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Technical Bulletin

Armorgard 601SF - K-601SF

Description:

Armorgard 601SF is a 100 % solids, chemically resistant, no odor, slurry and broadcast epoxy flooring system. Armorgard 601SF was designed to provide outstanding protection, for new or old damaged concrete, against a wide range of chemicals, specifically organic acids, solvents, and mineral acids found in food processing and chemical plants. Armorgard 601SF 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 601SF was designed to protect floors from moderate industrial traffic (specifically, steel-wheeled carts and forklift trucks) making it ideally suited for chemical processing, food and beverage plants, power plants, pulp and paper mills, utilities and anywhere a clean, tough floor is needed.

Product Advantages:

- OUTSTANDING CHEMICAL RESISTANCE
- 100 % SOLIDS
- EXCELLENT IMPACT RESISTANCE
- LOW TEMPERATURE CURE 40 °F (4.4 °C)
- EXCELLENT WEAR RESISTANCE
- FAST WALK-ON TIME

Application Guidelines:

Application thickness can be varied from 1/16" to 1/8" (1.6-3.2 mm) topping.

Handling Properties:

COMPONENTS Resin (Part A)/Hardener(Part B)/Slurry Aggregate(Part C) /Broadcast Aggregate(Part D) **COLOR** Gray, Red, Natural CONSISTENCY Self-Leveling Mortar WORKING TIME, h 2 GEL TIME, h 3.5 TACK-FREE TIME (1/8" or 3.2 mm thick), h INITIAL CURE OR FOOT TRAFFIC TIME, h 4-5 FULL CURE (FOR CHEMICAL IMMERSION), h 48-72 APPLICATION TEMPERATURE, °F (°C) Ideal 70-80 (21-27)Acceptable 40-90 (4-32)COVERAGE per 42 lb (19 kg) kit @ 1/8" (3.2 25 (2.32)mm), ft^2 (m²)

Physical Properties:

HARDNESS, Shore D	87		ASTM D 2240
ADHESION TO CONCRETE, psi (MPa)	> 500	(3.4) (100 % failure in concrete)	ASTM D 4541
COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH, psi (MPa)	12,300	(84.8)	ASTM D 695
TENSILE STRENGTH, psi (MPa)	1,500	(10.3)	ASTM D 638
FLEXURAL STRENGTH, psi (MPa)	3,700	(25.5)	ASTM D 790

Excellent Resistance		Very Good	Not Recommended
Motor Oil Unleaded Gasoline Gasohol Kerosene Diesel Fuel Ethylene Glycol Water 10 % Lactic Acid 10 % Acetic Acid 20 % Acetic Acid 10 % Oleic Acid 10 % Nitric Acid 10 % Citric Acid 30 % Citric Acid	10 % Sulfuric Acid 50 % Sulfuric Acid 70 % Sulfuric Acid 10 % Hydrochloric Acid 10 % Phosphoric Acid 50 % Phosphoric Acid 50 % Sodium Hydroxide Bleach Xylene Ethyl Alcohol Methanol C ₆ -C ₁₂ Fatty Acid 50 % Gluconic Acid	20 % Lactic Acid 1,1,1-Trichloroethane Butyl Cellosolve Toluene 30 % Nitric Acid Skydrol 36 % Hydrochloric Acid 90 % Oleic Acid	Methyl Ethyl Ketone 50 % Acetic Acid 50 % Nitric Acid Methylene Chloride

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

Surface Preparation:

Armorgard 601SF 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 shot blasting any contaminates on/in the concrete must be identified. Oils, grease, fats, waxes, or other contaminates 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. Degrease the floor, follow with a hot water rinse. Repeat this process 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 28 DAYS PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION OF ANY EPOXY. CONCRETE MUST BE TESTED FOR MOISTURE AND VAPOR TRANSMISSION BEFORE APPLICATION.

Mixing/ 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 your Copps representative.

PRIMER MIXING (If required): To mix Copps K-049 Primer pour the contents of the can marked Hardener into the large pail (resin). 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.

PRIMER APPLICATION (If required): Apply 5 mil (0.13 mm) of Copps K-049 Primer to the prepared concrete with a short nap (1/4" or 0.6 cm) roller. This insures adhesion to the concrete substrate.

DO NOT apply K-049 Primer over standing water. Damp concrete is acceptable.

MIXING: To mix Armorgard 601SF pour the contents of the can marked Hardener into the larger resin can. Immediately mix for 2-3 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. Add this liquid to a rotating pail mixer and add all of the slurry aggregate (Part C), let mix for 1-2 minutes. Do not add broadcast aggregate Part D to the mortar.

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APPLICATION: Immediately pour out the mixed kit onto the floor in 7-10" (18-25 cm) wide strips. Spread evenly with a clean trowel (steel finishing trowel, 3×14). Finish each kit before mixing another to insure proper working times and surface textures. As the material begins to set up the trowel will pull on the surface creating a porous surface, this can be corrected by cleaning the trowel with isopropyl alcohol or acetone.

Once the slurry is applied, broadcast the pre-measured Part D broadcast aggregate (separate box) into the wet slurry at a rate of 3/4 lb/ft² (3.66 kg/m²). Let dry and brush off excess aggregate.

LOCKDOWN: A liquids only squeegee coat of Armorgard 601SF liquids only may be applied to the broadcasted Armorgard 601SF. An application rate of 90 ft²/gal (2.2 m²/l) will produce a moderate non-skid. A lockdown is recommended to ensure a completely sealed surface. The lockdown thickness can be varied to produce the desired non-skid texture.

The Armorgard 601SF can be applied to the K-049 Primer immediately or up to 24 hours later @ 72 °F (22 °C). If more than 24 hours have passed it is necessary to scuff the primer surface if it is not tacky.

Do not rapidly raise the air or substrate temperature, this can cause outgassing of the concrete and joint shrinkage. This can lead to product cracking or failure

Armorgard 601SF will leave a moderately textured surface.

Armorgard 601SF, before it has hardened, can be removed from tools with Copps Enviro Kleen solvent or warm soapy water.

Packaging:

Armorgard 601SF is conveniently packaged in pre-measured (25 ft² or 2.3 m² @ 1/8" or 3.2 mm) 4 component kits, containing a resin (Part A), hardener (Part B), a slurry aggregate (Part C) and a broadcast aggregate (Part D). Larger bulk quantities are also available.

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 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. Use soft rubber wheels on any vehicle that will be traveling on the floor; this will reduce scuffing and abrasion marks.

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