THOROSEAL® FX100
An elastomeric, cement based waterproof coating for concrete and masonry

Description of product

THOROSEAL FX 100 is a blend of Portland cements, selected silica and modifying agents. When mixed to a slurry consistency with the acrylic polymer emulsion THOROSEAL FX 100 Liquid, it can be easily applied by brush, roller or spray equipment. It cures to give an elastomeric flexible membrane.

THOROSEAL FX Mesh is a 100% virgin polypropylene woven fabric which can be used in strip form over joints and cracks or as reinforcement for the whole application.

Uses

- For waterproofing water-retaining structures which may be subject to movement.
- As part of the THORO basement-waterproofing system, in areas sensitive to movement, vibrations and slight settlement.
- To protect concrete from water, carbonation and deicing salts.
- Suitable for internal and external use, against positive and negative water pressure.

Once cured, a 2 mm thick THOROSEAL FX100 membrane will accommodate movement up to 0.5 mm, or 1.2 mm when reinforced with THOROSEAL FX Mesh.

Benefits

- Durable
  - Retains flexible when submerged.
  - Good chemical resistance against soft water, domestic waste water, manure or other liquids moderately aggressive to mineral substrates.
  - Resistant to occasional foot traffic.
  - Freeze-thaw resistant.
  - Water vapour permeable.
  - CO₂ barrier.

- Cost effective
  - Simple and fast method of treating cracks and joints.
  - Quick and easy brush or spray application.

- Easy to apply
  - Can be applied to damp substrates.
  - Thin layer application.
  - Equipment to be cleaned simply with water.

- Environmentally friendly
  - Contains no solvent, safe to handle and use approved for contact with potable water.

Product data

Typical physical properties\(^{(a)}\)

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<td>Maximum particle size</td>
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<td>Water vapour permeability - μH₂O</td>
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<td>CO₂ permeability - μCO₂</td>
<td>100,000</td>
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<td>Water resistance positive pressure</td>
<td>1,5 bar</td>
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<td>negative pressure</td>
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<td>Water absorption (ASTM 642C)</td>
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<td>Capillary water absorption</td>
<td>17,5 x 10⁻³ kg/m²h⁰,⁵⁵</td>
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Elongation (28 days)

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<td>Ambient</td>
<td>23,4%</td>
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<td>Under water</td>
<td>16,2%</td>
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Freeze / thaw resistance

- no scaling after 50 cycles (ISO/DIS 4846.2)

Mechanical strengths \(N/mm²\)

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<td>Tensile</td>
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<td>Adhesive</td>
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\(^{(a)}\) Typical values. All tests were carried out under temperature controlled conditions of 21°C.

Colours

Standard: white and grey.
Coverage

Each square metre will require a minimum of 1.20 kg of powder per layer. The coverage rate for each layer will be strongly influenced by the roughness of the substrate. An additional 0.5 kg/m² is required when embedding THOROSEAL FX Mesh.

Packaging

THOROSEAL FX100 Powder 25 kg pails or sacks
THOROSEAL FX100 Liquid 10 l cans
THOROSEAL FX Mesh 50 m roll (200 mm or 1000 mm width)

Storage

Both components should be stored under cover and clear of the ground. Protect the materials from all sources of moisture and frost (+5°C). If possible store cool. Rotate stock in order not to exceed the shelf life of 24 months for pails and 12 months for sacks and cans. Rolls of mesh should be stood on end.

Application

Substrate preparation

The surface to be coated must be clean and sound. Remove all traces of formwork, release agents, previous coatings, laitance, organic growth and any other contaminant that may affect the bond adversely. Suitable cleaning methods include high-pressure water treatment and grit blasting. NOT recommended are aggressive percussive methods such as scabbling. After the above treatment, surfaces must be thoroughly rinsed with clean potable water to remove all dust and loose particles.

Cracks and bolt holes must be cut out and filled solid with WATERPLUG, THORO STRUCTURITE or THORO STRUCTURITE 300.

Mixing

Wet density 1.68 kg/dm³
Pot life 60 minutes
Drying time 360 minutes
Mixing liquid

Brush or roller application ± 10.0 litres THOROSEAL FX100 Liquid / 25 kg powder.

Spray application

Max. 10.8 litres of THOROSEAL FX100 Liquid / 25 kg powder can be used.

THOROSEAL FX100 should be power mixed only, using a THORO EZ mixer attachment in a slow-speed drill (400 - 600 rpm). DO NOT use a bricklayer's mortar mixer.

Blend 25 kilograms of powder into a approximately 10.0 litres of liquid. The quantity may vary slightly depending upon the ambient conditions. Mix maximum 3 minutes to a lump-free consistency. Allow the mix to saturate for 5 minutes and remix for maximum 2 minutes adding powder or liquid when necessary to obtain the correct consistency. Do not exceed the maximum liquid demand. Do not overmix.

For colour uniformity always mix with the same amount of liquid.

Provide adequate ventilation when mixing and applying THOROSEAL FX100.

Application

Do not apply THOROSEAL FX100 to frozen substrates or if the ambient temperature is below 5ºC or expected to fall below 5ºC within 24 hours.

Avoid application in direct sunlight.

Always apply the mix to a pre-dampened surface. High-suction substrates require more dampening than dense substrates. However, make sure there is no free-standing water. Mixed material must be used within 60 minutes, or less under hot weather conditions.

First coat

Brush, broom or spray the mix onto the pre-dampened, prepared surface, brushing well into the surface. Strike off with the brush or broom in one direction for a neat appearance. Care must be taken not to spread the material too thinly. Typical layer thickness is approximately 1.0 mm.

When the material begins to drag or “ball”, do not add more liquid, but dampen the surface again

Spray through a 3 - 4 mm nozzle at a pressure of 3.6 – 5.0 bar.

Reinforcing with THOROSEAL FX Mesh

THOROSEAL FX Mesh is embedded in a thin base layer of approximately 0.5 mm thick, covered with the first coat of THOROSEAL FX100 at 1.2 kg/m² whilst still wet.

Ensure that the mesh is a minimum of 200 mm wide when treating existing cracks or joints.

Second coat

Allow to cure at least 6 hours at 20°C before applying subsequent coats. Low temperatures and high humidity will delay setting and curing. Humidification of the previous coat is only allowed in extremely dry conditions. Remove eventual condensation. Brush, roll or spray the mix onto the surface in a similar thickness as above, finishing in one direction, preferably at 90° to the previous layer to ensure good coverage.
Curing
Under hot or excessive drying conditions adequate protective shielding should be foreseen.

In cold, humid or unventilated areas it may be necessary to leave the application for a longer curing period. THOROSEAL FX100 needs to cure under air-dry circumstances. Additional heating and/or ventilation can assist proper curing. NEVER use dehumidifiers during curing periods.

Clean up and spillages
Not hardened material may simply be removed with water.

Overpainting
Do not overpaint THOROSEAL FX100 in basements or other structures where the membrane is subject to negative water pressure.
In above ground situations, the use of THOROLASTIC or THOROLASTIC 200/300 is recommended. Never use solvent based paints.

Health and safety
THOROSEAL FX100 Powder is cement based and may be irritating to the skin and eyes. Gloves and eye protection should be worn. The use of dust masks is recommended.
THOROSEAL FX100 Liquid is non toxic, but should not be ingested as it is based on acrylic polymers. Accidental splashes of the material to the skin or eyes should be immediately washed off with clean water. In the event of prolonged irritation, seek medical advice. In the case of ingestion give water or milk to drink and treat symptomatically. Medical advice should be sought.

A Material Safety Data Sheet for this product is available on request.