

## Description

The 843AR *Super Shield™ Silver Coated Copper Conductive Coating* is a one-part durable acrylic lacquer pigmented with a highly conductive silver coated copper flake, packaged in convenient aerosol format. It utilizes a ready to spray, solvent based system, with no heat cure necessary. The cured coating is smooth, hard, and abrasion resistant. It provides good adhesion to plastics, excellent conductivity, and high frequency shielding.

## Applications & Usages

The 843AR is designed to provide a conductive coating to the interior of plastic electronic enclosures to suppress EMI/RFI emissions. It excels when superior levels of shielding are required.

The 843AR is commonly used by manufacturers of these devices:

- Sensors
- Controllers
- Receivers
- Test Equipment
- Scientific equipment
- Medical Equipment
- Communication devices
- Satellite dishes and radar systems
- Antennas
- Aerospace applications
- Electric vehicles
- Networking gear, firewalls
- Military equipment
- Cellphones, laptops, PDA's
- GPS's, navigation systems
- TV's, monitor's, and displays
- Consumer electronics
- Electronic sporting equipment
- Audio equipment
- Electric guitars and other amplified instruments
- Drones and other RC vehicles

Other applications for 843AR include:

- Repairing damage to existing shielding
- Conductive undercoat for electroplating
- Providing electric continuity for circuits

## Benefits and Features

- **UL Recognized** (File # [E202609](#))
- **Provides strong EMI/RFI shielding over a broad frequency range**
- **Volume resistivity of 0.00047  $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}$**
- **Smooth, durable, and abrasion resistant**
- **Available in liquid format**
- **Quick dry time, no heat cure required**
- **Mild solvent system**
- **Strong adhesion to ABS, acrylic, polycarbonate, and other injection molded plastics**
- **Excellent adhesion to wood and ceramics**
- **Low VOC; HAP Free; Does not contain toluene, xylene, or MEK**



**ENVIRONMENT**  
RoHS Compliant  
Low-VOC



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## Usage Parameters

Properties	Value
Recoat Time (Liquid)	3 min
Drying Time @22 °C [72 °F]	24 h
Drying Time @65 °C [149 °F]	30 min
Shelf Life	2 y
Theoretical 340G Spray	≤3 170 cm <sup>2</sup>
Can Coverage <sup>a)</sup>	≤490 in <sup>2</sup>

a) Idealized estimate based on a coat thickness of 50 µm [2.0 mil] and 50% transfer efficiency

## Temperature Ranges

Properties	Value
Constant Service Temperature	-40 to 120 °C [-40 to 248 °F]
Intermittent Temperature Limits	-50 to 125 °C [-58 to 257 °F]
Storage Temperature Limits <sup>b)</sup>	-5 to 40 °C [23 to 104°F]

b) The product must stay within the storage temperature limits stated. **ATTENTION!** Aerosol container will be crushed at ≤-26.5 °C [≤15.7 °F].

## Principal Components

### Name

Silvered Copper  
Acrylic Resin  
Acetone  
Dimethyl carbonate  
Heptan-2-one

### CAS Number

7440-22-4 + 7440-50-8  
25608-33-7  
67-64-1  
616-38-6  
110-43-0

## Properties of Cured 843AR

Electrical & Magnetic Properties	Method	Value
Volume Resistivity @1.7 mil	Method 5011.5 in MIL-STD-883H	0.00047 Ω·cm    2 174 S/cm
Surface Resistivity @1.7 mil	"	0.11 Ω/sq
Surface Resistance <sup>a)</sup>		<i>Resistance</i> <i>Conductance</i>
1 coat @1.5 mil	square probe	0.25 Ω/sq      3.9 S
2 coats @2.5 mil	square probe	0.10 Ω/sq      9.6 S
3 coats @3.0 mil	square probe	0.08 Ω/sq      13 S
Magnetic Class		Diamagnetic (Non-magnetic)
Relative Permeability		<1.0
Shielding Attenuation for 76 µm [3.0 mil] <sup>b)</sup>	IEEE STD 299-1997	
10 to 100 kHz	"	84 dB to 89 dB
>100 kHz to 1 MHz	"	73 dB to 89 dB
>1 MHz to 10 MHz	"	47 dB to 70 dB
>10 MHz to 100 MHz	"	41 dB to 60 dB
>100 MHz to 1 GHz	"	59 dB to 71 dB
>1 GHz to 10 GHz	"	58 dB to 67 dB
>10 GHz to 18 GHz	"	48 dB to 68 dB

a) Surface resistance is given in Ω/sq and the corresponding conductance in Siemens (S or Ω<sup>-1</sup>).

b) Values applies to the liquid formulation



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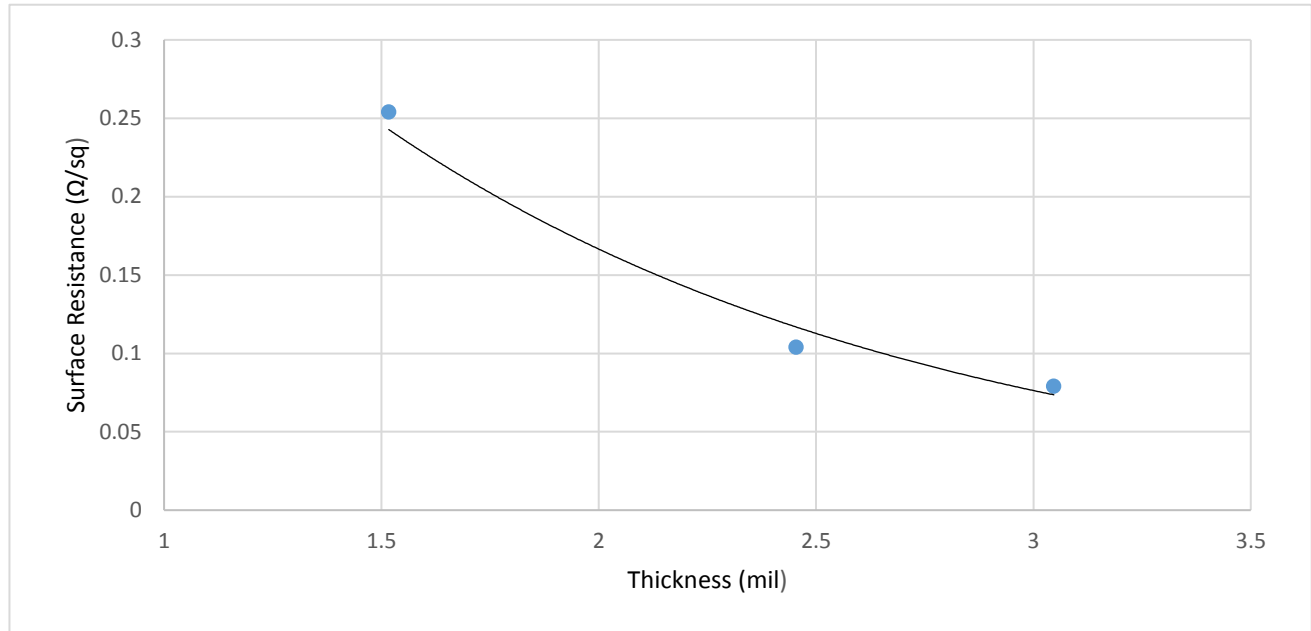
<b>Physical Properties</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Value</b>
Paint Type	—	Lacquer (thermoplastic)
Color	Visual	Light metallic brown
Abrasion Resistant	—	Yes
Blister Resistant	—	Yes
Peeling Resistant	—	Yes
Water Resistant	—	Yes
<b>Mechanical Properties</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Value</b>
Adhesion, Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)	ASTM D3359	5B
Polycarbonate (PC)	"	5B
Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	"	5B
Nylon 66 (Polyamide)	"	5B
Fiber	"	5B
Pencil Hardness, Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS)	ASTM D3363	H, hard
<b>Environmental &amp; Ageing Study</b> <sup>c)</sup>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Value</b>
Salt Fog Test @35 °C [95 °F], 96 h <sup>d)</sup>	ASTM B117-2011	
Resistivity before	MG-ELEC-120	0.08 Ω/sq
Resistivity after	"	3 Ω/sq
% Conductivity after	"	2%
Cross-Hatch Adhesion	ASTM D3359-2009	5B
Cracking, unwashed area	ASTM D661-93	None
Visual Color, unwashed area	ASTM D1729-96	Discoloration (green), oxidized

c) Values applies to the liquid formulation

d) Tested using HVLP spray gun application on acrylonitrile butadiene styrene (ABS) coupons

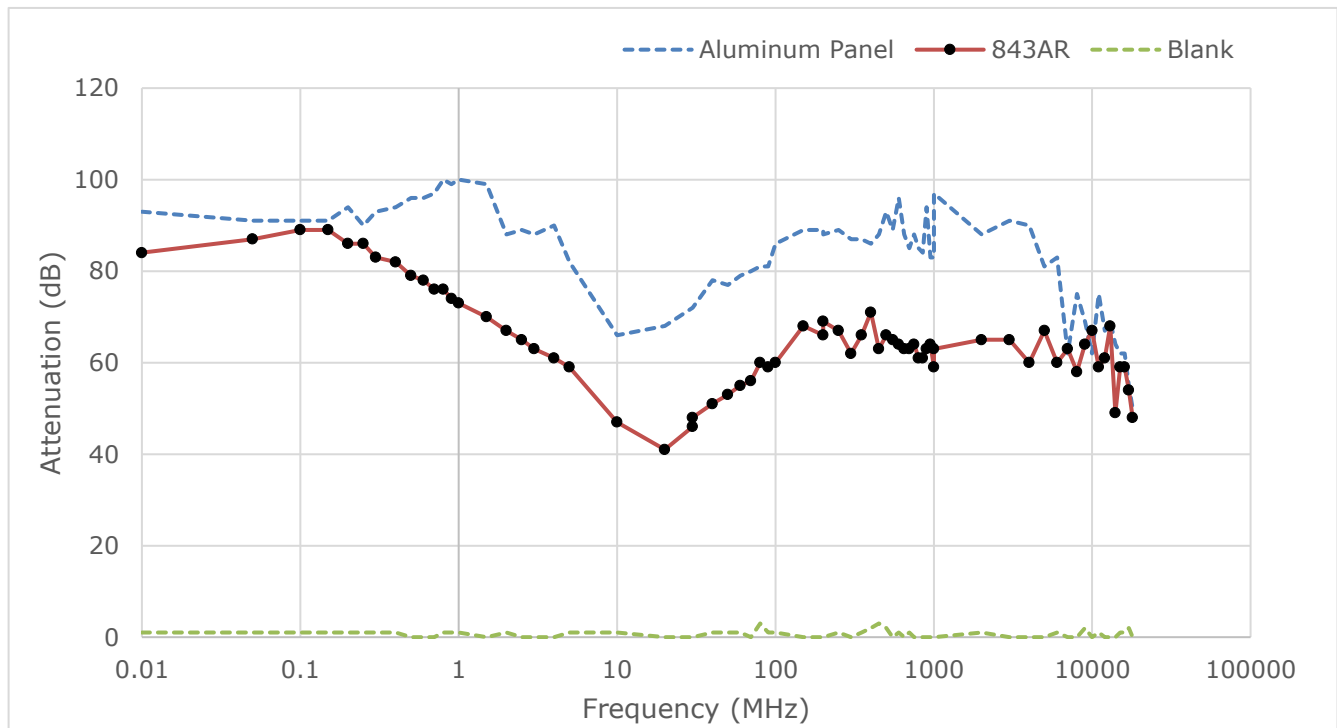
The coating surface resistance and attenuation value is provided in Figures 1 and 2.

## Surface Resistance by Coating Thickness



**Figure 1.** Silvered copper coating surface resistance at different thicknesses (the dots indicate typical successive coat thicknesses)

## Shielding Attenuation



**Figure 2.** Attenuation of 843AR liquid coating at different frequencies



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## Properties of Uncured 843AR

<i>Physical Properties</i>	<i>Mixture</i>
Color	Light metallic brown
Density @25 °C [77 °F]	0.99 g/mL
Solids Percentage (wt/wt)	16%
Viscosity @25 °C [77 °F] <sup>a)</sup>	87 cP
Flash Point	-17 °C [1.4 °F]
Odor	Acetone-like

a) Brookfield viscometer at 60 RPM with spindle LV S61

## Compatibility

**Chemical**—The silver coated copper is quite resistant to oxidation, except in environments that contain contaminants like H<sub>2</sub>S or ozone which tarnish its surface. As well, the silver coated copper flakes are not compatible with hydrochloric acid.

The thermoplastic resin is dissolved by common paint solvents like toluene, xylene, acetone, and MEK. This allows great coating repair and work characteristics, but it does make the coating unsuitable for solvent rich environments.

**Adhesion**—The 843AR coating adheres to most plastics used to house printed circuit assemblies; however, it is not compatible with contaminants like water, oil, and greasy flux residues that may affect adhesion. If contamination is present, clean the surface to be coated first.

## 843AR Adherence Compatibility

<i>Substrate</i>	<i>Note</i>
Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)	Chemically etches <sup>a)</sup> and adheres well to this substrate.
Polybutylene Terephthalate (PBT)	"
Polycarbonate	"
Polyvinyl Acetate (PVA)	"
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)	"
Polyamide (Nylon 66)	"
Acrylics or Acrylic Paints	Adheres well to clean surface
Epoxy, FR4 substrate	"
Polyurethane	Adheres well to clean surface for most urethane types
Wood	Adheres well with surface preparation

a) Etching is similar to sanding, except that it also softens the surface helping to meld the paint to the plastic for superior adhesion.

**ATTENTION!** Use with care on thin plastics or on plastics where you want to keep original surface intact. The 843AR spray contains a controlled amount of solvents designed to chemically etch plastic surfaces to help adhesion by melding the acrylic coating into the plastic substrate. This prevents flaking or peeling.

## Storage

Store between -5 and 40 °C [23 and 104 °F] in dry area away from sunlight. Temperatures below or above these outer limits will result in the container being crushed and/or ruptured.

## Health, Safety, and Environmental Awareness

Please see the 843AR-Aerosol **Safety Data Sheet** (SDS) for greater details on transportation, storage, handling and other security guidelines.

**Environmental Impact:** The regulated VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) content is 41% (485 g/L) by EPA and WHMIS standards.

This product meets the European Directive 2011/65/EU Annex II (ROHS); recasting 2002/95/EC.

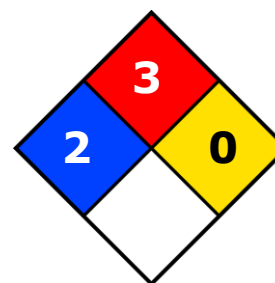
**Health and Safety:** The solvents in 843AR can ignite if exposed to flames or sparks and can cause respiratory track irritation. If ignited, then flame flash back is possible. Use in well-ventilated area.

Solvents can cause irritation and have some reproductive effects. Wear safety glasses or goggles and disposable gloves to avoid exposures.

### HMIS® RATING

HEALTH:	* 2
FLAMMABILITY:	3
PHYSICAL HAZARD:	0
PERSONAL PROTECTION:	

### NFPA® 704 CODES



*Approximate HMIS and NFPA Risk Ratings Legend:*

0 (Low or none); 1 (Slight); 2 (Moderate); 3 (Serious); 4 (Severe)

## Aerosol Application Instructions

For best results, apply thin wet coats as opposed to using thick coats. We recommend a final dry film thickness of at least 1.0 mil [25 µm]. Follow the procedure below for ensure optimal conductivity.

### Prerequisites

Clean and dry the surface of the substrate to remove

- Oil, dust, water, solvents, and other contaminants

### Material & Equipment

- Personal protection equipment (See 843AR-Aerosol SDS)



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## To apply the coating

1. Shake the can vigorously for 2 minutes, and swirl the bead around the bottom to lift settled material back in solution.
2. Spray a test pattern. This step ensures good flow quality and helps establish appropriate distance to avoid runs.
3. At a distance of 20 to 25 cm (8 to 10 inches), spray a thin and even coat onto a vertical surface. For best results, use spray-and-release strokes with an even motion to avoid excess paint in one spot. Start and end each stroke off the surface.
4. Before the next coat, rotate the surface 90° or change stroke direction (horizontal or vertical) to ensure good coverage.
5. Wait 1 minute, shake can, and spray another coat. The delay avoids trapping solvent between coats.
6. Apply additional coats until desired thickness is achieved (go to Step 3).
7. Let dry for 3 minutes (flash off time) at room temperature.

**NOTE:** Swirling the aerosol can slightly while waiting prevents settling.

### **ATTENTION!**

- Holding the can at a non-vertical angle during the spray application may result in uneven application.
- Coats that are applied too thick cause runs and hamper solvent evaporation.
- Spraying onto horizontal surfaces is not recommended.

## After use, clear the nozzle of the aerosol

1. Immediately invert the aerosol can upside down.
2. Press button until clear propellant comes out. The propellant should become clear in a few seconds.
3. Ensure the face of the button is clean of residues by wiping with a cloth or paper towel.

**ATTENTION!** Failure to clear nozzle can lead to valve being blocked open or closed in a non-noticeable way.

- If blocked closed, the can will not be usable.
- If blocked slightly open, the contents can spill out overnight creating a mess.

## To cure at Room temperature

- Let air dry 24 hours

## To accelerate cure by heat

- After flash off, put in oven or under heat lamp at 65 °C for 30 min.

**NOTE:** Coats that are very thick require more time to dry. Heat curing ensures optimal performance.

**ATTENTION!** If heat curing, do not exceed 65 °C as this may cause surface defects due to solvents evaporating off too quickly.



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## Packaging and Supporting Products

<i>Cat. No.</i>	<i>Packaging</i>	<i>Net Volume</i>		<i>Net Weight</i>		<i>Packaging Weight</i>	
<b>843AR-140G</b>	Aerosol	117 mL	3.95 fl oz	140 g	4.93 oz	TBD	TBD
<b>843AR-340G</b>	Aerosol	284 mL	9.6 fl oz	340 g	12 oz	"	"
<b>843AR-900ML</b>	Can	850 mL	1.8 pt	927 g	2.05 lb	1.29 kg	2.84 lb
<b>843AR-3.78L</b>	Can	3.6 L	3.8 qt	3.93 kg	8.66 lb	4.73 kg	10.4 lb

TBD = To Be Determined

## Thinners & Conductive Coating Removers

- *Thinner*: Cat. No. 435-1L, 435-4L
- *Thinner 1*: Cat. No. 4351-1L, 4351-4L

## Technical Support

Contact us regarding any questions, improvement suggestions, or problems with this product. Application notes, instructions, and FAQs are located at [www.mgchemicals.com](http://www.mgchemicals.com).

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