

Press Release

Stormking Plastics Ensures High Quality Performance of its GRP Range for Residential Buildings with Crystic® LS 96PA Gelcoat

Stormking Plastics Ltd. is a leading UK manufacturer and trade supplier of high quality moulded GRP parts used nationally for residential building construction. The company, which has gained BBA approval for its main product lines, specialises in producing finished GRP parts which are very visible to a home owner. Main entrance canopies and porticos, doors, bay window roofs, dummy chimney stacks, finials and gable ends are all examples of Stormking GRP products specified by UK house builders and installers. As such, the focus of its workforce of over 160 people spread across the three Stormking production sites in Tamworth, Staffordshire, is very much on finish quality and long term product performance. As part of an on-going product innovation and quality improvement programme, Stormking has specified the use of Scott Bader's Crystic® LS 96PA spray gelcoat in both white and slate grey for all its GRP residential products.

Crystic LS 96PA is a filled low styrene isophthalic spray gelcoat, with a proven track record in use for providing reliable long term performance for external and internal GRP parts used in building, transport and general industrial applications. The technical team at Stormking selected Crystic LS 96PA spray gelcoat due to a combination of its good handling properties, being a robust filled spray gelcoat which can be evenly applied with an airless spray system, alongside its proven long term weathering performance for UK building applications; for chopped glass reinforced parts Crystic 2.8500PA orthophthalic back up resin is also used. Gary King, who co-founded Stormking Plastics with Barry Whitehall back in 1985, commented: *"At Stormking there is a strong emphasis on continually improving product quality and methods of manufacture. We value Scott Bader as a reliable supplier of consistently high quality gelcoats and resins, which also provides valuable technical support to help our research team select the best GRP production methods and optimise productivity to remain cost competitive without compromising quality."* In addition to spray moulding, Stormking also uses vacuum assisted Resin Transfer Moulding (RTM) in one of its factories.

Gelcoated fibreglass finished parts, such as those made by Stormking, have gained NHBC (National House-Building Council) and BBA (British Board of Agreement) approvals. The use of GRP parts is now well accepted and acknowledged by architects, local authorities, specifiers, and leading UK developers of residential buildings as a cost effective alternative to using traditional building materials like: stone, slate, concrete and timber. Lower overall material and construction costs, due to faster installation being possible, as GRP finished sections such as a bay roof only require fixing in place on site, has contributed to the continued growth in the use of fibreglass in house building, both internally and externally.

For more information about Scott Bader and the complete range of Crystic® unsaturated polyester, DCPD and vinyl ester resins, skin coats, gelcoats, tooling products, pigments, bonding pastes and structural adhesive specialty products available go to www.scottbader.com. To find out more about Stormking and the range of GRP building products offered go to www.stormking.co.uk .

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Photo 1: Stormking Ltd using grey Crystic LS 96PA spray gelcoat during production of GRP moulded parts.



Photo (1) caption: Stormking selected Crystic LS 96PA spray gelcoat due to its good handling properties and proven long term weathering performance.

Photo 2: Stormking RTM production using moulds with Crystic LS 96PA spray gelcoat



Photo (1) caption: Stormking has one factory dedicated to RTM production, which uses moulds pre-gelcoated with grey or white Crystic LS 96PA spray gelcoat.

Photo 3: Stormking house front door GRP portico, pillasters and GRP dormer window roof moulded with grey and white Crystic LS 96PA spray gelcoat.



Photo (3) caption: Stormking GRP parts are well accepted by architects, local authorities, specifiers and UK developers of residential buildings as a cost effective alternative to more traditional building materials.

About Scott Bader

Scott Bader was established in 1921. Today it is a € 225 million global chemical company, employing over 600 people worldwide. It is a common trusteeship company, having no external shareholders, with a strong commitment to support its customers, workforce and the environment.

Scott Bader's headquarters is based in the UK where they have purpose-built, state-of-the-art technical facilities that provide R & D as well as complete evaluation, testing and application support. It has manufacturing facilities in Europe, The Middle East, South Africa, Canada and India.

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