

# Technical Data Sheet **Etch IT**

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**Product Description** 

**Typical Uses** 

**Direction For Use** 

Shelf Life & Storage

Health & Safety

**Any Questions** 

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Acid-based etching solution for surface preparation

Etch IT is a high strength inorganic acid solution containing corrosion inhibitors and wetting agents, designed to clean and etch floors and walls prior to coating or repairing. An extremely effective yet safe acid, it removes laitance (weak dusty concrete surfaces) or rust to ensure an effective surface key to improve the adherence of paint or other coatings.

Etch IT is ideal for the preparation of surfaces that are impractical to treat by shotblasting. However, Vacuum Assisted Shotblasting is recommended as the most professional and effective preparation, and Etch IT cannot be expected to achieve the same results.

Suitable substrates: Etch IT may be applied to concrete, quarry and ceramic tiles, terrazzo,

brick and metal.

Colour Etch IT is a clear, pink-coloured liquid.

Packaging: Etch IT is supplied in 5 litre units,10 litre & 25 litre drums.

# **Surface Preparation**

Remove ALL old paint and loose friable material before application of Etch IT.

#### Mixing

Mix thoroughly before use.

## **Application**

Apply by brush or soft broom. Allow between 5 and 10 minutes for acid to penetrate, then RINSE THOROUGHLY with water.

## **Application Temperature**

Normal application temperature is between +5°C and +30°C.

### Coverage

The coverage per litre of *Etch IT* is 5-6m<sup>2</sup>. The coverage depends greatly on the condition of the surface.

Etch IT may be stored indefinitely without deterioration subject to conditions being cool, dry and frost-free.

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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