

Acraflex™

Product Description

Typical Uses

Direction For Use

Important

Fibre-reinforced solvent-based acrylic waterproof roof coating

Acraflex is a high performance solvent-based acrylic waterproofing compound incorporating fibres that interlace to reinforce the coating.

Acraflex provides a single-coat, durable long-term waterproofing solution that must be applied to a dry surface, but is immediately waterproof and will withstand rainfall as soon as it is applied.

Due to its acrylic formulation, *Acraflex* is highly UV resistant and will far outlast bituminous coatings, making it ideal for demanding situations where longer term waterproofing protection is required. *Acraflex* is suitable for both flat and pitched roofs.

Suitable substrates: *Acraflex* may be applied to asphalt, bitumen, felt, asbestos, concrete, roofing tiles, brick, stone, cast iron, galvanised steel, aluminium, lead, zinc and fibreglass.

Not for use on walkways, balconies, timber surfaces or internal use.

Colour *Acraflex* is available in white, grey or black.

Packaging: *Acraflex* is supplied in 5kg units and 20kg drums.

Surface Preparation

Thorough substrate preparation is essential.

All necessary repair work should be carried out prior to application of the coating and the prepared surface should be clean, sound and free of flaking or loose material, moss or fungal growth. *Acraflex* must only be applied when the surface is dry.

Due to the wide variation in roofing materials and conditions, the following are generalised recommendations only. Please contact the Polycote technical helpline if more specific guidance is required for your application.

Porous/friable surfaces - concrete and asbestos cladding, sheeting and guttering should be primed using two coats of *Acraflex™ Primer*. These surfaces must be jet washed prior to applying the primer.

Non-Porous surfaces - polished bricks should be power washed, abraded and completely dry and free from any contamination before coating with *Acraflex*.

Bitumen and felt roofs - discolouration may occur on new asphalt, tar or bitumen surfaces, so an extra coat may be required for decorative purposes.

Metal surfaces - including ferrous: new, weathered and previously painted galvanised steel and iron and nonferrous metals: aluminium sheeting and aluminium alloy box gutters. All these areas should be suitably prepared and primed (see relevant Data Sheet).

Previously painted or coated surfaces - we recommend that you carry out adhesion tests on any existing coating or substrate before applying *Acraflex*.

Gaps, cracks, and joints - *Acraflex* will fill or bridge hairline cracks. Wider cracks or joints should be raked clean, opened out and filled using Polycote *Rooflex Sealant*. Allow sealant to cure before embedding membrane and overcoating - see under 'Application' following.

Crazed areas - must be primed with *Acraflex Primer* before coating with *Acraflex*.

In areas where excessive movement may occur, additional reinforcement with Polycote *Flexible Membrane* must be incorporated into the coating.

Acraflex is not recommended for the treatment of wooden surfaces, tanking, fishponds or any internal use.

Air conditioning vents should be sealed for a minimum of 24 hours during and after the application.

Acraflex should only be used on applications in the UK.

This coating is not suitable for heavy foot-traffic areas.

Minimum finished fall: when using *Acraflex* it is important that a minimum finished fall of 1:80 is achieved, as stated in BS 6229:2003 (Code of Practice for the application of Liquid Applied Waterproofing Systems to flat roofs with continuously supported coverings).

Application

Having prepared the surface, any filled cracks or joints that are subject to movement should be reinforced with Polycote *Flexible Membrane*.

Such repairs should then be coated with *Acraflex*, and the membrane should be cut to approximately 100mm wide strips of appropriate length and laid into the wet *Acraflex* over the repair, stippling with a paintbrush to integrate the membrane into the wet coating.

After all necessary membranes are embedded, an overall coating may be applied by brush or roller. If this is done immediately, care should be taken when overcoating the placed membranes to avoid disturbing them. If possible, allow overnight setting of the embedded membranes before overcoating the entire roof surface. One overall coat is normally sufficient.

Further coats may be applied if required, allowing drying intervals between coats.

Application Temperature
Acraflex Standard should be applied at a temperature between 5°C and 25°C.

Curing Time

Touch dry in 3-4 hours, completely cured within 6-7 days, depending on temperature and humidity.

It may remain soft for a further period depending on climatic conditions, but this will not affect the waterproofing qualities.

Coverage

The coverage of *Acraflex* is approximately 5m² for 5kg and 20m² for 20kg, depending on the texture and porosity of the surface. When calculating surface areas, allowance must be made for corrugated surfaces.

Cleaning

Tools and equipment should be cleaned whilst material is still wet using White Spirit.

Hands and skin should be cleaned immediately with organic hand cleaner.

Shelf Life & Storage

Shelf life in unopened containers is up to 24 months, subject to conditions of storage.

Store in a cool, dry frost-free environment away from sources of ignition.

Health & Safety

Before using this product, please ensure you have received and read carefully both the Hazard Label applied to the container and the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets.

Any Questions

Please do not hesitate to contact us for advice regarding the use of this product or its suitability for your particular application.

Our aim is to provide all the technical help you need to make an informed choice and achieve total success.

Polycote Technical Helpline: **01234 846400**

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