

Bondex™

Product Description

Waterproofing and bonding admixture for cement based screeds

Bondex is a styrene butadiene co-polymer admixture designed to increase the bond strength when used in cementitious mixes, at the same time improving resistance to water, chemicals and freeze/thaw cycles due to reduced permeability. *Bondex* enhances the flexural and tensile properties of the mix enabling thin sections to be applied.

Typical Uses

Bondex is a versatile product ideal for use both as a primer for cementitious screed and repairs, and as an admixture for floor screeds, renders and repair mortars. It is suitable for interior and exterior use.

Suitable substrates: The use of *Bondex* gives sand/cement mixes high bond strength to concrete, masonry and reinforcing steel.

Colour: *Bondex* is milky white in appearance and translucent once cured.

Packaging: *Bondex* is supplied in 5L units or 25L drums.

Direction For Use

Surface Preparation

Thorough substrate preparation is essential.

Recommended methods are:

For floor screeds - remove all weak or loose material and provide a mechanical key to smooth concrete by means of scabbling or shot-blasting. If this is not possible, chemically etch the floor with *Polycote Etch IT* followed by thorough rinsing.

The abrasive effect of jet washing can assist in preparation and is recommended where appropriate. Ensure the surface is clean and free of loose material, oil or grease. Degrease if necessary using *Polycote Degrease IT* followed by thorough rinsing.

For patch repairs - concrete repairs should be prepared with squared off edges having a 6mm vertical lip.

Remove all loose material - wire brushing is advisable.

Remove any oil contamination from the surface using a gas torch and/or *Polycote Degrease IT*.

Expose any reinforcing steel and clean any rust back to bright metal, then prime with *Bondex*.

For porous surface prime with neat *Bondex*.

Mixing (Bondex Sand & Cement Mixes)

The standard mixing ratio for screeds or patch repairs is 25kgs cement and 75kgs sharp sand per 5L unit of *Bondex*. Water may be added to the mix to achieve the desired consistency.

Application

Having primed the area, place the *Bondex/Sand/Cement* mix by trowel before the primer has dried.

Allow INITIAL cure before finishing the surface with a steel trowel - if this is attempted too early, surface crazing may occur.

Application Temperature

Bondex mixes should not be applied below 5°C.

Application Thickness

The recommended thickness range for *Bondex*-based sand/cement is 6mm minimum to 40mm maximum in one layer.

Curing

The *Bondex/Sand/Cement* mix should support light traffic after approximately 48 hours, depending on temperature. Full strength is achieved within 28 days.

At higher temperatures, the curing process should be retarded by waterspray and covering with polythene sheeting, damp sand or wet hessian for 24 hours.

Coverage

The coverage per 5L unit of *Bondex* when mixed with 25kg cement and 75kg sharp sand is approximately 9.5m² at 6mm nominal thickness.

Cleaning

Tools and equipment should be cleaned whilst material is still wet using clean cold water.

Hands and skin should be cleaned immediately with Organic Hand Cleaner.

Shelf Life & Storage

Health & Safety

Any Questions

The shelf life of *Bondex* is 12 months subject to being stored in dry, frost-free conditions at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C.

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.

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.

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