



Dekguard® S

High performance aliphatic acrylate based protective and decorative coating for concrete and masonry

Uses

To protect atmospherically exposed reinforced concrete structures from attack by acids, gases, chloride ions, sulphates, oxygen and water. The product is also suitable to protect other cementitious substrate and masonry. Dekguard S is suitable for use on all types of structures, especially those in aggressive marine and coastal environments. Dekguard S is a component of Fosroc's Renderoc system of concrete reinstatement.

Advantages

- **Excellent** barrier to carbon dioxide, chloride ions, sulphates, oxygen and water
- Allows **water vapour to escape** from the structure
- **Highly UV resistant** aliphatic acrylate gives exceptional resistance to the effects of long term weathering.
- **Highly durable** in all climatic conditions.
- **Selected range** of decorative colours
- **Ease of application** - Single pack - no mixing of separate components.

Standards compliance

Dekguard S has been approved by the British Board of Agreement under Certificate No. 92/2824.

Description

Dekguard S system comprises of a single component, penetrating silane/silaxone primer and a single component pigmented coating, both ready for immediate site use.

The primer, Dekguard primer is supplied as a clear liquid and is based on a silane/silaxone blend dissolved in a penetrating organic carrier. The primer is reactive and capable of producing a chemically bound hydrophobic barrier, thus inhibiting the passage of water and waterborne contaminants.

Dekguard S is aliphatic acrylate, solvent based protective coating, providing outstanding resistance to aggressive agents, UV light and rain. It is available in a selected range of colours.

Technical support

The company provides a technical advisory service supported by a team of specialists in the field.

Design criteria

The coating should be applied in two coats at a wet film thickness of not less than 175 microns per coat. To achieve the correct protective properties, Dekguard S primer and top coat system must be applied on to the substrate at the coverage rates recommended.

Properties

	Dekguard S	Control concrete
Percentage water absorption after 24 hours		
	Nil	1.02
Permeability as per BS:1881 (ml/m²/s) after		
2 hours	Nil	-
6 hours	Nil	9.0
24 hours	Nil	30.3
48 hours	10	52.8
Depth of carbonation in mm (Accelerated carbonation test)		
2 hours	Nil	1.0
4 hours	Nil	3.0
6 hours	Nil	5.0
12 hours	Nil	7.0
24 hours	Nil	8.0

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Specification clauses

Protective / decorative surface coating

The protective coating shall comprise Dekguard Primer, a penetrating silane/silaxone primer and Dekguard S, a single component aliphatic acrylate coating. The total dry film thickness of the coating shall be not less than 150 microns and shall be capable of providing carbon dioxide diffusion resistance and the depth of carbonation shall be Nil, when tested at 24 hours by the accelerated carbonation test. The permeability shall be Nil when tested at 24 hours as per BS 1881.

Application instructions

Preparation

All surface should be dry and free from contamination such as oil, grease, loose particles, decayed matter, moss, algae growth, laitance, and all traces of mould release oils and curing compounds. This is best achieved by lightly grit blasting the surface. Where moss, algae or similar growths have occurred, treatment with a proprietary biocide should be carried out after the grit blasting process.

Note : It is not necessary to remove Fosroc's Nitobond AR curing membrane prior to the application of Dekguard S provided the adhesion to the substrate is excellent.

Where application over existing sound coatings is required, trials should be conducted to ensure compatibility and retention of the bond between the underlying coating and the substrate. For further advice, consult Fosroc.

It is essential to produce an unbroken coating of Dekguard S. To ensure this is achieved, surfaces containing blow holes or similar areas of pitting should first be filled using a suitable cementitious fairing coat like Renderoc FC or Acrylic fairing coat like Nitocote Putty (for further details, refer to Fosroc).

The cementitious fairing coat should be allowed to cure for about 48 hours depending on ambient conditions before the application of Dekguard S.

Application

In order to obtain the protective properties of the Dekguard system, it is important that the correct rates of application and over coating time are observed.

	Dekguard Primer	Dekguard S
Number of coat(s)	As required	2
Theoretical Application rate	0.4 litres/m ²	0.35 litres/m ²
Total dry film thickness	NA	150 microns
Over coating time		
@ 20°C	2 hours	6 hours
@ 30°C	90 min.	5 hours

Application should not commence if the temperature of the substrate is below 10°C.

Any areas of glass should be masked. Plants, grass, joint sealants, asphalt and bitumen - painted areas should be protected during application.

The primer should be applied in one or more coats until the recommended application rate of 0.4 litre per square meter has been achieved. This is best accomplished by using portable spray equipment of the knapsack type. If in doubt about the condition of the substrate the local Fosroc office should be consulted.

The primer should be allowed to dry for a minimum of two hours (at 25° C) before application of Dekguard S. Under no circumstances should the primer be overcoated until the surface is properly dry.

Dekguard S may be applied by the use of suitable brushes or rollers. Queries relating to spray application should be referred to the local Fosroc office prior to the commencement of work. For further information about application techniques, please consult Fosroc.

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All primed substrates should be treated with two coats of Dekguard S. The material should be stirred thoroughly before use. The first coat should be applied to all areas by the use of suitable brushes or rollers to achieve a uniform coating with wet film thickness not less than 175 microns. This coat should be allowed to dry before continuing.

The second coat of Dekguard S should be applied exactly as detailed above, again achieving a wet film thickness not less than 175 microns.

Cleaning

Cementitious fairing coat should be removed from tools and equipment with clean water immediately after use.

Dekguard Primer, Dekguard S should be removed from tools and equipment using Nitoflor Sol.

Limitations

The Dekguard S system is formulated for application to clean, sound concrete or masonry. The product should not be applied over dense, nonporous materials. Where application over existing sound coating or paints is required, trials should be conducted to ensure compatibility and retention of the bond between the underlying coatings or paints, the performance characteristics of Dekguard S may be impaired. Compatibility and soundness should be assessed on a trial area. For further advice, consult Fosroc.

Estimating

Packaging & coverage

Dekguard primer	5 & 20 litre cans
Dekguard S	5 & 20 litre cans
Nitoflor Sol	5 litre cans

Coverage

Dekguard primer	2.5 m ² per litre
Dekguard S	3 m ² per litre

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

Storage

Shelf life

All products have a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry store in the original, unopened packs. If stored at high temperatures and/or high humidity conditions the shelf life may be reduced.

Precautions

Health & Safety

Dekguard primer and Dekguard S and Nitoflor Sol should not come in contact with the skin and eyes, or be swallowed. Adequate ventilation should be ensured and inhalation of vapours should be avoided. Some people are sensitive to resins, hardeners and solvents, hence suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye protection should be worn. If working in confined areas, suitable respiratory protective equipment must be used. The use of barrier creams provide additional skin protection. In case of contact with skin, should be rinsed immediately with plenty of clean water and medical advice sought. If swallowed, medical attention sought immediately. Should not induce vomiting.

Fire

Dekguard Primer, Dekguard S and Nitoflor Sol are flammable, should be kept away from sources of ignition. Smoking not allowed. In the event of fire, extinguish with CO₂ or foam, should not use a water jet.

Flash points

Dekguard Primer	38°C
Dekguard	42°C
Nitoflor Sol	33°C



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Additional information

Dekguard S was formerly known as Nitocote Dekguard S. Fosroc manufactures a wide range of products specifically designed for repair and refurbishment of damaged reinforced concrete. This includes hand-placed and spray grade repair mortars, fluid micro - concretes, chemical resistant epoxy mortars and a comprehensive package of protective coatings. In addition, a wide range of complementary products is available. This includes joint sealants, water proofing membranes, grouting, anchoring and specialised flooring materials.

Fosroc have also produced several educational training videos which provide more detail about the mechanisms which cause corrosion within reinforced concrete structures and the solutions which are available to arrest or retard these destructive mechanisms. Further information is available from the publication : " Concrete Repair and Protection - The Systematic Approach'.

For further information about products, training videos or publications, contact the local Fosroc office.

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