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Section 3: FTIR Test Details (as per ASTM D7588)					
Analyst/Company Name					
Brand & Model of FTIR					
ATR Crystal Material					
Spectral Correction (e.g. auto- matic baseline correction)					
Spectral Range (cm ⁻¹)					
No. of Sample Scans (min 32)					
Resolution (min 4 cm ⁻¹)					
Correlation search algorithm for matching % in absorbance mode	Note: Correlation search algorithm of the FTIR software must depend on both x - (wavenumber) and y - (absorbance) vectors.				
	Dependence on x-vector (wavenumber / cm^{-1})	YES / NO	Dependence on y-vector (absorbance / a.u.)	YES / NO	
Trade name and batch number of reference spectrum for Base Material (Epoxy)					
Trade name and batch number of reference spectrum for Cur- ing Agent (Hardener)					

Note:

- 1. Full range of FTIR spectra for both Base and Hardener after automatic baseline correction and in absorbance mode are to be attached with this report (raw data).
- 2. Compliance to matching criteria values does not exclude meeting the requirements of other QA/QC checks e.g. drying time, gloss, hiding power etc.
- 3. Methods used shall reference latest published documents.
- 4. Authorised QA/QC Executive, [Signature & Date]

INDICATIVE COSTING FOR FTIR FINGERPRINTING ON COSTINGS FINGERPRINTING

The Task Force on Coatings Fingerprinting has calculated an indicative costing for the testing of paint batches using the FTIR method as follows:-

Option 1 (Paint Manufacturer In-house Laboratory)

Cost of FTIR-ATR equipment = RM150,000.00 amortized over 10 years Durability = RM15,000.00 per year. Annual equipment maintenance cost = RM2,000.00 Laser source replacement every 3 years = RM2,00.00 per year equivalent. One technician cost = RM24,000.00 per year. Airconditioning & electricity = minimal impact. Total cost per year = RM43,000.00 Average paint production per year = 2,000,000 litres. Average number of paint production batches per year = 2,000.

Testing cost per batch = RM21.50 Testing cost per litre = RM0.02 i.e. 2 sen.

Option 2: Testing by 3rd Party Laboratory

Universities / SIRIM / Private Laboratories = RM100.00 per sample. Based on smallest batch size of 1,000 litres, cost per litre = **RM0.10 i.e. 10 sen.**

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