

AWLCRAFT 3000

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q What is Awlcraft® 3000?

A Awlcraft 3000 is a premium, sprayable, repairable and easy- to-apply topcoat that brings you vibrant, true-to-life colors that stand out like never before. It is everything you love about Awlcraft 2000, now in an enhanced color platform.

Q What is the difference between Awlcraft 2000 and Awlcraft 3000?

A The main difference is on how the color is developed. Awlcraft 3000 is applied in the same way, and using the same converters and reducers one would use for Awlcraft 2000. The performance, buffability, and repairability exhibit the same characteristics of Awlcraft 2000, including the same resin technology. The difference is the enhanced color platform, our AkzoNobel YSC Toner System, which provides deeper and truer colors.

Q Where can I buy Awlcraft 3000?

A At your preferred Awlgrip distributor across North America, Europe, Middle East and the Asia Pacific region. The clearcoat is also available in South America.

Q Is Awlcraft 3000 available in the same colors and pack sizes as Awlcraft 2000?

A Awlcraft 3000 is available in the same sizes and in the most popular colors of Awlcraft 2000 following a phased introduction:

- Phase 1 (2023): Clearcoat launch and launch of the 10 most popular colors in Europe, Middle East and North America. For Asia Pacific, the 4 most popular colors were launched.
- Phase 2 (second quarter 2024): Launch of over 500 colors made by our in-house Awlmix mixing facilities and start accepting new color requests for Awlcraft 3000.
- Phase 3 (third quarter 2024): Full product range available including the Binder for local Awlgrip® Awlmix Distributors to make Awlcraft 3000.

We will continue to expand the available colors along with custom colors that can be requested in the same manner as other Awlgrip finishes.

Q How long will Awlcraft 2000 be available?

A The phase out of Awlcraft 2000 starts immediately following the third and final launch phase of Awlcraft 3000. We will continue to support Awlcraft 2000 for limited time to allow the phase out of the Awlcraft 2000 tint base stock.

Q Are there new product codes or SKU's?

A Yes, there are unique product codes. The Awlcraft 3000 products have the suffix TF before the part number. For distributors, there are unique SAP codes for ordering.

Q What product codes should be used with Awlcraft 3000?

A Awlcraft 3000 uses the TF suffix followed by the four digit color code. The color codes are aligned with the Awlgrip HDT codes. For example, Snow White in Awlgrip HDT is OC8001, so in Awlcraft 3000, Snow White is TF8001. Another example is Awlgrip HDT Flag Blue, which is OC5005, while in Awlcraft 3000, Flag Blue is TF5005. To summarize, the color codes for Awlgrip HDT and Awlcraft 3000 are aligned.

Q What colors are available?

A There are currently over 500 colors available to order via your local Awlgrip Awlmix Distributor. This includes the 150+ most popular Awlcraft 2000 colors with additional matches for RAL and BS color references.

Q When comparing color names between Awlcraft 3000 and Awlcraft 2000, there are subtle name changes, why is that?

A Since Awlcraft 3000 uses the same toner system as Awlgrip HDT, the alignment of color standards with Awlgrip HDT has led to some small differences in the color digital measurements, which are visually imperceptible. For these cases, we have created new Awlcraft 3000 color names that are slightly different from the Awlcraft 2000 color name. For example, Oyster White (Awlcraft 2000) and Ostrea White (Awlcraft 3000).

Q When applying Awlcraft 3000, are there any differences in application properties or film build from Awlcraft 2000?

A The mixing and application properties are the same. However, there might be minor differences in spraying viscosity, but the resulting product film build remains similar. Refer to the technical data sheet for more details.

Q Can the same converters and reducers be used in Awlcraft 3000 in the same way as with Awlcraft 2000?

A Yes. We acknowledge that each applicator has their preferred mix when it comes to reducers. We recommend using the reducers and converters in the same manner as with Awlcraft 2000.

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Q Can the flattening agent (OG3013) be used in Awlcraft 3000 in the same way as with Awlcraft 2000?

A Yes. When using Awlcraft 3000, it is recommended to maintain a similar proportion of OG3013 flattening agent as was previously used with Awlcraft 2000. For small areas, the combination of Awlcraft 3000 and the flattening agent (OG3013) is a cost-effective option to achieve the desired finish. For larger areas, you can use Awlcraft 3000 and Awlcraft CS (Customizable Sheen) for improved protection over time. Refer to TDS for application details.

It is important to note that when using OG3013, the final gloss level may vary based on colors, Wet Film Thickness (WFT), and drying conditions. Hence, we always advise applying demonstration panels before initiating any project.

Q Is Awlcraft 3000 compatible with overcoating other products?

A Yes, Awlcraft 3000 can be applied over the top of cured Awlgrip topcoats once the appropriate surface preparation has been completed. For aged or unknown topcoat surfaces, a series of compatibility tests is recommended and the application of an undercoat may be required. Details on these compatibility tests can be found on page 37 of the Awlgrip Application Guide volume 22. It is not recommended to mix wet on wet products during application i.e. Awlgrip HDT, Awlgrip Topcoat.

Q Can Awlcraft 2000 be mixed with Awlcraft 3000 while the coating is wet?

A No, it cannot be mixed with Awlcraft 2000 while the coating is wet, and it is not recommended to be used with any other topcoats in this manner. Therefore, you also can't mix the Awlcraft 2000 and Awlcraft 3000 bases, even if it's the same color.

Q Can Awlcraft 3000 Clear be applied over cured Awlcraft 2000 Topcoat or Awlcraft SE?

A Yes, Awlcraft 3000 Clearcoat is recommended for these applications.

Q Can Awlcraft 3000 Clearcoat be used as the Awlcraft 3000 Binder?

A No, the clearcoat and binder have been formulated specifically for their end use and contain different additive packages. One to offer the best clearcoat, the other to offer the best binder to allow homogenous mixing with the AkzoNobel YSC Toners.

Q Can I start with Awlcraft 2000 Clearcoat and finish with Awlcraft 3000 Clearcoat?

A Yes, there are no differences between Awlcraft 2000 and Awlcraft 3000 Clearcoat.

Q Can Pro-Cure accelerator be used with Awlcraft 3000?

A Yes, you can use Pro-Cure with Awlcraft 3000. We recommend using the same addition level that is recommended in Awlcraft 2000. It's important to note that using an accelerator will result in a significantly shorter pot life and wet edge. Additionally, the accelerator will expedite the initial drying stage of the curing process. The in-service time will depend on the amount of accelerator used and the temperature throughout the curing process, potentially being less than 3 weeks.

Q Can Griptex (non skid particles) be used with Awlcraft 3000?

A Yes, but ideally for deck areas, we recommend Awlgrip Topcoat since it's a more durable finish for this purpose.

Q What solvents should be used for cleaning the surface prior to application?

A We recommend using the same solvents that you would use with Awlcraft 2000, including Awlprep Surface Cleaner (Europe and North America: OT0008), Awlprep Plus Wax and Grease remover (Asia Pacific and North America: OT0115), Awlprep 400 Slow Evaporating Wipe Down Solvent (Asia Pacific and North America: OT0170), and Surface Cleaner (Europe: OT0340).

Q Can Awlcraft 2000 be repaired with Awlcraft 3000? And what are the recommendations for maintenance and repair?

A Yes, you can repair cured Awlcraft 2000 with Awlcraft 3000. Some colors may be more challenging to repair, such as gray and pastel tones. For more details about maintenance and repair, please contact your local sales representative or refer to the Awlcraft 3000 Maintenance and Repair Manual.

Q What warranty will be offered?

A Up to 18-month warranty that is backed by extensive trials and testing. For more information, please contact your local sales representative.

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