INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE MOLECULAR WELD

METALLIC SURFACES - APPLY ONLY AFTER BLAST CLEANING
a) Brush away any loose contamination and remove dirt, oil, grease etc., with Belzona® 9111 (Cleaner/Degreaser), or any other effective cleaner which does not leave a residue e.g. methyl ethyl ketone (MEK).

b) Select an abrasive to give the necessary standard of cleanliness and a minimum depth of profile of 3 mils (75 microns). Use only an angular abrasive with low chloride content.

c) Blast clean the metal surface to achieve the following standard of cleanliness:
   - ISO 8501-1 SA 2½ – very thorough blast cleaning
   - American Standard Near White Finish SSPC SP10
   - Swedish Standard SA2½ SIS 05 5900

d) After blasting, metal surfaces should be coated before any contamination of the surface takes place.

NOTE: SALT CONTAMINATED SURFACES
The soluble salt contamination of the prepared substrate, immediately prior to application, shall be less than 20mg/m² (2μg/cm²).

Metal surfaces that have been immersed for any periods in salt solutions e.g. sea water, should be blasted to the required standard, left for 24 hours to allow the ingrained salts to sweat to the surface, then washed prior to a further brush blast to remove these. This process may need to be repeated several times to ensure complete removal of the salts. Salt removal aids are commercially available that will assist and speed salt removal. Contact Belzona for best recommendation.

2. PIT FILLING

All welds should be prepared to NACE SP0178 Grade C or better. Deep pitting and rough welds should be smoothed out with Belzona® 1511 mixed, applied and overcoated in accordance with the relevant IFU.

3. COMBINING THE REACTIVE COMPONENTS
a) Ensure material is at a temperature of 68-85°F (20-30°C) to aid mixing and application.

b) Transfer approximately a quarter of the contents of the Belzona® 1591 Solidifier can to the Belzona® 1591 Base unit.

c) Mix until a uniform consistency is achieved.

d) Add the remainder of the Solidifier and mix thoroughly to a uniform streak-free material.

NOTES:
1. APPLICATION TEMPERATURE
Belzona® 1591 should not be applied at temperatures below 65°F (18°C).

2. WORKING LIFE
From the commencement of mixing, Belzona® 1591 must be used within the times shown:

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<th>Temperature</th>
<th>65°F (18°C)</th>
<th>75°F (24°C)</th>
<th>85°F (30°C)</th>
<th>105°F (40°C)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Use all material within</td>
<td>55 mins</td>
<td>40 mins</td>
<td>25 mins</td>
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3. VOLUME CAPACITY OF MIXED BELZONA® 1591
31.1 cu.in. (510 cm³) per kg.

4. APPLYING BELZONA® 1591

FOR BEST RESULTS
Do not apply when:-
   i) The temperature is below 65°F (18°C) or the relative humidity is above 85%.
   ii) The substrate temperature is less than 5°F (3°C) above dewpoint.
   iii) Rain, snow, fog or mist is present.
   iv) There is moisture on the metal surface or is likely to be deposited by subsequent condensation.
   v) The working environment is likely to be contaminated by oil/grease from adjacent equipment or smoke from kerosene heaters or tobacco smoking.

4.1 COVERAGE RATES

Recommended number of coats

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<tr>
<td>Target thickness 1st coat</td>
<td>30 mils (750 microns)</td>
<td>24 mils (600 microns)</td>
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<td>Target thickness 2nd coat</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>12 mils (300 microns)</td>
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<td>Minimum total DFT</td>
<td>24 mils (600 microns)</td>
<td>24 mils (600 microns)</td>
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<td>Maximum total DFT</td>
<td>40 mils (1 mm)</td>
<td>40 mils (1 mm)</td>
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<td>Practical coverage rate 1st coat</td>
<td>6.35 sq.ft (0.59 m²)/kg</td>
<td>7.75 sq.ft (0.72 m²)/kg</td>
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<td>Practical coverage rate 2nd coat</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>15.7 sq.ft (1.46 m²)/kg</td>
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<td>Theoretical coverage rate to achieve minimum recommended thickness</td>
<td>9.1 sq.ft (0.85 m²)/kg</td>
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In practice many factors influence the exact coverage rate achieved. On rough surfaces the practical coverage rate will be reduced. Application at low temperatures will also reduce practical coverage rates further.

Note
Total system thickness in stripe coat or repair areas should not exceed 80 mils (2 mm).
4.2 APPLICATION AS A 1 COAT SYSTEM
Where application conditions permit, Belzona® 1591 may be applied as a single coat.

Apply the Belzona® 1591 directly on to the prepared surface with a stiff bristled brush or with the plastic applicator provided at the recommended coverage rate.

Ensure maximum thickness of 40 mils (1000 microns) is not exceeded.

TO ACHIEVE A UNIFORM COATING
a) Apply the coating in one operation without interruption.
b) Use a brush or applicator to initially wet out the substrate before building up to the full coating thickness.
c) Use a wet film thickness gauge to regularly check that the correct thickness is being achieved.
d) Finish application with a brush to obtain uniform coverage.
e) Pay careful attention to coating detail areas such as brackets, edges and corners.
f) Ensure adequate lighting is available to prevent misses.

4.3 APPLICATION AS A 2 COAT SYSTEM
a) Apply the first coat of Belzona® 1591 at the recommended coverage rate and allow to harden for at least 16 hours.
b) Before carrying out repairs or applying a second coat, wash the surface of the Belzona® 1591 with a warm detergent solution to remove any amine bloom that has formed. Rinse with clean water and allow to dry.
c) Carefully flash blast using a moderate blast pressure and fine grit to remove surface layer, but without significant loss of coating. A frosted appearance free from gloss should be produced with a target profile of 1.5 mil (40 microns). Remove debris and degrease with Belzona® 9111 or any other effective cleaner which does not leave a residue e.g. MEK.
d) Apply a second coat of Belzona® 1591.
e) Ensure maximum thickness of 40 mils (1000 microns) is not exceeded.

4.4 INSPECTION
a) Immediately after application of each unit, visually inspect for pinholes and misses. Where detected, these should be immediately brushed out.
b) Once the application is complete and the coating has hardened, carry out a thorough visual inspection to confirm freedom from pinholes and misses, and to identify any possible mechanical damage.
c) Spark testing can be carried out to confirm continuity. A DC voltage of 3,000 volts is recommended to confirm that minimum coating thickness of 24 mils (600 microns) has been achieved.

4.5 REPAIRS
Any misses, pinholes or mechanical damage found in the coating should be repaired by brush blasting or abrading the surface to produce a frosted appearance free from gloss should be produced with a target profile of 1.5 mil (40 microns) prior to cleaning the surface and application of further material as detailed above.

4.6 CLEANING
Mixing tools should be cleaned immediately after use with Belzona® 9111 or any other effective solvent e.g. MEK. Brushes, injection guns, spray equipment and other application tools should be cleaned using a suitable solvent such as Belzona® 9121, MEK, acetone or cellulose thinners.

5. COMPLETION OF THE MOLECULAR REACTION
The coating should be allowed to cure as follows:

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<th>Ambient temperature</th>
<th>Time until inspection</th>
<th>Time until full service</th>
<th>Time until post-cure (if required)</th>
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<tr>
<td>68°F (20°C)</td>
<td>16 hrs</td>
<td>5 days</td>
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<td>86°F (30°C)</td>
<td>4 hrs</td>
<td>20 hrs</td>
<td>8 hrs</td>
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<td>104°F (40°C)</td>
<td>2½ hrs</td>
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Post-cure will generally be unnecessary as the coating will cure sufficiently at ambient temperature with full cure achieved in service. However, post-cure may be desirable to facilitate faster cure and quicker return to service (see below).

POST-CURE
If post-cure is desirable, the coating should be heated to between 122°F (50°C) and 212°F (100°C) for a minimum of 1 hour.

The coating should be allowed to cure as detailed in the above table prior to a dry (e.g. hot air) or wet (e.g. steam and liquid media) post-cure. Wet post-cure can typically be achieved during return to service, provided that the temperature ramp rate does not exceed 54°F (30°C) per hour.

If immediate exposure to aggressive media is to occur prior to achieving a ‘full service’ cure, post-cure is recommended. Please contact your Belzona representative to discuss specific requirements.

Coated equipment can be transported after the material has achieved the ‘inspection’ level of cure.

HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION
Please read and make sure you understand the relevant Safety Data Sheets.

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