mixture</i>
Color	Light grey
Density @25 °C [77 °F]	1.7 g/mL
Solids Percentage (wt/wt)	61%
Viscosity @25 °C [77 °F] <sup>a)</sup>	873 cP [503 mm <sup>2</sup> /s]
Flash Point	-17 °C [1.4 °F]
Odor	Acetone-like

a) Brookfield viscometer at 30 RPM with spindle LV S62

## Compatibility

**Chemical**—The silver filler is quite resistant to oxidation, except in environments that contain contaminants like H<sub>2</sub>S or ozone which tarnish its surface. Unlike many other metal oxides, silver oxide remains conductive so degradation due to oxidation is not as bad.

The thermoplastic resin is dissolved by common paint solvents like toluene, xylene, acetone, and MEK. This allows great coating repair and work characteristics, but it does make the coating unsuitable for solvent rich environments.

**Adhesion**—The 842AR coating adheres to most plastics used to house printed circuit assemblies; however, it is not compatible with contaminants like water, oil, and greasy flux residues that may affect adhesion. If contamination is present, clean the surface to be coated first.

## 842AR Adherence Compatibility

<i>Substrate</i>	<i>Note</i>
Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)	Chemically etches <sup>a)</sup> and adheres well to this substrate.
Polybutylene Terephthalate (PBT)	"
Polycarbonate	"
Polyvinyl Acetate (PVA)	"
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	"
Acrylics or Acrylic Paints	Adheres well to clean surface
Epoxy, FR4 substrate	"
Polyurethane	Adheres well to clean surface for most urethane types
Wood	Adheres well with surface preparation

a) Etching is similar to sanding, except that it also softens the surface helping to meld the paint to the plastic for superior adhesion.

**ATTENTION!** Do not use on thin plastics or on plastics where you want to keep original surface intact. The 842AR spray contains a controlled amount of solvents designed to chemically etch plastic surfaces to help adhesion by melding the acrylic coating into the plastic substrate. This prevents flaking or peeling. Using the 4351-1L thinner lessens the etching effects for chemically sensitive substrates.

## Storage

Store between -5 and 40 °C [23 and 104 °F] in dry area.

## Health, Safety, and Environmental Awareness

Please see the 842AR **Safety Data Sheet** (SDS) for greater details on transportation, storage, handling and other security guidelines.

**Environmental Impact:** The VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) content is 12% (200 g/L) by EPA and WHMIS standards.

This product meets the European Directive 2011/65/EU Annex II (ROHS); recasting 2002/95/EC.

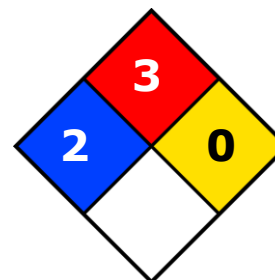
**Health and Safety:** The solvents in 842AR can ignite if exposed to flames or sparks and can cause respiratory track irritation. If ignited, then flame flash back is possible. Use in well-ventilated area.

Solvents can cause skin irritation and have some reproductive effects. Wear safety glasses or goggles and disposable gloves to avoid exposures.

### HMIS® RATING

<b>HEALTH:</b>	* 2
<b>FLAMMABILITY:</b>	3
<b>PHYSICAL HAZARD:</b>	0
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTION:</b>	

### NFPA® 704 CODES



*Approximate HMIS and NFPA Risk Ratings Legend:*

0 (Low or none); 1 (Slight); 2 (Moderate); 3 (Serious); 4 (Severe)

## Application Instructions

The 842AR *Silver Conductive Coating* can be easily applied by the paintbrush, spray gun, or dip method.

For best results, apply thin wet coats as opposed to using thick coats. We recommend a final dry film thickness of at least 1.0 mil [25 µm]. Follow the procedure below for ensure optimal conductivity.

### Material & Equipment

- Mixing spatula
- Clean paint brush **OR** HVLP spray gun **OR** dip tank systems
- Liquid agitator, agitated pot, or recirculation system
- Thinner/solvent
- Personal protection equipment (See 842AR-Liquid SDS)



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## Paint Dilution Ratios

For brush applications, the MG conductive paints are ready-to-use without dilution. You may however dilute it to help achieve better coat leveling and easier brush application.

For spray application, we recommend a 2:1 paint-to-thinner ratio as a starting point. To achieve the best results, adjust this dilution ratio based on the equipment and operator's preferences. The recommended thinner is the MG 4351 Thinner 1.

## Surface Preparation

Clean oil, dust, water, solvents, and other contaminants and let the surface dry fully.

## Spray Gun Application Instructions

Read the procedure below fully and make necessary adjustments to get the required coat thickness for your needs. For a 2:1 dilution, one spray coat typically results in a dry film thickness of roughly 1.0 mil [25 µm].

### Spray Equipment

Use a HVLP (high-volume, low pressure) using the initial settings described in the following table. Adjust these settings and recommendations as required.

### Initial Setting Recommendations

<b>Air Cap</b>	#3 HVLP		
<b>Pressure</b>	<i>Inlet</i>	<i>Air flow</i>	<i>Air cap</i>
	23 psi	13.5 SCFM <sup>a)</sup>	10 psi
<b>Fluid Tip</b>	1.3 mm [0.051"]	1.5 mm [0.059"] <sup>b)</sup>	

*Note:* These recommendations are based on a generic paint gun and may differ by brands. Please consult your spray gun manufacturer's guide.

a) SCFM = standard cubic foot per minute

b) If no or reduced let down is performed, this may be a better tip choice.

## To apply the coating

1. Mix paint thoroughly with mechanized paint shaker, paint mixer, or spatula.
2. Let down the paint with a **2:1** (Paint:Thinner) ratio.
3. Make a test spray. Adjust the spray settings for best flow and spray quality, and establish an appropriate distance to avoid paint runs. A distance between 20 to 25 cm (8 to 10 in) is recommended.
4. Spray a thin and even coat onto a vertical surface to be coated. For best results, start your movement off-surface, press the trigger, and only release off-surface at the end of the stroke. Use a uniform movement of the spray gun parallel to the surface.
5. Wait 3 to 5 minutes and spray another coat. The delay avoids trapping solvent between coats.
6. Apply additional coats until desired thickness is achieved. (Go to Step 3.)
7. Let dry for 5 minutes (flash off time) at room temperature.



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**NOTE:** Ideally, your spray gun will be equipped with liquid agitation system. If not, swirling the paint gun container slightly in between spray applications slows settling.

**ATTENTION!** Spraying overly thick coats may cause paint runs and hamper solvent evaporation. Prefer the application of many thin mist coats rather than fewer thicker wet coats.

## To cure at Room temperature

- Let air dry 24 hours

## To accelerate cure by heat

- After flash off, put in oven or under heat lamp at 65 °C for 30 min.

**NOTE:** Coats that are very thick require more time to dry. Heat curing ensures optimal performance.

**ATTENTION!** If heat curing, do not exceed 65 °C as this may cause surface defects due to solvents evaporating off too quickly.

## Packaging and Supporting Products

<i>Cat. No.</i>	<i>Packaging</i>	<i>Net Volume</i>		<i>Net Weight</i>		<i>Packaging Weight</i>	
<b>842AR-15ML</b>	Jar	12 mL	0.4 fl oz	20.8 g	0.73 oz	0.08 kg	0.17 lb
<b>842AR-150ML</b>	Can	150 mL	5.07 fl oz	260 g	9.19 oz	0.31 kg	0.69 lb
<b>842AR-900ML</b>	Can	850 mL	1.79 pt	1.47 kg	3.25 lb	1.82 kg	4.01 lb
<b>842AR-3.78L</b>	Can	3.60 L	3.8 qt	6.26 kg	13.7 lb	6.80 kg	15.0 lb
<b>842AR-140G</b>	Aerosol	110 mL	3.7 fl oz	140 g	4.9 oz	TBD	TBD
<b>842AR-340G</b>	Aerosol	268 mL	9.0 fl oz	340 g	12 oz	"	"
<b>842AR-P</b>	Pen	5.0 mL	0.16 fl oz	8.69 g	0.3 oz	0.03 kg	0.07 lb

NOTE: TBD = To Be Determined

## Thinners & Conductive Coating Removers

- *Thinner:* Cat. No. 435-1L, 435-4L
- *Thinner 1:* Cat. No. 4351-1L, 4351-4L



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