

High strength, epoxy concrete

Uses

For the fast and permanent reinstatement of concrete, particularly where high strength, abrasion, impact and chemical resistance are required. The product is designed for horizontal applications. It is ideally suited for reinstatement of defective concrete surface in bridges, dams, foundations, slabs, joints in highways, concrete runways and for use as a bedding material.

Advantages

- Solvent free
- Dimensionally stable hardening
- High compressive and abrasion strengths
- Curing unaffected by humidity
- Suitable for both damp and dry surfaces
- Rapid hardening at low temperatures
- Impact resistant

Description

Expocrete EC is a solvent free, epoxy based repair concrete, which is supplied as three component system and the coarse aggregate in the ratio recommended to be added at site.

Technical support

The company provides a technical advisory service supported by a team of specialists in the field.

Mix proportions

Form

Base (B)	: Liquid
Hardener (H)	: Liquid
Fine filler (FF)	: Graded sand
Coarse aggregate (C.A)	: 10mm down graded granite aggregates (to be added at site)
Mixing ratio (by wt) :	B : H : FF : C.A 4.537 : 2.145 : 20.818 : 30

Properties

Density of epoxy concrete	: 2.20 - 2.40 kg/litre
Pot life (Min.)	: 30 at 35°C
Compressive strength @ 7days	: > 90 N/mm ²

Flexural strength @ 7 days : 20 N/mm²

Bond strength to concrete : 3 N/mm²

Recommended thickness per layer : Min. 20 mm

Application instructions

Preparation

The surface shall be cleaned and any dust, unsound material, plaster, oil, paint, grease, corrosion deposits or algae shall be removed. The surface shall be roughened and any laitance shall be removed by light scabbling or grit blasting.

Oil and grease deposits should be removed by steam cleaning, detergent scrubbing or the use of a proprietary degreaser.

Substrate priming

The substrate should be primed using Nitoprime 25. The primer should be mixed in the proportions supplied, adding the entire contents of the 'hardener' tin to the 'base'tin. The two components should be thoroughly mixed together, for 3 minutes.

The mixed primer should be scrubbed well into the prepared substrate, taking care that all imperfections in the surface are properly coated and avoiding 'puddling' in depressions. If the primer is absorbed into the substrate, a second coat should be applied before continuing. Expocrete EC can be applied as soon as the primer has started to gel but still has surface 'tack'. This is normally between 30 minutes and 4 hours dependent on the ambient and substrate temperatures. The usable life of the mixed primer is approximately 30 minutes at 35°C.

Mixing

Care should be taken to ensure that Expocrete EC is thoroughly mixed to produce a fully homogenous, trowellable concrete.

The 'hardener' and 'base' components should be stirred thoroughly in order to disperse any settlement before mixing them together. The entire contents of the base and hardener are emptied into a suitable container and mixed for 30 seconds. Slowly fine and coarse aggregate shall be added under mixing, using a forced action mixture until a homogenous material is obtained.

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Application

Whilst the primer is still tacky, the mixed concrete shall be spread and then trowelled firmly into place.

Finishing

Expocrete EC is levelled and finished with a steel trowel. The completed surface should not be overworked.

Cleaning

All tools and equipment shall be cleaned immediately after use with Nitoflor Sol, solvent.

Estimating

Packaging & Coverage

Expocrete EC is available in 13.5 L packing. (without coarse aggregates)

Storage

Shelf life

All products have a shelf life of 12 months below 35°C if kept in a dry store in the original, unopened packs.

Storage conditions

Store in dry conditions in the original, unopened bags or packs. If stored at high temperatures, the shelf life may be shortened.

Precautions

Health and Safety instructions

Expocrete EC and Nitoflor Sol should not come in contact with skin or eyes, or be swallowed. Adequate ventilation shall be ensured and inhalation of vapours shall be avoided. Some people are sensitive to resins, hardeners and solvents. Suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye protection shall be worn. If working in confined areas, suitable respiratory protective equipment must be used. The use of barrier creams provide additional skin protection. In case of contact with skin, it shall be removed immediately with resin removing cream followed by washing with soap and water. Solvent should not be used. In case of contact with eyes, it shall be rinsed immediately with plenty of clean water and medical advice shall be sought immediately. If swallowed, medical attention shall be sought immediately - Vomiting should not be induced.

Fire

Expocrete EC is non-flammable.

Nitoflor Sol is flammable. It shall be kept away from sources of ignition. Smoking is prohibited during handling / application of the product. In the event of fire, it shall be extinguished with fire extinguishers like carbon-dioxide or foam. Use of water jet is not suggested.

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