

# **MIXACO**

A Technical Comparison of Container Mixers used in the Powder Coating Industry



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#### **Experience**

1965

**MIXACO** enters the

Mixing technology

Knowledge and expertise from more than 50 years in the engineering business means our know-how is second to none. We've done more than just follow the continuous development of process engineering—we've helped to shape it. To this day, many of our patented solutions are still making processes easier for our customers and ensuring greater efficiency in industrial workflows.

#### Quality

In the mixing technology industry, the name MIXACO has always been synonymous with outstanding quality. High-grade components and robust design in combination with first-class workmanship guarantee the durability of our machines. The most convincing proof is that some of our machines have been in use for more than 30 years and are still going strong.



### **Container Mixers**

# The perfect solution for various applications and applications with a lot of recipe changes



## A Timeline of the Container Mixer







# A Timeline of the Container Mixer Blade Innovation



# **Container Mixer**



Overview











Tilting process by 180 ° side view

# Multi Tool Type Container Mixer for Powder Coating Applications (Type 1 of 2 to be reviewed)

The Multi Tool Type Container Mixer was designed for the careful mixing of temperature-sensitive materials. An innovative mixing concept with new tools and a special process enables mixing with a minimal material temperature increase.



✓ Dispersion



Tool Options: Conveying Tool



Auxiliary Tool(s)



# Multi Tool Type - Video



# Mixing Examples Multi Tool Type Type Container Mixer







### Premixing Powder Coatings Multi Tool Type Container Mixer



Tools and mixing head before mixing

Container before mixing

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### **Premixing Powder Coatings** Violet Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer





Premixed Material

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### Premixing Powder Coatings Blue Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer





### **Premixing Powder Coatings** Low Melting Epoxy Resin Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer



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### **Premixing Powder Coatings** Fine Structure, Polyester Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer



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### **Premixing Powder Coatings** Red Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer



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Minimal Temperature Increase © 2023 • MIXACO • Dr. Herfeld GmbH & Co. KG • All rights reserved. Very clean mixing head and tools

# Premixing Powder Coatings



Yellow Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer





# Premixing Powder Coatings

### Green Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer





### Premixing Powder Coatings Orange Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer

Note: this blend is used for temperature measurement tests and comparison







Container after mixing © 2023 • MIXACO • Dr. Herfeld GmbH & Co. KG • All rights reserved. Easy to clean: scratches done only with fingers!

**Post Mixed Material** 



# **Premixing Powder Coatings**

# Orange Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Multi Tool Type Container Mixer





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#### Easy ATEX/Ex-Proof

... no nitrogen purge required



#### Individual tool configuration

... from gentle homogenization to high dispersion



#### Low energy consumption

... through innovative designs & tools



#### **Tailor-made solutions**

... individual tests and mixing procedures



#### High mixing quality

... using Multi Tool mixing technology

#### No temperature increase

... no Vortex – less energy – no temperature



... colder material is less sticky



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Adjustable particle sizes

... adjustable tip speeds of mixing tools

More color and higher flexibility.

# Flat Head Type Container Mixer for Powder Coating Applications (Type 2 of 2 to be reviewed)

The Flat Head Type Container Mixer is new design, introduced to the significantly reduce cleaning times and offers machine availability and efficiency. Using one machine for three different container sizes is a great option when a maximum of flexibility is the key factor in production.





#### **Minimum Cleaning Time**

- Flat mixing head
- One mixing blade with simple design + one seal

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- Cleaning with mounted mixing blade
- No container guides
- Dust-protected machine components



#### **Maximum Flexibility**

- 3 Container sizes in 1 mixer possible (optional)
- Usage of existing containers
- Fast mixing cycles
- Fastest recipe changes



# Mixing Examples Flat Head Type - Video



# Mixing Examples Flat Head Type Container Mixer







### Premixing Powder Coatings Flat Head Type Container Mixer







Container before mixing

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### **Premixing Powder Coatings** Light Blue Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Flat Head Type Container Mixer



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# Premixing Powder Coatings

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Light Blue Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Flat Head Type Container Mixer





### Premixing Powder Coatings Orange Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Flat Head Type Container Mixer

Note: this blend is used for temperature measurement tests and comparison







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### Premixing Powder Coatings Orange Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Flat Head Type Container Mixer















## **Premixing Powder Coatings**

### Orange Powder Coating Blend - Mixed in a Flat Head Type Container Mixer Mixing Trial Temperature Increase





## **Premixing Powder Coatings**

#### Orange Powder Coating Blends

Mixing Trial Temperature Increase – Multi Tool & Flat Head Types Comparison



Final Temperature °C



## **Mixing Trials Evaluation**

### Facts from the Powder Coating Mixing Trials

- In general, minimal mixing time required, with mixing completed in only 3 5 minutes
- No heavy caking and no excess build up of material
- Both mixers are very easy to clean
- Temperature increase in Multi Tool Type is minimal: 0.6 1.8 °C per minute
- Temperature increase in Flat Head Type is higher: 3.0 3.9 °C per minute
- Adjustment of particle size only possible on Multi-tool Type design

### Recommendation

The Multi Tool Type is the preferable choice of the Powder Coating industry because:

- Much lower temperature increase
- Higher flexibility in terms of adjustable particle size and color outcome
- Optimal material quality due to color intensity

## Container Mixers Sizes & Options







#### **Charging Station**

The charging station is used for dust free filling of the mixing container with raw materials.



#### **Discharge Station**

The discharge stations are used for dust free emptying of the product into the downstream equipment.



#### ATEX/Ex-Proof

Filling level monitoring system. No nitrogen necessary.

#### **Charging Table with scale**





# Thanks for your attention!

Please contact us for a no cost material mixing trial



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