

Masters Gel Pickleball Gel Plus Pickleball Specification



PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 DESCRIPTION

- A. Scope: This guideline specification covers the installation of the Laykold Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus Pickleball systems. Advanced Polymer Technology Corporation of Harmony, Pennsylvania, U.S.A provides technical data and guideline specifications only. Consult with a professional engineer or architect for a formal specification. The Laykold Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus Pickleball systems are resilient, polyurethane/acrylic composite systems utilizing a full-pour polyurethane monolithic shock pad with a highly flexible acrylic color finish. These systems increase player comfort by significantly reducing shock to the back and lower extremities. The Laykold Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus Pickleball systems should be applied only to properly prepared concrete or asphalt substrates. These two premium performance cushioned court surfaces are comprised of LM PU Primer or Epoxy Moisture Mitigation Primer (concrete only), Laykold Basecoat (asphalt only), LM Gel, 0.5-1.5 Black Spray Rubber (Gel Plus Pickleball only), LM Wearcoat, LM Bond-Kote, LM Filler, and LM Topcoat.
- B. Court Construction: Refer to the ASBA/USA Pickleball Construction Manual Pickleball Courts: A Construction & Maintenance Manual for court construction details. This publication may be obtained by visiting usapickleball.org or www.sportsbuilders.org.

1.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. All pickleball court surfacing materials shall be Laykold Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus Pickleball System as supplied by Advanced Polymer Technology (APT) of Harmony, PA, an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified manufacturer. APT may be contacted via telephone 888-266- 4221, fax 724-452-1703, or web sites www.laykold.com and www.advpolytech.com.
- B. All work shall be done in accordance with USA Pickleball and American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) guidelines.
- C. The contractor shall record the batch number of each product used on the site and maintain it throughout the warranty period.
- D. The contractor shall provide the inspector, upon request, an estimate of the volume of each product to be used on the site.
- E. Installation must be performed by a manufacturer trained and authorized LM Dealer.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit one set of Advanced Polymer Technology “Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus



- B. Submit system components Technical Data Sheets (TDS) and one Laykold Color Chart.
- C. Submit current Safety Data Sheets (SDS).
- D. Submit current ISO Quality Management System Certification certificate.

1.4 WORKING CONDITIONS & LIMITATIONS

- A. Asphalt substrates shall be allowed to cure a minimum of 14 days and concrete substrates shall be allowed to cure a minimum of 30 days before application of any coatings. If time sensitive and/or high RH level is present, an epoxy moisture mitigation primer can be applied to 5-day old (minimum) concrete substrates according to manufacturer guidelines.
- B. The substrate shall be CLEAN and DRY before coatings are applied. The surface of the substrate shall be inspected and made sure to be free of grease, oil, dust, dirt and other foreign matter before any coatings are applied.
- C. Concrete substrates must be shot blasted, or hydro blasted to a CSP3 profile.
- D. Concrete on grade (in ground) or with a relative humidity (RH) > 75% must have an Epoxy Moisture Mitigation Primer applied to prevent moisture issues.
- E. Water used in all mixtures shall be fresh and potable.
- F. No part of the surfacing system shall be applied during a rainfall, or when rainfall is imminent.
- G. Do not apply coatings to a cold substrate. Substrate and air temperatures must be at least 50°F (10°C) and rising. A minimum temperature of 50°F must be maintained during the entire installation process to include 24-hours before and after the installation.
- H. Shaded areas will be cooler with slower curing times. Special precautions should be taken to ensure all coatings cure sufficiently prior to application of additional coatings.
- I. Do not apply coatings if extremely high humidity prevents drying.
- J. No coatings are to be applied if surface temperatures exceed 130°F (54° C).
- K. All materials shall be delivered to the job site in sealed containers with the manufacturer’s label affixed.
- L. LM Topcoat color(s) to be selected by owner from manufacturer’s product color card(s).
- M. If all the above conditions are met, surfacing materials shall have a Five-Year limited warranty as supplied by the manufacturer.

1.5 WARRANTY

Advanced Polymer Technology Corp. (APT) warrants, subject to limitations, exclusions, terms and



conditions contained herein, that the material supplied by APT, and which is covered by this Warranty, will not fail due to defects for five (5) years. APT's maximum responsibility under this Limited Warranty shall be limited to the replacement of material in a quantity not in excess of the quantity of material furnished by APT in connection with the project. No salesman or other employee or agent of APT is authorized to bind APT by any agreement, warranty, promise, or understanding not herein expressed.

This Limited Warranty is made and given in lieu of all other warranties and conditions, expressed or implied, statutory, or otherwise, including but not limited to any warranties or conditions of merchantability, durability and of fitness for a particular purpose. Under no circumstances shall APT be liable or otherwise obligated for indirect, incidental, or consequential damages of any nature or kind whatsoever, including damages arising in contract, tort, product liability or otherwise.

PART 2 – PRODUCTS

2.1 LAYKOLD MASTERS GEL/GEL PLUS PICKLEBALL SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- A. All components of Laykold Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus Pickleball system shall be supplied by Advanced Polymer Technology, an ISO 9001 and 14001 certified manufacturer. Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus Pickleball system components shall not contain any lead, mercury, nor any heavy metals, PCB, or formaldehyde.
- B. LM PU Primer: a two-component polyurethane primer for use on asphalt or concrete with RH < 75%.
- C. Epoxy Moisture Mitigation Primer: a two-component epoxy primer for use on concrete on grade or RH > 75%.
- D. Laykold Basecoat: a flexible acrylic slurry used for asphalt substrate surface preparation.
- E. LM GEL: a two-component polyurethane used to create a resilient, monolithic shock pad.
- F. 0.5-1.5 Black Spray Rubber: Recycled SBR rubber, 0.5-1.5 mm in size (Laykold Masters Gel Plus only)
- G. LM Wearcoat: a resilient, two-component polyurethane coating used to seal the shock pad and protect it from the damage.
- H. LM Bond-Kote: a water-based adhesion promoter between polyurethanes and acrylic coatings.
- I. LM Filler: a flexible, factory textured acrylic emulsion used as an interface coating to set a foundation for the pigmented acrylic coatings.
- J. LM Topcoat: a flexible, pigmented, wear and weather resistant acrylic emulsion for use with Laykold Masters Gel and Gel Plus Systems.
- K. Laykold Line Prime: a clear drying acrylic emulsion line primer.
- L. Laykold Textured White Line Paint: a factory textured, wear-resistant acrylic line marking paint.

PART 3 – EXECUTION



3.1 INSPECTION

- A. Inspect concrete or asphalt substrate for dryness. Report any discrepancies to general contractor.
- B. Surface of substrate shall be cleaned by general contractor as required.
- C. Surfacing contractor to approve site and surface conditions prior to proceeding with application of any coatings.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. New Concrete or Existing Concrete Substrates
 - 1. Concrete must be shot blasted, or hydro blasted to a CSP3 profile.
 - 2. The workmanship of other contractors including the sub-base shall be level and compacted. The field dry density shall be a minimum of 95%. The concrete base must have a maximum deviation of ¼" inch below a 10-foot straight edge when measured by any random path.
 - 3. New concrete shall be cured for a minimum of 30 days before proceeding.
 - 4. All surfaces shall be checked to ensure a level surface. The surface shall be flooded with water, any area that retains 1/8" of water in depth after 20 minutes should be marked and leveled after the Epoxy Moisture Mitigation Primer application. All cracking and construction joints should be filled with the correct sealant. This sealant should be designed for waterproofing or moisture mitigation.
 - 5. Surface cleaning - All surfaces must be clean, dry, and free from any bond inhibiting contaminants and foreign residue. Pressure wash the surface to remove any residues.
 - 6. The polyethylene vapor barrier application shall be applied by additional contractors. The application of the barrier shall be installed preceding any cables or steel. The vapor barrier shall be applied at a minimum of two (2) 6-mil layers. Once the installation is completed do not allow any traffic (including vehicular) onto the surface.
- B. New Asphalt Substrates
 - 1. The workmanship of other contractors including the sub-base shall be level and compacted. The field dry density shall be a minimum of 95%. The asphalt base must have a maximum deviation of ¼" below a 10-foot straight edge when measured by any random path.
 - 2. New asphalt shall be allowed to cure for a minimum of 14 days before proceeding.
 - 3. All surfaces shall be checked to ensure a level surface. The surface shall be flooded with water, any area that retains 1/8" of water in depth after 20 minutes should be leveled with



the approved product. All cracking should be filled with the correct sealant.

4. Surface cleaning - All surfaces must be clean, dry, and free from any bond inhibiting contaminants and foreign residue. Pressure wash the surface to remove any residues.

C. Previously Coated Asphalt Substrates

1. All surfaces shall be checked to ensure a level surface. The surface shall be flooded with water, any area that retains 1/8" of water in depth after 20 minutes should be leveled with the approved product. All cracking should be filled with the correct sealant.
2. Surface cleaning - All surfaces must be clean, dry, and free from any bond inhibiting contaminants and foreign residue. Pressure wash the surface to remove any residues.

3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Laykold Basecoat is only required for New Asphalt. Apply the Laykold Basecoat using a 36" wide 55 Durometer flexible rubber squeegee. Thoroughly mix the Laykold Basecoat per TDS guidelines. The application rate shall be 0.05-07 gal/yd² or 120-140 ft²/gal of undiluted Laykold, per coat. Each coat should be completely dry before applying subsequent coats.
- B. LM PU Primer: Must be used when installing the Laykold Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus Pickleball system. LM PU Primer is mixed by premixing "Part A" for 1 minute, then pouring the "B" component into the "A" component and mixing using a low-speed jiffy mixer (400 to 600 rpm) for 2 minutes. Do not incorporate air when mixing. Spread the mixed primer on the substrate using a high-quality, medium nap roller to achieve a total coverage of approximately 0.025 gal/yd² (0.12 kg/m² - 360 ft²/gal). The working time for LM PU Primer is approximately 40 - 50 minutes and is reduced in high temperatures. Lightly broadcast 40 to 60 mesh silica sand onto the wet primer at the rate of 5 pounds per 100 sq. ft. (0.24 kg/m²) to create a rough texture. Allow 5 to 7 hours drying time before proceeding.

An Epoxy Moisture Mitigation Primer must be used when installing a Laykold Masters system over concrete substrates that are on grade (in ground) or where RH value exceeds 75% according to ASTM F 2170. The Epoxy Moisture Mitigation Primer should be applied to manufactures guidelines.

NOTE: Only use material that naturally flows out of the pail. Do not scrape, bang, or place pail upside down to force additional materials out of pail.

- C. Patching: Once the surface has been thoroughly cleaned and is free of all loose material, dirt, or dust, the court shall be flooded and allowed to drain a minimum of 20 minutes and a maximum of 1 hour. Any area that holds water (birdbaths) in a depth greater than 1/8 inch shall be outlined and patched.
 1. Surface Leveling - Asphalt:
 - i. Birdbaths shall be leveled using Laykold Acrylic Deep Patch court patch binder slurry. Prime area with a 50/50 mixture of Laykold Acrylic Deep Patch and water. Primer shall be brushed into place and allowed to dry prior to patching. Patch mix shall consist of Laykold Acrylic Deep Patch, 50-mesh sand and Type 1 Portland Cement. Mix as per



manufacturer directions.

2. Leveling Concrete:
 - i. Birdbaths shall be leveled using LM PU Primer after the Laykold Epoxy VTB Primer has fully cured. LM PU Primer is mixed by premixing “Part A” for 1 minute, then pouring the “B” component into the “A” component and mixing using a low speed jiffy mixer (400 to 600 rpm) for 2 minutes. Do not incorporate air when mixing. Split the mixed LM PU Primer equally into 2 clean, dry 5-gallon pails. Add 1 bag (50-lb) of 40-60 mesh clean, dry silica sand and mix until uniform. Once batch is uniformly blended, pour contents into depress and level with a screed. Allow to cure for 4-6 hours before proceeding with additional coatings.
 3. Crack Filling – Asphalt: Cracks shall be cleaned, primed, and filled using Laykold Acrylic Resurfacer if cracks are 1/16 inch or less. If greater than 1/16 inch, Laykold Acrylic Deep Patch court patch binder slurry should be used to fill cracks. Mix as per manufacturer’s directions. Refer to Laykold Deep Patch technical data sheet for additional mixing details and application instructions for filling various sized cracks. Laykold Crack Filler and Qualicaulk are acceptable substitutes.
 4. Crack and Construction Joints - Concrete: Cracks and construction joints shall be cleaned and filled with caulking designed for waterproofing or moisture mitigation such as BASF Masterseal NP-1 or Tremco Dymonic 100.
 5. All areas that are repaired/leveled/corrected using a court patch binder mixture shall be allowed to fully cure and then ground smooth and level with the substrate by stone or an acceptable mechanical method. Laykold PolyPrimer (used as a mastic) is an acceptable substitute.
- D. Install Laykold Masters Gel Pickleball and Gel Plus Pickleball system according to guidelines provided by Advanced Polymer Technology Corp., Harmony, PA.

3.4 PROTECTION

- A. Cure Time. No traffic or other trades shall be allowed on the surface for a period of one week following completion to allow for complete and proper cure of the finish.
- B. Other Trades. It is the responsibility of the general contractor to protect the surface from damage by other trades before acceptance by the owner or the owner’s authorized agent.
- C. Do not allow surrounding sprinkler systems to spray water on the newly applied court surface for a period of one week after completion.
- D. Do not place any benches, chairs, ball baskets, or any other type of court equipment on the newly applied court surface for a period of one week after completion.
- E. Do not allow black soled shoes, bicycles, rollerblades, etc. on the court surface. Black scuff marks cannot be removed!

3.5 MAINTENANCE



- A. Dirt Contamination
 - 1. Broom, wash or blow dirt off court on a regular basis.
 - 2. Annual pressure washing of court surface is recommended.
 - 3. Most dirt and stains can be removed with a neutral pH cleaner used in proper dilution. Pre-test cleaner on small area in corner of court.
- B. Proper maintenance procedures and housekeeping practices should be performed on a timely as needed basis.

Acrylic, all-weather tennis and athletic surfacing systems are designed and used to visually enhance asphalt and concrete substrates while providing a desired surface texture, surface pace and/or speed of play. Laykold systems and system components may be used to level surface depressions, fill substrate cracking, smooth surface roughness and make other such adjustments to a new or existing surface/substrate. However, acrylic all-weather tennis and athletic surfacing systems are NOT capable of solving the problems and/or forces associated with cracked, deteriorating, or damaged substrates.