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## HS240 Clearcoat 8-414

The HS240 Clearcoat 8-414 has recently been added to the De Beer Refinish VOC-compliant assortment. This durable finish has unique through-drying, hardening and gloss properties and is very user-friendly. The 8-414 is multi-applicable and, in combination with the accompanying De Beer Refinish hardeners and thinners, gives you a set of products that ensures optimum results.



The mixing ratio is 3:1 with the HS240 Hardener Fast, Medium or Slow and the 8-414 can be processed with or without thinner. You can also choose between 2 spraying methods. For the correct application, please check the technical data sheet on the De Beer Refinish website, [www.de-beer.com](http://www.de-beer.com), or on ICRIS version 7.3.0.0.

The complete set contains the following products and cans:

Can	Item code
1 l and 5 l 8-414 HS240 Clearcoat	8-414/1 and 8-414/5
1 l 8-440 HS240 Hardener Fast	8-440/1
1 l 8-450 HS240 Hardener Medium	8-450/1
1 l 8-460 HS240 Hardener Slow	8-460/1 (Available from March 2010)
1 l and 5 l 1-141 Uni Thinner Fast	1-141/1 and 1-141/5
1 l and 5 l 1-151 Uni Thinner Standard	1-151/1 and 1-151/5
1 l and 5 l 1-161 Uni Thinner Slow	1-161/1 and 1-161/5

## Change in packaging mixing colours

Only for customers outside the European Union

The BeroBase metallic colours 513B (Metallic Bright) and 513VF (Metallic Very Fine) are now available in 3.5 l instead of 1 l cans. The use of these colours has increased significantly recently, partially because they can be found in a lot of formulas. The switch from 1 l to 3.5 l cans not only saves you time and offers convenience but also reduces refuse. You can order the 3.5 l cans using the following item codes:

Product code	Item code
MM 513B Metallic Bright	9584/3.5
MM 513VF Metallic Very Fine	9583/3.5


 NEW  
PRODUCTS

## New products for the 3000 Series

De Beer has added another 2 new products to its successful 3000 Series. To make the use of this HS420 line even easier, the following products will be available:

### HS TAPING ADDITIVE 30-69

This special additive offers a solution for the processing of several colours on one object. Where long drying times have been unavoidable in the past, this additive will offer the solution. Taping up now takes a lot less time. By replacing the Special Thinner 8-181 with the 30-69, the drying time is shortened drastically and taping up for a next colour can be done more quickly. A unique product to save time. The 30-69 will be available in a 5 l can from March 2010 using item code 30-69/5.

### HS MATTING AGENT 30-49

Valspar are introducing the HS Matting Agent 30-49 in response to the increasing demand for less glossy colours. This product has been specifically designed for reducing the gloss of colours formulated with the BeroThane HS420 3000 Series.

The gloss level varies depending on the amount of HS Matting Agent added to the formula of the second colour coat, ranging from semi gloss, satin gloss to eggshell gloss. The first coat of the BeroThane HS420 3000 Series has to be applied without HS Matting Agent. The HS Matting Agent 30-49 is now available using item code 30-49/1.

## Mixing colour MM 540

Only for customers outside the European Union

You are already familiar with our Leadfree mixing colours, like the MM 542 BeroBase leadfree Yellow. These mixing colours are better for the environment and comply with the ban on mixing colours that contain lead, which is coming into effect in an increasing number of countries.

To complete the mixing colour package, we are introducing the MM 540 BeroBase Leadfree Yellow Orange. At the same time, the leaded mixing colours MM 531 BeroBase Bright Chrome Yellow, MM 532 BeroBase Chrome Yellow and MM 533 BeroBase Orange will be removed from the mixing colour package. The leaded mixing colours can be ordered until April 2010, formulas with the leaded colours will be available for at least another year on ICRIS. New colours will only be formulated with leadfree mixing colours, colour formulas that contain lead will only be available on request. You can order the new mixing colour MM 540 BeroBase Leadfree Yellow Orange as of now using item code 9540/1.

## WaterBase cabinets

In February we are introducing a new WaterBase cupboard, a heated cabinet and an Atex version of the heated cabinet. With these new items from Dedoes we are responding to the increasing demand for the option to add an extra shelf with mixing lids and a motor for the primers inside the cabinet. As soon as we have sold our stock of the current cupboard and cabinets, we will switch to the new ones, which can be ordered using the following item codes:

Product	Item code
WaterBase cupboard 1.2 m	66-830
Complete extra shelf for the primers incl mixing lids and an EX motor for the WaterBase cupboard.	66-084
Complete extra shelf for the primers incl mixing lids and a motor for the WaterBase cupboard.	66-086
Heated cabinet 1.7 m	66-081
Complete extra shelf for the primers incl mixing lids and a motor for the heated cabinet.	66-087
Heated cabinet (Atex version) 1.7 m	66-083
Complete extra shelf for the primers incl mixing lids and an EX motor for the heated cabinet (Atex)	66-085

We are also introducing a new mixing table with drawer, which can be ordered using item code 66-836.

## De Beer Refinish website

Since December the De Beer website is also available in Czech, Russian, Chinese and Finnish. You can select your own language by clicking on the flag of your choice in the top right corner.

The matrix for the hardeners and thinners has been recently added to the website, which shows at which temperature and for which repair job you can use a specific hardener/thinner.

In previous newsletters we have informed you about the Colour Service Form (CSF) which can be used for submitting colour requests and complaints via the website. An export function has now been added to the CSF. You can export all information about your complaint or request to an Excel sheet by date and edit the data as much as you need. The instructions for this new function have also been added to the manual of the Colour Service Form, which can also be found on the CSF page.

For questions about the website, please do not hesitate to contact the marketing department.

## Updates

From the beginning of March the following additions/updates will be issued:

- ICRIS CD-ROM version 7.3.0.0
- Connex CD-ROM
- Addition Colour Box

In March the updates registered to you will be added to your current orders. If you have no current orders, we will send the updates separately. Please contact us if you have not received them by mid-April.



## New minibus De Beer Australasia



The De Beer Australasia team have applied their technical skills to spray-paint their new minibus.

The new minibus holds 12 people and will be used frequently to pick up students taking a De Beer or Valspar course, from the airport in Sydney.

“It is a real eye-catcher on the motorway, people always have to look twice because the minibus is so colourful. It puts a smile on the students faces when we arrive at the airport to pick them up”, according to Mark Lyall, training manager of De Beer Australasia.



## Sunrise Children's Village

**Last year, instead of an end-of-year bonus, Valspar bv has again made a donation to Sunrise Children's Village. This is a charity that we have become closely involved with and that we will continue to support in the following years.**

At the end of 2009 our employees in Australia had the opportunity to get to know a few of the children and group leaders a bit better during a trip that they made to Australia. A group of 28 children and a few group leaders had travelled to Sydney to give a special performance with the theme "Where dreams come true". It turned out to be a fantastic evening filled with singing, dancing and music in the Sydney Opera House. The children started with a

traditional dance, the Coconut, which was followed by 9 more amazing performances. The evening was concluded with a solo performance by the 13-year-old Chom Chansival, whose song left the audience moved to tears.

The day after the performance, our subsidiary company in Australia organised a special outing on a sailing ship. The ship made a trip through the harbour of Sydney after which they were treated to a sumptuous lunch on board. All in all it was a completely new experience for the Cambodian children and a great success. With an aching heart our employees in Australia said goodbye to the group.

*The pictures show the children during their outing on the boat.*

## Holidays Valspar bv

We would like to inform you about the following Dutch public holidays on which the offices of Valspar bv will be closed:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of April

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> of April

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> of May

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of May and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of May

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of May

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of June

- Easter

- Queen's day

- Liberation day (WWII)

- Ascension Day

- Whit Monday

- Staff outing

When placing orders, please take this into account concerning your stock and new orders.