

## Armorgard 501 – K-501

### Description:

Copps Armorgard 501 is 100 % solids, self-leveling, primerless, no odor, pigmented epoxy flooring system designed to resurface concrete. Armorgard 501 has been specifically formulated to resist the organic acids found in the food and beverage industry. Armorgard 501 has excellent resistance to most harsh chemicals and can be applied as thin as 10 mil. Armorgard 501 is USDA approved for application to structural surfaces or surfaces that will receive incidental food contact. Adhesion to wood, concrete and most metals is excellent. Armorgard 501 has a very short tack-free time while providing a useful working time.

Armorgard 501 was designed to protect floors from the light to medium traffic found in power plants, chemical processing, pulp and paper mills, the food and beverage industry, and anywhere a clean, attractive appearance is desired.

### Product

### Advantages:

- LOW TEMPERATURE CURE (40 °F or 4.4 °C)
- PRIMERLESS
- EXCELLENT CHEMICAL RESISTANCE
- SHORT WALK-ON TIME
- 100 % SOLIDS
- BONDS TO DAMP CONCRETE

### Application

### Guidelines:

Application thickness can be varied from 10 mil in a rolled coat (unfilled) to 1/4" in a broadcast/slurry (aggregate filled) topping.

### Handling

### Properties:

COMPONENTS	Resin/Hardener	
COLOR	Gray, Tile Red	
MIXED VISCOSITY, cP or mPa.s	2,000	ASTM D 2196
WORKING TIME, min	25	
GEL TIME, min	35	
TACK-FREE TIME, h	4-5	
INITIAL CURE or FOOT TRAFFIC, h	7-8	
COVERAGE* (@ 10 mil, unfilled), ft. <sup>2</sup> /gal	160	
APPLICATION TEMPERATURE, °F (°C)		
Ideal	70-80	(21-27)
Acceptable	55- 90	(13-32)

\*Varies with porosity of concrete

### Physical

### Properties:

HARDNESS, Shore D	85		ASTM D 2240
ADHESION TO CONCRETE, psi (MPa)	> 800	(5.5) (100 % failure in concrete)	
COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH, psi (MPa)	12,000	(82.8)	ASTM D 695
TENSILE STRENGTH, psi (MPa)	5,000	(34.5)	ASTM D 638
ELONGATION @ BREAK, %	6		ASTM D 638
FLEXURAL STRENGTH, psi (MPa)	12,000	(82.8)	ASTM D 790

### Chemical

### Resistance:

#### Excellent Resistance

Motor Oil	10 % Nitric Acid
Unleaded Gasoline	10 % Sulfuric Acid
Kerosene	50 % Sulfuric Acid
Diesel Fuel	70 % Sulfuric Acid
Mineral Spirits	50 % Sodium Hydroxide
Ethylene Glycol	Skydrol
Water	Bleach
10 % Oleic Acid	Xylene
10 % Hydrochloric Acid	1,1,1-Trichloroethane
10 % Lactic Acid	10 % Acetic Acid
10-30 % Citric Acid	Cyclohexanol

#### Very Good

Methanol
20 % Acetic Acid
20 % Oleic Acid
Ethyl Alcohol
Toluene
Acetone
75 % Phosphoric Acid

#### Not Recommended

50 % Acetic Acid
50 % Nitric Acid
Methylene Chloride
Methyl Ethyl Ketone

The above recommendations are based on a 28 day immersion @ 72°F (22°C).

**Surface  
Preparation:**

Armorgard 501 is used to strengthen and seal a porous concrete substrate, therefore, adhesion is paramount. To achieve excellent adhesion, the substrate should be free of all loose and foreign material and should be roughened slightly to provide a coarse profile by shot blasting.

Before blasting, any contaminants on/in the concrete must be identified. Oils, grease, fats, waxes or other contaminants must be removed prior to roughening the concrete. These can be removed with an application of warm (120-140 °F or 49-60 °C) caustic detergent, steam cleaning or pressure washing. De-grease the floor; follow with a hot water rinse. Repeat this procedure until the water does not "bead up" on the concrete.

Shot blasting using self-propelled, self-contained equipment is the recommended preparation method.

**NEW CONCRETE MUST CURE A MINIMUM OF 28 DAYS AND SHOULD BE TESTED FOR MOISTURE CONTENT PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION OF ANY EPOXY.**

**Mixing:**

To mix Armorgard 501 pour the contents of the pail marked Hardener into the larger Resin pail. Immediately mix for 3 minutes using a Jiffy Mixer and a slow speed drill. Mix at slow speed (less than 500 rpm) to avoid air entrainment. DO NOT mix more material than can be used within the stated working time. REMEMBER - you will have less working time at higher temperatures.

Armorgard 501, before it has hardened, can be removed from tools with Copps Enviro Kleen solvent or warm, soapy water.

**Application:**

Relative humidity and dew point must be determined before application to avoid adhesion failures. The dew point is used to predict the substrate temperature at which air begins to condense, in the form of water, on the substrate. Never apply a coating unless the concrete surface temperature is 5°F (2°C) above the dew point. This temperature difference must be observed until the epoxy coating is cured to a tack-free state. A dew point calculation chart is available from a Copps Technical Representative.

**PRIMER:**

1) The application of a primer is recommended to reduce concrete outgassing, in turn producing a smoother coating.

2) Armorgard 501 can be applied to prepared concrete without a primer. A tinted primer is recommended with light colors.

**LIGHT "ROLLED" COAT FOR LIGHT DUTY - 10-30 mil liquids only:** Applied with a squeegee and a medium (1/2" nap) roller.

**MEDIUM DUTY "BROADCAST" COATING - 30-60 mil:** Apply liquid 15-30 mil thick, then evenly broadcast aggregate (Copps C-005) into the wet coating until it is saturated. Let cure (dry), then brush off the excess aggregate and apply a 5-10 mil liquids only topcoat to lock down the exposed aggregate.

**Packaging:**

Armorgard 501 is conveniently packaged in pre-measured 1.5 or 3 gallon kits containing a resin (Part A) and a hardener (Part B); larger bulk quantities are also available. Armorgard 501 comes in 2 standard colors: gray and tile red. Special colors are available, with minimum quantity requirements.

**SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

Avoid breathing of vapors. Forced local exhaust is recommended to effectively minimize exposure. NIOSH approved, organic vapor respirators and forced exhaust are recommended in confined areas, or when conditions (such as heated polymer, sanding) may cause high vapor concentrations. Do not weld on, burn or torch any epoxy material. Hazardous vapor is released when an epoxy is burned. Avoid skin or eye contact. Wash skin with soap and water if contact occurs. If eye contact occurs flush with water for 15 minutes and obtain medical attention. Read and understand all cautions on can labels and safety data sheets before using this material.

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