

StrataPrime GC

Primer for use on new concrete substrates

Product overview

StrataPrime GC Thixo is a two-component epoxy resin, which is solvent-free, highly thixotropic and fast curing. The product can be applied in a single thick layer with brush, roller or airless spray gun, horizontally and vertically. It has a good adhesion over porous supports (concrete, mortar, fibre cement) even with a high level of humidity, but without water stagnation.

StrataPrime GC Thixo can also be used on concrete substrates as an adhesion primer and porosity sealer. This enables the substrate to later be treated with liquid-applied elastomeric waterproofing membranes or flooring coatings (including self-levelling mortars).

Technical characteristics: pre-application

Properties	Unit / Description	
	Component A	Component B
Chemical description	Epoxy resin	Polyamine mixture
Physical state	Liquid	Liquid
Packaging	Metal container: 11.7 kg	Plastic container: 3.3 kg
Non-volatile content	Approx 100%	100%
Flash point (ASTM D 93)	120°C	>100°C
Colour	Grey	Slightly yellow
Density (25°C)	1.12 g/cm ³	1.01 g/cm ³
Viscosity (15°C)	7,000 mPa.s	N/A
Viscosity (25°C)	3,250 mPa.s	480 mPa.s
Viscosity (35°C)	2,000 mPa.s	N/A
VOC content	7.5 g/l / 0.5%	0 g/l
A/B mixing ratio	A=100 / B=28.2 by weight A=100 / B=43.2 by volume	
Mixture properties	Density: 1.37 g/cm ³ (23°C) Viscosity: 750 mPa-s (23°C)	
Pot life (200 g, 25°C)	22 mins	
Storage	Keep at a temperature between 10°C and 30°C as the product is sensitive to frost. Component A may crystallise if stored for extended periods under certain conditions. If this occurs, it can be restored by heating to 70°C - 80°C and stirring thoroughly	
Use before	Up to 12 months after date of manufacture	

Technical characteristics: final product

Properties	Unit / Description
Final state	Solid coating
Colour	Grey
Shore hardness (ISO 868)	75-80D
Solid film density	1.15 g/cm ³
Elongation at break	7.5%
Tensile strength	23 MPa
Adhesion (concrete)	>2.5 MPa (wet concrete)
Thermal resistance	Stable up to 80°C

Substrate and environmental conditions

In order to achieve a good penetration, the supporting substrate must be clean and dry, free from dust, loose particles, oils, organic residues, silicones and laitance. The surface must also be flat, even and regular and any cracks or fissures must be repaired before installation can take place. The substrate must also be compact and cohesive, with any pull-off tests showing a minimum resistance of 1.5 N/mm².

The substrate temperature should be between 5°C and 45°C. At higher temperatures, please consult Strata Technical Services as particular precautionary measures may be required.

Substrate preparation

Concrete substrates must be prepared mechanically using an abrasive jet or scarifier to remove the outer part of the surface. Substrates can also be sanded with a diamond machine to achieve an open pore and thus improve the adhesion of the applied system. Sharp peaks should be eliminated with a grinder. Remove all dust, loose particles and non-well adhered materials from the surface with a brush, broom and/or vacuum cleaner.

Mixing and application

Stir and thoroughly homogenise components A and B using a low-speed stirrer, avoiding introducing air into the resin. Once mixed correctly, the material will have a homogenous appearance. Do not mix more material than the amount usable within the pot life window.

Apply a layer of 300 to 500 g/m², depending on the absorption of the support. It is important to achieve a fully sealed surface without porosity. Otherwise, an additional layer will need to be applied.

Curing time

Curing time will be dependent on environmental conditions. The following table gives the approximate curing time for 500 g/m² of applied product.

Environmental conditions	Dry to touch
23°C	2.5 - 3 hours

Reapplication

A second coat of StrataPrime GC Thixo may be applied as soon as the first coat is dry to touch. Do not wait any longer than 24 hours after the first coat has been applied.

Tool cleaning

Tools can be cleaned with a recommended solvent cleaner. Please contact Strata Technical Services for further guidance.

Health and safety

StrataPrime GC Thixo contains epoxy components which are potentially sensitising. Component B is corrosive. Always follow the instructions and safety precautions provided in the material safety datasheet. As a general rule, suitable skin and eye protection must be worn. This product is intended to be used only in the manner outlined on this datasheet, and should only be installed by competent professional users.

Environmental considerations

Empty containers must be handled taking the same precautions as if they were full. Containers must be considered as hazardous waste, to be transferred to an authorized waste manager. If any residual product remains in the containers, do not mix it with other substances without checking for possible dangerous reactions. Never mix in volumes larger than 5 litres in order to prevent a dangerous heat evolution.

Further information

The information contained in this datasheet, along with any advice provided (either written or verbal) through testing are based on our experience and do not constitute any product guarantee for the installer.

We recommend that all of the information provided is carefully studied before proceeding with application, and strongly advise that suitable tests are carried out onsite before application in order to determine the suitability and compatibility for the specific project.

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