



All SpaceAge Synthetics' products are manufactured by skilled employees under a Quality Management System that is registered to ISO 9001:2015, ensuring every tough sheet meets the highest approved international standards.

Our material is a unique closed cell, lightweight composite product, manufactured with cross-linked polymer foam and fiberglass, that offers high specific strength and toughness. The non-absorbent material is extremely durable, provides an excellent bonding surface, has good impact strength, sound and thermal insulation, and is resistant to contamination. Offered in sheets or cut into parts, our material is built for lifetime performance, and is ideal for endless coring applications subjected to static and dynamic loads.

There are numerous suitable adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings and fairing compound products currently on the market that our customers have found to perform successfully with our coring material. We offer that information here; as well as hardware suggestions, techniques, and methods you may find helpful as you prep our Thermo-Lite Board® for your application.

## ADHESIVES AND SEALANTS

Thermo-Lite Board® is non-absorbent, so water-based adhesives are not recommended. Best results are achieved with a polyurethane-based adhesive or sealant. We offer the listed contacts and their company products. Please consult them with your bonding questions. Qualification must be established on the user level.

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- 3M United States**  
Kevin Hooley  
Adhesives Sealants Marketing Manager  
651.733.8840 Cell  
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www.3M.com
  - 3M™ Contact Cements & Adhesives:**  
Scotch-Weld™ 94CA - Green
  - 3M™ Polyurethane Adhesives & Sealants:**  
500-Series
  - 3M™ Hybrid Adhesives & Sealants:**  
700-Series - Green Product
  - 3M™ Nitrile-Based Adhesive:**  
Scotch-Weld™ 4491
  - Ask about 3M's environmentally-friendly products.**

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- Sika Corporation**  
Shawn McNulty Sr., Marine Business Unit  
954.520.3578 Cell  
mcnulty.shawn@sika-corp.com
  - Sika Marine Polyurethane Adhesives:**  
SikaFlex® 291, 291LOT, 292, 295UV
  - 2-Component Products:**  
SikaForce® and SikaFast®
  - Sika Transportation Polyurethane Adhesives:**  
SikaFlex® 252, SikaFlex® 221,
  - Hybrid Adhesive:**  
SikaFlex® 552
  - Please call for the appropriate Sika adhesive recommended for your application.**

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- IPS Corporation**  
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Durham, NC 27703  
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919.598.2400 Ext. 380 HQ Office  
Karen.Amoah@ipscorp.com  
www.ipscorp.com
  - Weld-On® Methacrylate Adhesives:**  
SS300 Series  
SS1100 Series
  - NEW Weld-On® adhesive testing performed with Thermo-Lite Board®.**

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- Lord** 866.567.3234  
www.lord.com
  - Lord** 7000 Series, urethanes 300 Series Epoxy
  - Gorilla Glue** 800.966.3458  
www.gorillaglu.com
  - Gorilla Glue**
  - Lonseal** 800.832.7111  
www.lonseal.com
  - Lonseal 880**
  - Loctite Products** 800.321.0253  
www.loctiteproducts.com
  - Loctite Urethane Adhesive:** U-05FL  
**Loctite Epoxy Adhesive:** 3032
  - Henkel Australia PTY** 300.88.555.6  
www.teroson.com.au
  - Teroson Adhesive**

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- Forgeway, U.K. recommendation:** For bonding 'Thermo-Lite Board' where a 'flexible' bond is required, we recommend you prime the 'Thermo-Lite Board' using Formoa Premier PG and bond using Formoa 063 or Formoa 017FE.  
For bonding 'Thermo-Lite Board' where a 'rigid' bond is required, we recommend you prime the 'Thermo-Lite Board' using Formoa Premier PG and bond using Purok VX61

# PAINTS AND COATINGS

When using paints and coatings with Thermo-Lite Board®, the best results are achieved with polyurethane-based products. We invite you to consult the listed contacts with your questions. Qualification must be established on the user level.

- For Paints, Please Contact:**  
**Sherwin Williams Company**  
 Mark Edmonds  
 Great Lakes Regional Marine Specialist  
 715.551.3899 Tel  
 swrep5835@sherwin.com

**POLANE® SprayFil**  
 D61A23  
**POLANE® S Plus**  
 Polyurethane Enamel



- Quantum Group**  
 Tony LaGrange, President  
 780.458.3355 #224 Tel

For a Fire Proof Intumescent Coating Service, Please Contact Us for Options

- For Sound Damping Options, Please Contact:**  
**American Acoustics**  
 Ken Rodger  
 720.635.1294 Tel

# FAIRING COMPOUNDS

Lightweight and sand-able fairing compounds (epoxy putties, surface fillers) may be used to create a further refined and smoother surface on our products in prepping them for other paints, coatings, and surface finishes. Please contact the provided sources for those fairing compounds that have proved to perform well with our product.

- Akzo Nobel**                      31.20.502.7555  
 www.akzonobel.com
- 3M Bondo Corporation**      800.3M.Helps  
 www.bondo.com

**AWLGrip Fairing Compound & Coatings**

**Bondo Marine**

# FASTENER HARDWARE

Thermo-Lite Board® will accept standard tooling and hardware. We suggest through-bolting and up-sizing the washer/head diameter if possible. In comparison to plywood, user must reduce the torque when fastening into the material. The fastener performance varies with fastener style, size, and torque as well as with product series and density. Hardware qualification must be established on the user level.

Reputable Bus OEM's and Transit Authorities world-wide use Thermo-Lite Board® in the flooring of their public transit buses. Here, they share fastener and installation methods:

### FASTENER/ADHESIVE

### METHOD

1. Floor screws with up-sized washers
2. Countersink
3. Screw system  
(Self-tapping seam screw {M6 #14} with 1" washer/ 1" flat head screw with slot on end of thread shank)
4. Fasten with adhesive (for additional securement) or without adhesive
5. Huck bolts, Grade 5 Floor Bolts, 5/16" Grade 8 Torx Bolts

- Install at low RPM, and do not over tighten; this may create too large a hole, or draw the head through the material.
- Fill head of screws, and sand to create a smooth surface.
- Allows mechanic to tighten the bolt to the screw from underneath the bus.
- Clean surface (Sika®Cleaner-205.) Apply adhesive (SikaFlex® 221, SikaFlex® 555) or construction adhesive, to sub-frame before composite is set in place.



### UNDERBODY COATING

- Protects the steel parts and chassis framework from corrosion. ◀
- Provides additional protection for the flooring material. (Tectyl 121BN) ◀
- Underbody wax system seals off water trap areas. ◀
- Little to some acoustical advantages. ◀
- Reduces some heat transfer. ◀

