**HEXION ARMORBUILT™ WILDFIRE SHIELD** 

# Guard the Grid

Ensure grid stability in the face of wildfires with the Hexion ArmorBuilt Wildfire Shield — a durable, burn-prevention safeguard for wood utility poles.

## **Durable, Affordable and Sustainable**

Heat-triggered ArmorBuilt covering instantly creates a protective heat insulation, helping you extend the lifespan of wood utility poles, reduce repair costs and protect more people.



In 2020, 17,700 structures<sup>1</sup> were lost to wildfires, costing up to \$13B<sup>2</sup> in damages.



The cost to repair damage from a fire can be as high as \$40,000 per pole.<sup>3</sup>



#### **Heat-Triggered Protection**

ArmorBuilt covering activates within 20 seconds of contact with wildfire.

• Withstands flames with temperatures to 2,100°F for 30 minutes<sup>4</sup>

#### A Durable Barrier

ArmorBuilt Wildfire Shield can withstand weather and pole inspection without compromising its protective performance.

- Self-heals and seals cuts and test bore holes during a fire
- UV resistance confirmed by ASTM G154, UV apparatus with water spray and ASTM G90, Concentrated Natural Sunlight Accelerated Weathering<sup>5</sup>

#### **Designed for Line Workers**

Safe and easy to apply, ArmorBuilt wrap does not require special handling.

- Can be climbed and cut without compromise
- Holds up to 500 pounds on a single gaff<sup>6</sup>

#### **Sustainable Security**

ArmorBuilt Wildfire Shield promotes a long-lasting and sustainably sourced power infrastructure.

- Does not release harmful VOCs or chemicals
- Poles can be re-secured with new material post-fire to ensure future fire protection

#### **Puts People First**

ArmorBuilt Wrap improves grid resiliency and helps prevent loss of life by keeping protected poles upright.

• Delivers precious life-saving time by keeping critical passages open to first responders and evacuees that may otherwise become blocked by downed poles

#### A Cost-Effective Safeguard

ArmorBuilt Wildfire Shield helps reduce pole replacement and associated transmission infrastructure repair costs.

- Helps prevent millions in damages
- Sustainable U.S. supply and scalability
- Produced on an ISO 9001:2015-certified site



Test picture



Pole without ArmorBuilt protection



Pole protected by ArmorBuilt Wildfire Shield

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# **Start Building Your Wildfire Defense**

Put the power of ArmorBuilt protection to work for you. Contact an ArmorBuilt representative today at **Hexion.com**.

'National Interagency Fire Center's Incident Year-to-Date Report as of November 9, 2020.

<sup>3</sup>Exacter and Cigre 2019 Pole Fire Survey and Research report.

<sup>•</sup>Third-party-certified Wildfire Simulation Testing (SWrI/EDM) of wood poles secured with one and two layers of protective wrap revealed no char or strength loss when engulied in 12-foot swifing, open flame at temperatures of 2,100°F for a duration of 3 minutes. Determination of charring depth of wood utility poles exposed to simulated wildland fires, conduced by Western Fire Center found no degradation of the pole surface after a 10 minute radiant panel and flame exposure. "Over 2.5 years of continuous exposure, equivalent to over 30 years of exterior exposure using ASTM G154, operating UV Lamp apparatus for exposure of nonmetallic materials cycle 7 with water spray and 10-year equivalent collaborative testing in Arizona to ASTM G90 Accelerated Outdoor weather of Materials using concentrated Natural Sunlight, Cycle 3 with nightly water spray finds no loss in fire protection performance.

PG8E climbing tests revealed that AmorBuilt protective wrap can hold over 500 pounds when double-wrapped around wood utility poles.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The costs of insured losses from fires through November 2020 in California, Oregon, Washington and Colorado as reported by Risk Management Solutions (RMS).