

Floor / wall coating, solvent free epoxy, fast cure

Uses

A heavy duty, 100% solids, non-skid surface coating for concrete and steel floors that is attractive and easily cleaned. Highly resistant to chemical attack and the action of vehicular and foot traffic.

Suitable for use in wet areas where strict levels of hygiene and cleanliness are required or where chemicals are manufactured, spilled or are an integral part of the process.

Used in the food and chemical industry, hospitals, schools, kitchens and many other installations.

Specially selected and processed grades of quartz sand anti-slip grits are available to make safe all types of working areas for both personnel and plant.

Durafloor FC may be used without non-skid grit as a coating on epoxy floor screeds or as a high quality protective coating for walls, coves, drains, etc.

Advantages

- 100% solids - high-build, solvent free floor coating suitable for application in confined areas or where volatile emissions are of concern
- Special fast cure - allowing rapid plant turnaround
- Chemically resistant - good resistance to a wide range of industrial chemicals
- Non-slip - provides safety for plant and personnel
- Economical - long lasting, easily maintained, saves on cleaning and maintenance costs
- Hygienic - does not support the growth of germs or bacteria
- Attractive - available in a wide range of colours to enhance the working environment

Technical Support

Parchem offers a technical support package to specifiers, end-users and contractors, as well as on-site technical assistance.

Description

Durafloor FC is a three-component solvent-free epoxy resin treatment consisting of base, hardener and colour pack. The formulation was chosen to allow the incorporation of non-skid grits and provide a high degree of chemical and abrasion resistance.

The finished floor is a semi gloss textured surface coloured to individual requirements. It has excellent adhesion qualities, is impervious and easily cleaned.

Durafloor FC is available in a range of colours.

NB: Care has been taken to ensure that colours

manufactured under modern process are as close as possible to samples available. However, it should be noted that no guarantee can be given of exact colour matching.

An on-site trial should be carried out to ensure that the correct grade of grit is chosen so that the required degree of skid resistance and aesthetic appearance is obtained. Consult Parchem when alternative specialised grits are required.



Design Criteria

Durafloor FC is designed for application in two coats to achieve an approximate total dry film thickness of 400-450 microns.

Substrates should be dry and not suffer, or be likely to suffer, from rising damp. If necessary, suitable damp-proof membranes should be installed to prevent this. Substrates should not have a relative humidity greater than 80% at the time of installation.

Properties

The values given below are average figures achieved in laboratory tests. Actual values obtained on-site may show minor variations from those quoted.

Physical properties

	@ 20°C	@ 35°C
Pot life:	25 - 30 mins	10 - 15 mins
Time between coats:	3 - 12 hours	2 - 12 hours
Cure time -		
foot traffic:	6 hours	4 hours
vehicular traffic:	12 hours	10 hours
chemical:	4 days	4 days
Dry film thickness (2 coats):	400 microns (approx)	
Line-marking paint adhesion to coating:		
Dulux Roadmaster A1	Excellent	
Dulux Roadmaster A2	Excellent	

Chemical properties

Durafloor FC is resistant to a wide range of chemicals.

Resistance to spillages (examples only)

- Toluene
- Acetic Acid 5%
- Sodium Hydroxide 30%
- Ammonia 20%
- Used sump oil
- Hydrochloric acid
- C41 (Kodak) chemistry
- Vegetable oils
- Sulphuric Acid 30%
- Skydrol
- Sodium chloride
- Kerosene
- Petrol
- Lactic acid 5%
- Ajax Liquid Gel (clear)

Surface staining may result from exposure to some aggressive chemicals.

Good housekeeping is essential in areas where chemical spillage is likely to occur. It is especially important that such spillage should not be allowed to dry since very much higher concentrations of chemicals will then result.

Maintenance

The service life of a floor can be considerably extended by good housekeeping practices. Regular cleaning of Durafloor FC may be carried out using a rotary scrubbing machine with a water miscible cleaning agent or by hot water washing at temperatures up to 50°C.

Application Instructions

Surface preparation

It is essential that Durafloor FC is applied to sound, clean, dry substrates in order to achieve maximum adhesion between the floor coating and substrate.

Because Durafloor FC is a coating, the substrate must be fine textured. Any surface irregularities may show through causing excessive wear on high spots and changing the perceived colour of the coating. If surface preparation produces an excessively deep profile on the substrate, advice should be sought from Parchem regarding suitable methods to produce a smooth and level substrate.

Steel should be sandblasted or abraded to remove all scale, rust, grease, etc.

New concrete floors

Unless water-reduced, floor should be at least 28 days old and give a hygrometer reading not exceeding 80% RH. Dry removal of laitance is required via light grit-blasting or grinding. Dust and other debris should then be removed by vacuum brush.

Old concrete floors

A sound, clean substrate is essential to achieve maximum

adhesion. Light grit blasting or grinding should be carried out as for new concrete floors. Oil and grease penetration should be removed by hot compressed air treatment and primed with Nitomortar 903. Adhesion tests must be carried out to confirm sufficient preparation.

Epoxy screeds

Durafloor FC may be applied to Parchem epoxy resin screeds. High spots or trowel marks should be ground / sanded down and dust and other debris removed by vacuum cleaning. Unless the epoxy screed is less than 3 days old, the entire surface should be sanded and solvent wiped before applying the Durafloor FC.

Mixing

Stir the base and hardener components prior to mixing. Into the base container add one 500g Durafloor Color Pack and mix the material for 1 minute using a slow speed drill fitted with a mixing paddle. Add the hardener component and continue to mix for a further 3 minutes. Apply mixed product to floor immediately.

Application

First coat

Apply Durafloor FC by brush or roller at a rate of 4 - 6 m²/litre or slightly heavier if medium grit is to be used.

As soon as approximately 1m² has been coated, cover with the required grade of grit. Durafloor Medium Grit should be lightly and uniformly broadcast over the wet Durafloor FC surface.

If any areas have lost their gloss, recoat lightly before applying grit.

When the first coat is hard (3 hours after application, but not later than 24 hours after application), sweep off all excess grit. For good appearance and easier cleaning, it is important that all loose grit be removed at this time.

Second coat

Mix the liquids as before and using a paint roller (mohair is recommended) apply a coat over the grit. (See 'Coverage'). It is important that this final coat be uniform but the exact rate of application may be varied to suit the finish required. A heavy final coat will give an easily cleanable floor but a fairly light coat will give the best slip resistance in wet conditions.

Brushes and rollers must be washed thoroughly using Solvent 10, at least once each hour and immediately after finishing. Rollers should be discarded after use.

At temperatures of 20°C - 30°C ordinary light traffic may be permitted after 12 hours; however, in cold weather a longer period before use may be required. For best results, do not apply below 7°C. Allow 4 days (at 20°C) before subjecting to chemical attack or severe abrasion.

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Durafloor FC should not be applied to any surface subject to back water pressure or rising damp; otherwise failure of the bond is likely to occur.

Intending users should always consult Parchem if there is any doubt as to whether a proposed application may involve conditions other than 'ordinary'. Such extraordinary conditions include:

- Unusually cold condition during curing (<7°C)
- Above ambient temperatures of service (35°C) e.g. floors subject to hot water
- Severe or unusual chemical attack
- Severe or unusual conditions of service beyond the limiting physical and chemical properties of epoxies

Care should be taken in selecting colours as some will darken or develop a brown tinge when exposed to sunlight or certain chemicals. This effect is noticeable on white, light coloured and grey systems; on brown, yellow and red epoxies it is less noticeable.

Durafloor FC is not recommended for exterior use where it is subject to sunlight or in applications involving prolonged water immersion.

Cleaning

All tools and equipment should be cleaned immediately after use with Solvent 10. Hardened material can only be removed mechanically.

Limitations

Note: To ensure a uniform colour, use only components with identical batch numbers in the one application area or contact Parchem for advice.

Durafloor FC should not be applied on to surfaces known to suffer from rising damp or having a relative humidity reading greater than 80%. Refer to Parchem for further advice. Durafloor FC should not be applied at temperatures below 7°C.

Durafloor FC is also not recommended for use where it is subject to high concentrations of chicken fat or heat. Refer to Parchem for further information on applications subject to these conditions.

Important notice

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and Technical Data Sheet (TDS) are available from the Parchem website or upon request from the nearest Parchem sales office. Read the SDS and TDS carefully prior to use as application or performance data may change from time to time. In emergency, contact any Poisons Information Centre (phone 13 11 26 within Australia) or a doctor for advice.

Product disclaimer

This Technical Data Sheet (TDS) summarises our best knowledge of the product, including how to use and apply the product based on the information available at the time. You should read this TDS carefully and consider the information in the context of how the product will be used, including in conjunction with any other product and the type of surfaces to, and the manner in which, the product will be applied. Our responsibility for products sold is subject to our standard terms and conditions of sale. Parchem does not accept any liability either directly or indirectly for any losses suffered in connection with the use or application of the product whether or not in accordance with any advice, specification, recommendation or information given by it.

Durafloor FC is not recommended as an application over tiles.

Supply

414504 - Durafloor FC : 4 litre pack plus colour pack
Total pack size: 4 litres

412040 - Durafloor Medium Grit : 20 kg bag

Coverage

1st coat: 4 - 6 m²/litre on concrete

2nd coat: 3 - 5 m²/litre : fine grit
2 - 3 m²/litre : medium grit

The coverage figures given are theoretical - due to wastage factors and the variety and nature of possible substrates, practical coverage figures will be reduced.

Specification Clause

Epoxy Floor Coating

The designated area shall be surfaced with Durafloor FC, a skid resistant, solvent free, 100% epoxy floor coating. The coating shall be applied in a two coat application to a nominal thickness of 400 microns, strictly in accordance with the manufacturers instructions

Shelf Life

Durafloor FC has a shelf life of 24 months if kept in a dry place below 35°C in the original, unopened packs.

Storage Conditions

Store in dry conditions between 10°C and 30°C, away from sources of heat and naked flames in the original, unopened packs. If stored at high temperatures the shelf life may be reduced. Durafloor FC should be protected from frost.