

OVERVIEW

Flexishield is a mid-sheen elastomeric masonry paint with excellent weathering properties. It has the ability to bridge cracks unlike conventional masonry coatings. It also maintains flexibility over a wide range of temperatures making it suitable in extreme climatic conditions. Flexishield is based on a crosslinking acrylic polymer which allows it to form a low-tack surface that provides the coating with excellent dirt pick-up resistance. Flexishield is available in the standard range of colours, special colours are available on request.

PROPERTIES

Flexishield is an elastomeric paint with the following features and advantages:

- 100% acrylic - resistant to UV light giving excellent long term durability.
- Permanent flexibility - has the ability to bridge cracks over a wide range of temperatures from -40oC to +50oC.
- Tough film - because of the crosslinking of the polymer, high tensile strengths are achieved in the coating film.
- Breathable - allows the structure to breath.
- CO₂ Barrier - helps to prevent concrete corrosion.
- Dirt resistant chemistry - surface crosslinkage maintains a clean surface unlike other elastomeric coatings.

AREAS OF USE

Flexishield can be used on new or old masonry surfaces. It is suitable for interior and exterior use. It is particularly useful over surfaces which have micro cracks, or on surfaces which may develop such cracks in the future.

PREPARATION OF SURFACE

Ensure that all dust, dirt and foreign matter are brushed and scraped away. Surface defects should be repaired with Terramix or Handycoat Exterior. Apply 1 coat of TERRACO Penetrating Primer to ensure the surface is sound and well bound. Old surfaces should be treated with a soda/water solution, rinsed and allowed to dry before application.

APPLICATION & CLEANING OF TOOLS

When applying to old painted surfaces, first wash down with a soda/water solution, rinse and allow to dry before either patching or painting. Very porous substrates should be filled and may require a diluted first coat. Apply the paint by brush, roller or spray. The application operation should be continuous in order to avoid dry edges; therefore plan the application work accordingly.

Clean tools and equipment with water after use.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Avoid prolonged contact with eyes and skin. For detailed information refer to relevant material safety data sheet.

PACKAGING & STORAGE

Flexishield is supplied in 5kg and 20kg plastic pails.

Store containers in a clean dry area protected from direct sunlight and extreme heat and cold. Unopened containers can be stored for 12 months. Use oldest material first.

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TECHNICAL DATA

Product	Elastomeric masonry coating.
Binder	Pure acrylic crosslinking resin.
Tensile Strength(MPa)	2.2 (25°C), 6.0 (0°C), 8.0 (-18°C).
% Elongation at Break	280 (25°C), 270 (0°C), 150 (-18°C).
Water Vapour Permeability (DIN 52675), S_D (m) (=μ H₂O.s)	0.6
Carbon Dioxide Diffusion S_D (m) (=μ CO₂.s)	53.0
Alkali Resistance	Excellent (1 day), excellent (3 days).
Filler Material Dirt Pick-up Resistance	79% (Y reflectance retained after 10 month exposure).
Crack Bridging B Value	4.4 (24°C), 3.6 (-18°C).
Consumption	400grs/m ² depending on surface condition.
Viscosity	15,000cps
Specific Gravity	1.28
Solid Content	55%
pH Value	8.0-8.5
Volume Scrubs	42%
Application Method	Roller, spray, brush.
Packaging	5kg and 20kg plastic pails.
Storage	12 months in original unopened containers.

TO CALCULATE THE CRACK BRIDGING ABILITY

$$\text{Consumption (400)} \times \frac{\text{Volume solids 42}}{\text{Specific gravity 1.28}} \times \frac{\text{B Value 4.4}}{100} = 577\text{mic}$$

∴ Consumption 400grs/m² can bridge a crack of 577mic.

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