

# **ARDEX WPM308** (Façade EWC) Elastomeric Wall Coating

## FEATURES

Flexible – accommodates normal building movement

Provides excellent UV resistance and long term protection from weather

Excellent Workability - easy, quick to apply

Decorative - choice of colours

Water based - safe to use, low odour, easy clean-up





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#### DESCRIPTION

WPM308 is a tough, UV stable, flexible, water resistant, elastomeric wall coating. It has been specifically formulated as a high quality coating for external/exposed walls.

Façade EWC is applied as an aesthetically attractive, semismooth to textured, low sheen, uniform finish. Façade EWC dries quickly to produce a washable finish that hides imperfections.

#### **AREAS of APPLICATIONS**

As a water-resistant, decorative, semi-smooth to textured, low sheen finish for external walls.

#### Substrates:-

Masonry, brick, cement render, fibre-cement sheet.

#### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Ensure all surfaces are structurally sound or securely fixed and totally dry. The surface to be coated should be free from dust, oil, curing compounds and any other contaminating materials. When applying over existing coatings, ensure they are firmly bonded, remove all loose and flaking material then clean and rinse thoroughly. The application of a test area is recommended to check adhesion. Sanding or grinding of existing coatings may be required to gain adhesion. Damaged or spalled concrete should be repaired (rendered, etc) and surface defects including all cracks and sharp protrusions should be treated prior to the application of Facade EWC. Remove laitance by mechanical means and dense concrete should be mechanically roughened to open the pores of the concrete. New concrete should be left for at least 21 days to cure or alternatively primed with ARDEX WPM300. Wet, damp or new concrete substrate surfaces should be primed with WPM300 and left to cure hard, usually overnight.

#### PRIMING

Priming is recommended over all surfaces (except those sealed with WPM300) with ARDEX P51-3 at a coverage rate of approximately 6 square metres per litre. Highly porous surfaces (such as lightweight concrete blocks, etc) generally require 2 coats of primer.

Allow the primer to be touch dry (usually about 30 minutes) before applying the first coat of Façade EWC.

In any event, the primer should be overcoated with the first coat of Façade EWC within the same day of application to avoid intercoat contamination.

#### MIXING

Stir the Façade EWC thoroughly to ensure a uniform mix.

#### INSTALLATION

Apply in 2 coats using a brush or roller (medium to long nap or texture roller depending on desired surface finish).

Approximate minimum uniform coverages are recommended - so as to achieve suitable film properties – for each of the following surface finishes:-

#### Semi-smooth

 - 8m<sup>2</sup> / kg / coat [~ 9.76m<sup>2</sup> / L / coat] - equating to approximately 70μm dry film thickness for 2 coats. Thus 25kg will cover approximately 100m<sup>2</sup> in 2 coats.

#### <u>Textured</u>

-  $4m^2 / kg / coat$  [~  $4.88m^2 / L / coat$ ] - equating to approximately 140µm dry film thickness for 2 coats. Thus 25kg will cover approximately 50m<sup>2</sup> in 2 coats.

Allow the first coat to become hard dry (normally about 2 hours @  $23^{\circ}C \& 50\%$  RH) before applying the second coat.

#### Product Limitations

Not solvent or petroleum-based product resistant;

Do not use under the following application conditions:-

- When rain appears imminent
- On wet surfaces (unless sealed first with ARDEX WPM300 at  $3m^2/L$ )
- Where the surface temperature is below 10°C or above 30°C

#### CLEAN - UP

Thinning is not usually necessary or recommended. Clean up with water before material has set or use Mineral Turps to help soften and remove cured material.

#### COVERAGE

The coverage of Façade EWC will depend on the surface profile of the substrate. Smooth surfaces may require a little less coating, while rough surfaces could require considerably more coating to achieve a satisfactory & uniform finish.

Typically, 1 x 25kg (20.5L) unit of Façade EWC will cover approximately:-

- 100 square metres in 2 coats at a total dry film thickness of approximately 0.07mm (70 $\mu$ m) for a semi-smooth finish, and
- 50 square metres in 2 coats at a total dry film thickness of approximately 0.14mm (140 $\mu m$ ) for a textured finish.

In any case, to maintain the elastomeric properties of the coating, a minimum of 0.07mm (70µm) total dry film thickness is required – this is achieved at a coverage rate of approximately  $0.125 \text{kg/m}^2$  or  $8 \text{m}^2/\text{kg}$  or  $100 \mu \text{m}$  wet film thickness per coat for 2 coats.

Rough substrate surface profiles may require up to approximately, or in some case more than 0.5kg/m<sup>2</sup> or 2m<sup>2</sup>/kg or 400µm wet film thickness per coat. In such cases, allow adequate drying time of the first coat (normally about 4 hours), before applying the second coat.

#### PACKAGING

25kg/Bucket

#### **STORAGE & SHELF LIFE**

Can be stored for approximately 24 months in originally sealed packaging in place free from frost.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

<u>General</u>	
Packaging:	25kg
Shelf-life:	24 ma

### Product

Appearance: Particle Dispersion: pH: Specific Gravity: Viscosity : Solids (by mass): Solids (by volume): Viscous liquid, white or coloured Predominantly < 45µm 8.7 – 9.3 1.22 g/cm<sup>3</sup> 22,500 – 27,500 cP 48.3% 36%

#### Application Properties@23°C & 50% RH

Priming:	ARDEX P51-3, ARDEX WPM 300
Application:	2 coats, Brush or Medium/Long
	Nap/Texture Roller
Application Condition	ons:10 – 30°C (surface temperature)
Extreme (caution):	Minimum 5°C, Maximum 35°C
Touch Dry:	approx. 30 – 60 minutes
Re-Coat:	approx. 2 – 3 hours
Dry Through (2nd co	bat): 24 hours

months

Average Coverage:75m2/bucket

Per coat: 6m²/kg, 0.167kg/m², 0.135L/m² = 135µm wet film thickness (0.135mm) 2 coats: 3m²/kg, 0.333kg/m², 0.27L/m² = approx. 100µm total dry film thickness (0.1mm)

#### Properties of Cured Coating/Film

Tensile Strength (AS1)	<u>145):</u>
after 28 days dry	approx. 2.4 MPa
after 14 days	approx. 2.9 MPa(UV exposure)
after 14 days	approx. 5.2 MPa(dry @ 70°C)

Elongation at Break (AS1145):

after 28 days dry	approx. 300%
after 14 days	approx. 190%(UV exposure)
after 14 days	approx. 105%(dry @ 70°C)

Tested at a dry film thickness of approximately  $130 \mu \text{m}$  (0.13mm)

#### SAFETY DATA

UN Number: N/A

Non Flammable & Non Explosive;

Non Toxic , Irritating or flammable when used according to the instructions;

May be irritating and cause sensation by skin contact and be irritating to the eyes on contact;

Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection during mixing and application, avoid contact with skin and eyes. In the event of contact, wash immediately with soap and water.

#### First Aid

- If poisoning occurs, contact a Doctor or Poisons Information Center;
- If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. Consult a Doctor;
- If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly with soap and water;
- If in eyes, hold eyes open and flood with water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a Doctor.

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