**Overview of Undercoats**

**Introduction to Primers and Surfacers**

Undercoats are used to create corrosion protection and a foundation of all repairs. There are four different types of undercoats, each having specific characteristics and roles. Some undercoats share the same catalysts with other products. This reduces inventory requirements and still allows each product to deliver the best overall performance possible.

**PRIMER CHARACTERISTICS:**

* Provides adhesion to bare substrates for subsequent coatings
* Provides corrosion protection and resistance (sacrificial pigments) for metal substrates
* Does not require sanding
* Offers minimal filling properties

**PRIMER SURFACER OR PRIMER FILLER CHARACTERISTICS:**

* Designed to fill sand scratches and small imperfections
* Has less sacrificial pigments than dedicated primers
* Requires sanding after application
* Sands easily and quickly

**PRIMER SEALER CHARACTERISTICS:**

* Provides a uniform foundation and can improve topcoat appearance over a wide variety of substrates
* Optional in most cases, particularly on small spot repairs
* **DOES NOT** require sanding, but can be sanded for a flatter finish.
* Good flow and leveling; less surface texture than primers or primer surfacers