



Bostik ERM

Epoxy Mortar Screed

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

DESCRIPTION

Bostik ERM is a solvent free three component screed mortar based on epoxy resin

USE

Industries like fertilizers, paper and textiles
Highways and Airport runways
Water treatment and sewage treatment plants
To repair flooring crack and patch works
To fill the gap between metal and concrete in flooring
Coving application

ADVANTAGES

Fast setting
Good mechanical properties
Negligible strength
Solvent free

PROPERTIES

Pot life at 27 +/- 2°C, hours	90-120minutes
Minimum hardening temperature °C	10
Curing time, in days, minimum	7
Cure time – foot traffic, hours	24
Cure time – vehicular traffic, hours	72
Compressive strength ASTM C-109	95 N/sq.mm
Tensile strength ASTM C-307	15 N/sq.mm
Flexural strength ASTM C-78	30 N/sq.mm

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Bostik ERM has excellent resistance at ambient temperatures to a wide range of industrial chemicals. Specific data is available on request.
Note that it is especially important that spillage is cleaned up quickly since much higher concentrations of chemicals may occur on evaporation.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Surface preparation:

Concrete surfaces should be free from laitance and dust by sandblasting. In case sand blasting is not possible, thorough abrading with a hard wire brush can be used, though it is not as efficient. All laitance should be removed by etching with etching agents and wire brushing. In some cases, it may be necessary to remove the concrete by chipping. If the substrate is contaminated with oil or grease, these should be removed by using a strong industrial detergent or organic degreaser. Then the surface should be washed thoroughly with water and dried before the application of Bostik ERM.

The pre-requisites for good adhesion of the coating are cleanliness, roughness and dryness of the surface. Unless these are ensured by proper surface preparation, a successful performance can not be guaranteed.
The degree of dampness of the surface must be less than 4%.

Steel surfaces:

Steel surfaces should be degreased and grit blasted to SA2½ immediately prior to application. The prepared surface should then be treated with one coat of Bostik ZNP.

APPLICATION

Priming

All surfaces to be treated with Bostik ERM should be primed with Primer E1, an epoxy resin primer designed for maximum absorption and adhesion to concrete substrates. Add the entire contents of the hardener to the base and mix the two primer components thoroughly for at least 2 minutes. Under no circumstances should part mixing be considered.

Once mixed, the primer should be applied immediately to the prepared substrate using stiff brushes and/or rollers. The primer should be well 'scrubbed' into the substrate to ensure full coverage, but care should be taken to avoid over application or 'ponding'.

Allow the primer to dry before proceeding to the next stage. Do not proceed whilst the primer is 'tacky' as this will lead to unsightly marks on the finished surface.

Porous substrates may require a second primer coat - when the first coat is directly absorbed into the substrate - but minimum over coating times must still be observed. The minimum over coating times will vary slightly according to the porosity of the substrate. However, they should be in accordance with the following ambient application temperatures.

Mixing:

Bostik ERM flooring is supplied in four three pre-weighed packs (base, hardener and aggregate) which are ready for immediate on-site mixing. Part mixing of these components is not acceptable and will affect both performance and appearance of the finished floor.

Mixing should be carried out using either a forced action mixer; or a heavy duty, slow-speed drill fitted with mixing paddle. The components should be mixed in a suitably sized mixing vessel.

The hardener pack should be added to the base container and mixed for 30 - 45 seconds, until homogeneous. Thereafter, the contents of the graded aggregate pack should be slowly added and mixing carried out for a further 3 minutes until a completely homogenous material is obtained.

The applicator should ensure that there are sufficient supplies of plant, labour and materials to make the mixing and subsequent application process a continuous one for any given, independent floor area.

Once mixed, the material must be used within its specified pot life.

The material should be poured onto the prepared and primed substrate as soon as mixing is completed. It should be spread to the required thickness using a trowel; with care taken not to overwork the resin, spreading evenly and

slowly. Immediately after laying, the material should be tamped with a wooden float to ensure complete compaction and finally finished to a closed eve texture using steel trowel. Screeding rods are useful to maintain minimum compacted thickness. An overlap of 50% with adjacent paths is recommended.

FLOOR JOINTS

All existing expansion or movement joints should be followed through the new floor surface.

Joint sealant & joint geometry should be compatible with the floor type used, intended exposure conditions and likely movement characteristics of the substrate.

CLEANING

Immediately after application of Bostik ERM, clean the tools, equipment and the mixing container using solvents like Bostik Thinner E otherwise, removal of dried / hardened epoxy material is difficult.

MAINTENANCE

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

Note:

1. If the atmospheric temperature falls below 10 °C then both base and hardener components should be warmed to 25 °C in hot water bath before mixing.
2. When working in closed areas like inside containers or silos, good ventilation must be provided.
3. After the application, Bostik ERM should be protected from rain and dew for a period of 6 hours
4. On application, the relative humidity should not exceed 75%.

PACKING

Bostik ERM - 15 & 30 kgs

Coverage:

2.1 kg of mixed material /sq.m/mm

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE:

Bostik ERM Base and Hardener as supplied shall be stored in a cool and dry place away from sunlight, moisture and high humidity and have a shelf life of 12 Months in the original packing.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

Bostik ERM contains organic resins and hardeners which may cause sensitization by skin contact. Avoid contact with skin and eyes and inhalation of vapour. In case of contact, wash liberally with water and seek medical advice, if required. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and goggles while handling.

FIRE

Bostik ERM is inflammable. No naked flame should be allowed near the site. Do not smoke during use.

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