



# SANDSTROM 28A

SOLID FILM LUBRICANT: AIR DRY

SERIES E728 (BULK) & E628 (AEROSOL)

QUALIFIED TO:

- MIL-PRF-46147 TYPE I FORM 1 (BULK) FORM2 (AEROSOL)
- MIL-L-23398 TYPE I (BULK) TYPE II (AEROSOL)
- SAE AS1701 CLASS II

RoHS COMPLIANT



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## DESCRIPTION

Sandstrom 28A Solid Film Lubricant is a thermoplastic coating containing molybdenum disulfide and corrosion inhibiting pigments. This air drying material prevents corrosion, galling, seizing and fretting. It is a low-friction coating that exhibits long wear life when operated at -320°F to +300°F under loads exceeding 100,000 psi. Sandstrom 28A should be applied where baking with the longer wearing, heat cured #099, Sandstrom 9A or LC-300 is not desirable or practical.

Once 28A has been applied to a properly prepared surface and allowed to cure, it is virtually unaffected by atmospheric and fretting corrosion, acids, oils and degreasers. Sandstrom 28A can be applied to all metallic and non-metallic surfaces by spray application.

## OUTSTANDING FEATURES/BENEFITS

- Excellent corrosion protection without the use of toxic heavy metals.
- Air dry coating with multiple container options to suit a variety of application needs (Marker/Brush pen, Aerosol, Bulk)
- **CONTAINS NO GRAPHITE or TOXIC HEAVY METALS**
- **UTILIZES NON-HAP SOLVENTS**

## LIMITATIONS

STORE AT TEMPERATURES BELOW 100°F.

## NOTICE

**Before using this product, read all warnings, limitations and safety information printed on the product label, Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), and Technical Data Sheet.**

*Note: Sandstrom 28A replaces 26A, 27A and #238.*

## TYPICAL USES

Sandstrom 28A is an excellent in-plant or field solution to the problem of lubricating parts:

- Where application of a baked-on lubricant is not possible.
- That may be operated in corrosive atmospheres.
- That may be stored for long periods.
- That are seldom lubricated once they leave the factory and where permanent lubrication is desired.
- Where operating pressures exceed the load-bearing capacities of ordinary oils and greases.
- Where "clean operation" is desired (Sandstrom 28A will not collect dirt and debris as do grease and oils).
- Where parts may be subjected to frequent disassembly.
- Where a protective coating and sacrificial break-in lubricant is needed.
- Where fretting and galling is a problem (such as splines, universal joints and keyed bearings).
- Where easy release is desired (such as threads of all kinds).

## COMPOSITION AND PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

<b>Net Weight per gallon</b> <i>ASTM D1475</i>	9.90 ± 0.2 lbs. (Theoretical)	<b>Lubricating Pigment</b>	Molybdenum Disulfide
<b>Weight Solids</b>	<i>Bulk –E728:</i> 24% minimum <i>Aerosol –E628:</i> 30 grams minimum	<b>Color</b>	Flat Dark Gray
<b>VOC</b>	<i>Bulk – E728:</i> 5.06 lbs./gal. (606 g/L) (Theoretical) <i>Aerosol –E628:</i> 5.27 lbs./gal (631.4 gm/l) (Theoretical)	<b>Shelf Life</b>	1 Year from Date from Manufacture per MIL & AS SPECIFICATIONS. Two years Date of Manufacture for all other applications. Consult your drawing for governing specifications.
<b>Viscosity</b>	<i>Bulk – E728:</i> 15 - 25 seconds, #2 EZ Zahn @ 77°F	<b>Storage Conditions</b>	Below 100°F
<b>Coverage Rate *</b> <i>ASTM D1400</i>	<i>Bulk – E728:</i> 500 sq. ft./gal @ 0.5 mil	<b>Freeze/Thaw Stability</b>	Stable
<b>Dry Film Thickness</b>	0.3 mil	<b>Flash Point</b>	23°F
		<b>Boiling Point</b>	78.6°C / 173.5°F

\* Actual figures do not include spray loss. Also allow for surface irregularities and porosity, as well as material loss when mixing.

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PERFORMANCE AND FUNCTIONAL PROPERTIES			
<b>Chemical/Fluid Resistance:</b>		<b>Coefficient of Friction</b> <i>ISO 16047 Standard</i>	0.07
<i>MIL-PRF-46147 Table I Fluids</i> <i>ASTM D2510A, ASTM D2510C</i>	Pass ^	<b>Load Carry Capacity</b> <i>ASTM D2625B</i>	2500 - 3000 lbf ^
<i>MIL-L-23398 Table III Test Fluids</i> <i>ASTM D2510A, ASTM D2510C</i>	Pass ^ *includes Skydrol	<b>Wear Life</b> <i>ASTM 2625A</i>	100 -200 minutes ^
<b>Corrosion Protection:</b>		<b>Operating Temperature Range</b> <i>Continuous Use Limits</i>	-320°F to +300°F
<i>ASTM B117: Steel</i> <i>MIL-DTL-16232 Type Z Class 3</i>	1000 hrs. * ^	<b>Thermal Stability</b> <i>ASTM D2511</i>	Pass
<i>ASTM B117: Aluminum</i> <i>MIL-A-8625 Type 2</i>	1000 hrs. * ^	<b>Thermal Stability Range</b> <i>AS1701F sec. 4.2.3</i>	-320°F to +450°F
<i>Sulfurous Acid-Salt Spray</i> <i>FED-STD-791 Method 5331.1</i>	4 cycles *	<b>Resistance to Mold</b> <i>ASTM D3273</i>	Rating 10 – No growth after 28 Days
* Tests halted before failure		^ 6 & 18 Hour Dry	

## GENERAL

Sandstrom 28A is a paint-like material consisting of lubricative pigments dispersed in a thermoplastic resin system thinned with appropriate solvents. For maximum service, the APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY.

## FILM THICKNESS & ENGINEERING TOLERANCE

As supplied, Sandstrom 28A will yield a film thickness of about 0.0003 inches without interference. If excess buildup does occur and a force fit is necessary, burnishing lightly will assist in mating the parts. The remaining excess will be worn away in the first few cycles of operation. Whenever possible, the proper tolerances should be designed into the part.

Whenever possible, treat both contact surfaces (i.e., the shaft and the bearing).

## COVERAGE

One gallon of this material will theoretically cover 500 sq. ft. with a dry film thickness of 0.0005 inches. Coverage depends upon method of application and other variables such as overspray and type of surface to be coated. Above coverage rates are based on 100% efficiency.

The 28A Touch-Up Marker theoretically covers 1.5 square feet.

The 28A aerosol theoretically covers 33.37 square feet.

**IMPORTANT! DO NOT TOUCH CLEAN SURFACE WITH FINGERS - OIL FROM THE HANDS WILL INTERFERE WITH PROPER COATING ADHESION.**

## SURFACE PREPARATION

The following recommendations are given to produce optimum properties for this coating when applied over various substrates. Alternative surface preparation may be used to produce the desired end use properties. It is the responsibility of the user to determine the suitability for use in their application when any alternative surface preparation is used. Please contact Sandstrom Products Company for substitute surface preparations if recommended steps cannot be followed.

**Application on steel.** Pre-clean surface with aliphatic naphtha or any other EPA compliant cleaner that sufficiently cleans surface to pass ASTM F22. Abrasive blast surface with 180-220 grit aluminum oxide (25-50 RMS optimum). Phosphate IAW MIL-DTL-16232 (weight should be 11-22 g/m<sup>2</sup>), type M, class 3 (optimal performance) or type Z, class 3.

**Application on stainless steels.** Pre-clean surface with aliphatic naphtha or any other EPA compliant cleaner that sufficiently cleans surface to pass ASTM F22. Abrasive blast surface with 180-220 grit aluminum oxide (25-50 RMS optimum). Passivate surface with ASTM A967, types nitric 1, nitric 2 or nitric 3, as applicable.

**Application on aluminum and aluminum alloys.** Pre-clean surface with aliphatic naphtha or any other EPA compliant cleaner that sufficiently cleans surface to pass ASTM F22. Sulfuric acid anodize IAW MIL-A-8625 and seal surface with hot deionized water (>180°F for 30 minutes).

**Application on titanium and titanium alloys.** Degrease surface to be coated with aliphatic naphtha or any other EPA compliant cleaner that sufficiently cleans surface to pass ASTM F22. Abrasive blast surface with 180-220 grit aluminum oxide (25-50 RMS optimum) and alkaline anodize.

**Application on copper and copper alloys.** Pre-clean surface with aliphatic naphtha or any other EPA compliant cleaner that sufficiently cleans surface to pass ASTM F22. Abrasive blast surface with 180-220 grit aluminum oxide (25-50 RMS optimum). Form a black oxide finish on surface.

## MIXING

IMPORTANT! THIS LUBRICANT CONTAINS HEAVY PIGMENTS WHICH SETTLE RAPIDLY. THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE MIXED THOROUGHLY BEFORE USE UNTIL HOMOGENEOUS, AND FREQUENTLY ENOUGH DURING APPLICATION TO ENSURE NO SETTLING OF PIGMENTS OCCUR.

When applying material from AEROSOL package, SHAKE CAN VIGOROUSLY FOR 2 MINUTES AFTER THE BALL RATTLES. Shake again periodically during application.

When finished spraying from aerosol package, turn the can upside down and spray for five seconds. Failure to do so can lead to clogging of the tip.

## THINNING

**For conventional spray** - Apply Sandstrom 28A as supplied. If reduction is desired, use 3 parts Sandstrom 28A to 1-part D169 Thinner.

**For dipping** - No thinning required.

## APPLICATION

Sandstrom 28A should be sprayed or dipped to the desired film thickness (usually 0.0003 to 0.0007 inches). Allow the surface to dry **at least** 30 minutes to 1 hour before doing light assembly work.

It is important to keep container closed when not in use to keep loss of solvents at a minimum and avoid a change in volume solids.

Note: All instructions are based on product and part temperatures of 77°F ± 5°F and <70% relative humidity. Should product need temperature adjustments, use a hot or cold water bath.

## TOUCH-UP MARKER PEN

The touch-up pen should be shaken well before use (30 seconds minimum). Marker has 2 ends for applying the coating. One end contains a small brush. The opposite end has a marker tip. This end is a pump action nib. On the initial use of the nib press down firmly at an angle to start the flow of the coating, (this may take a few seconds). Once the coating is flowing less pressure is required. When finished with the marker, cap it promptly to keep the nib from drying out.

## DRYING/CURING

Sandstrom 28A may be air dried or force cured. If parts are to be air dried, allow at least 6 hours @ 77°F ± 5°F and ≤70% relative humidity before putting into service.

After a flash time of 30 minutes, 28A can be force cured according to the following schedule:

90 minutes @ 150°F or  
45 minutes @ 175°F or  
25 minutes @ 200°F.

**IMPORTANT!** The time begins when **the part** has reached temperature, NOT when it is placed in the Class A oven.

## CLEANUP

Use the same solvents for cleaning tools as are recommended for thinning or use MEK.

## REMOVAL

Soak the coated part for 10 – 20 minutes in a 1:1 by volume blend of Acetone to PM Solvent. Then use a soft bristle brush to remove coating from the surface. If necessary, perform a second rinse with a clean solvent blend to remove any remaining coating.

**DANGER! USE WITH ADEQUATE VENTILATION.**

\*\*\*Strict compliance to the instructions given in Surface Preparation, Application and Stirring is very essential for obtaining optimum results.\*\*\*