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## Water-Based Epoxy Moisture Barrier (HydrEpoxy)

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Compliant to AS/NZS4020 - Potable Drinking Water

Excellent adhesion to most substrates including damp surfaces and green concrete

Water resistant, prevents rising damp, efflorescence and withstands hydrostatic pressure

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### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) is a two component water-based epoxy primer/barrier coating. ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) is extremely versatile and can be used in a variety of applications.

### FEATURES

- Compatible with damp surfaces and green concrete
- When applied to the substrate, can prevent rising damp and the formation of efflorescence
- Potable drinking water compliant - AS4020 and SS375
- Can withstand 250kPa of hydrostatic pressure - equivalent to 25 metre head of water

### COMMON SUBSTRATES

- Brick
- Stone
- Screed
- Timber
- Masonry
- Concrete
- Concrete Block

For further substrate types please contact ARDEX Technical Services ([technicalservices@ardexaustralia.com](mailto:technicalservices@ardexaustralia.com)).

### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

- As a low water vapour transmission coating and as a barrier/seal coating over freshly laid or damp concrete.
- As a hydrostatic pressure resistant waterproofing coating to prevent water seepage or dampness penetration through to the interior of walls and floors.
- As a moisture barrier or barrier coating over freshly laid hardened (green) concrete, prior to the application of conventional levelling compounds, carpet and tile adhesives.
- As a coating in tanking applications, including potable water containment.
- As a barrier seal coating over damp, green or efflorescence producing concrete prior to overcoating with conventional building coatings.
- As a primer for ARDEX Liquid Applied Waterproofing Membranes and ARDEX Tile Adhesives in specific applications.
- When masonry or concrete substrate moisture content is measured at greater than 80% relative humidity (ASTM F2170) or exceeds 15g/m<sup>2</sup>/24hrs (ASTM F1869), a minimum single coat of ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) must be the nominated primer/coating. This is typically equivalent to 5% or greater moisture content from a digital non-destructive moisture meter, however Australian Standards must be followed.

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

By way of mechanical methods and vacuum cleaning as necessary, remove all dirt, dust, curing compounds, oils, grease, surface sealers, and any other contaminants prior to application. Prepare surface to leave sound, clean, free from sharp edges, loose or other materials which may damage the subsequent coating, membrane, or levelling compound.

Surface defects such as holes, non-structural cracks or other minor surface deformities should be filled accordingly with an ARDEX WPM 405 sand/cement mortar or ARDEX WPM 300 epoxy mortar.

### ARDEX WPM 300 epoxy mortar mix ratio:

- 1 x part mixed ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy)
- 1 x part Portland cement
- 3 x part ARDEX Primer Sand

Spalling concrete must be treated accordingly with the ARDEX Concrete Repair range such as ARDEX BR 345, please review the respective product data sheets on treating spalling concrete.

### MIXING

Each component must be individually mixed to form a homogenous state. Do not use the same mixing paddle for each component. Combine the two components and thoroughly mix in the ratio of 1:1 by volume until a homogeneous blend is obtained. Only mix as much as may be used within the pot life and avoid excessive aeration during mixing.

### APPLICATION METHOD

When the product is to be applied to dry or highly porous surfaces, spray the surface with a fine mist of water prior to application. Any free standing water must be removed prior to application.

Floors – Spread the material using a squeegee or stiff nylon broom to ensure the material is worked into the prepared surface. Finish application using a medium to long nap roller to achieve required coverage.

Walls – Apply the product by roller ensuring the material is worked into the prepared surface and to achieve required coverage.

When spraying ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy), the addition of 10% water during the first coat will assist surface penetration and spray application.

A one coat application is generally used as a primer for subsequent ARDEX Liquid Applied Membranes.

A two coat application is generally used for a moisture barrier (efflorescence and rising damp requirements) or negative side (hydrostatic pressure) applications.

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### TILING APPLICATIONS

Substrates such as screeds and renders should be normally allowed to dry for 7 days prior to the fixing of ceramic tiles. Alternatively, two coats of ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) are applied at 3.0m<sup>2</sup>/L per coat. Where ceramic tiles are to be installed, the second coat must be sand seeded. Whilst the second coat is wet, ARDEX Floor Leveller Primer Sand or clean dry sand of 0.5mm diameter shall be broadcast over the surface at a rate of 700g/m<sup>2</sup> to achieve at least 90% coverage. After 24 hours minimum cure, the excess sand shall be swept and vacuumed from the surface prior to tiling application. Curing times will vary depending on substrate temperatures and ambient air conditions.

### FLOORING APPLICATIONS

ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) is an effective moisture barrier for damp concrete subfloors prior to the installation of floor coverings or waterproof membranes. The relevant standards criteria which apply are;

- Where concrete surfaces are damp defined in AS1884 and also AS3740, as exceeding 80% relative humidity when measured using the ASTM F2170 methodology, or exceeds 15g/m<sup>2</sup>/24hrs when measured using the ASTM F1869 methodology. A two coat application of ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) with a dry film thickness of 0.3mm meets the AS1884 requirement for moisture barriers and has a WVTR of less than 10g/m<sup>2</sup>/24hrs when tested to ASTM E96.
- Where concrete surfaces are damp, defined in AS2455 as exceeding 75% relative humidity when measured using inslab testing methodology, or exceeds 70% relative humidity when measured on the slab surface.

Two coats are applied at 3.0m<sup>2</sup>/L per coat. Where smoothing cements are to be installed, the second coat must be sand seeded. Whilst the second coat is wet, ARDEX Floor Leveller Primer Sand or clean dry sand of 0.5mm diameter shall be broadcast over the surface at a rate of 700g/m<sup>2</sup> to achieve at least 90% coverage. After 24 hours minimum cure, the excess sand shall be swept and vacuumed from the surface prior to sub-flooring application. Curing times will vary depending on substrate temperatures and ambient air conditions.

Alternatively the surface of ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) can be coated with ARDEX P82 or ARDEX P9 primers prior to the application of smoothing cements. A single coat of ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) applied at 3.0m<sup>2</sup>/L acts a moisture stop ('green slab seal') for 'green concrete' not subject to rising damp or permanent moisture.

### CURING

Allow final coat to cure for 24 hours minimum before applying water based membranes, mortars, levelling

compounds, decorative coatings or other surface treatments. Care is necessary to ensure the coating is not damaged in any way during subsequent treatments. Curing times will vary depending on substrate moisture content, substrate temperatures and ambient air conditions.

### TECHNICAL DATA

CHARACTERISTICS	NOMINAL VALUE
Colour	Grey or black
Finish	Semi-gloss (matt with aging)
Volume solids	56% (approx.)
Mixing ratio	1:1 (Part A:Part B) by volume
Coverage	Must be applied at a rate of 1.5m <sup>2</sup> /L in total (equivalent to two coats at 3.0m <sup>2</sup> /L per coat) to achieve an effective moisture barrier
Wet film thickness	300 micrometers (0.3mm) per coat
Mixed SG	1.3kg/L
Mixed Viscosity	12,000 - 20,000 cps
Recoat time	4 hours @ 25°C & 50% R.H.
Full cure	7 days @ 25°C & 50% R.H.
Pot life	2 hours @ 25°C 1 hour @ 35°C
VOC content	26g/L
Moisture Vapour Transmission (@ 0.3mm DFT)	<10g/m <sup>2</sup> /24hrs

### PRODUCT THINNING

The first coat may be thinned with water as required depending on the porosity of the prepared surfaces to be coated to ensure optimum penetration. Up to 5% for dense surface, and up to 20% for more porous surfaces.

Thinning of the second coat is to be avoided since this increases the difficulty in achieving the required dry film thickness. A third coat can be applied as required.

### COVERAGE

3.0m<sup>2</sup>/L per coat (undiluted).

The recommended wet film thickness specified produces a nominal dry film thickness of 150 microns per coat or 300 microns for two coats on the surface. The apparent dry film thickness may reduce depending on the porosity of the substrate, however the product absorbed by the substrate still forms part of the moisture barrier function.

### PACKAGING

4L kit (2L Part A & 2L Part B)

20L kit (10L Part A & 10L Part B)

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### CLEANING

Wash all equipment in water or water/detergent immediately on completion.

### SHELF LIFE

ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) has a shelf life of 24 months when stored in the original, unopened packaging in a dry place at 23°C and 50% relative humidity.

### LIMITATIONS

Tiling can commence after 24 hours cure of ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) although should not exceed a maximum of five days. Installer is to ensure that there is no surface contamination during this period. Sand blinding of the wet ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) surface with ARDEX Floor Leveller Primer Sand eliminates these timing issues and is best practice for external tiling jobs.

The product should be applied whilst the surface temperature and ambient temperature is between 10°C–35°C. The product will cease to cure effectively below 10°C. Curing time will also be adversely affected in situations where relative humidity is >85%.

In enclosed areas, ventilation must be provided during curing cycle to enable adequate evaporation of the water. Care should be taken when sandwiching adhesives between ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy) and floor coverings to ensure the water vapour transmission of the covering is sufficient to allow the solvent to escape from flooring adhesives.

ARDEX WPM 300 (HydrEpoxy 300) is not classified as a trafficable coating.

Before any substrate preparation, installation or finishing methods relating to ARDEX product are undertaken, please be aware of any potential risks and use appropriate PPE (personal protective equipment). This may involve contacting substrate manufacturers for Safety Data Sheets.

### SAFETY DATA

This product may cause irritation and an allergic reaction to the skin. It may cause serious eye injury and irritation to the respiratory system. Toxic to aquatic life with long lasting effects. In case of contact with the eyes rinse with running water until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. Wear protective gloves, clothing, eye and face protection. Avoid inhaling dust/fumes/gas/mist/vapours/spray. Ensure adequate ventilation during mixing and application. Store locked up. Check with your local Council regarding the disposal of contents, dispose of packaging thoughtfully and recycle where possible. Keep out of the reach of children. Call the Poisons Information Centre on 131 126 (AUS) and 0800 764 766 (NZ) or call a doctor if you feel unwell. Additional information is in the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) at [www.ardexaustralia.com](http://www.ardexaustralia.com).

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