

# Vulkem H2 Rapid

**Rapid Curing, Low Odour, Low VOC, Water-Based Acrylic Membrane**

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Vulkem H2 Rapid is a single component, rapid cure, water-based acrylic waterproofing membrane incorporating micro fibres to increase strength and wet film thickness.

## USAGE/PURPOSE

Vulkem H2 Rapid is formulated to be used as a single component, low odour non-trafficable waterproofing membrane. Vulkem H2 Rapid can be used in areas such as:

- ☐ Showers
- ☐ Bathrooms
- ☐ Kitchens
- ☐ Laundries
- ☐ Balconies
- ☐ Other internal covered/tiled areas

## FEATURES & BENEFITS

- ☐ Compliant to AS 4654.1 and AS4858 ensures it meets the requirements set forth by the National Construction Code of Australia.
- ☐ Low odour allows for use in low air flow areas like bathrooms, wash-rooms, and kitchen areas.
- ☐ Due to latex chemistry, Vulkem H2 Rapid is suitable for direct stick tile applications. Consult Tremco for further information.
- ☐ Water clean-up minimises the need for solvents on-site or solvent exposure to contractors.
- ☐ Ready to tile in as little as 5 hours.
- ☐ Once full cure has been achieved, Vulkem H2 Rapid will not re-emulsify.

## PACKAGING

15L Pails



## STORAGE

Store in a dry cool place in an upright position in original unopened packaging.

## LIMITATIONS

- ☐ Not to be used as a trafficable waterproof membrane.
- ☐ Not to be used below grade or in planter boxes.
- ☐ Do not apply to damp or contaminated surfaces.

## COLOUR

Green

## SHELF LIFE

12 months when stored as recommended in original unopened packaging.

## TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

PROPERTY	TEST METHOD	VULKEM H2 Rapid
Cure Times @ 23°C - 50% RH		5 Hours
% Solids	By Volume	67%
Bond Strength	ASTM C794	Concrete Masonry - 60 N Plywood - 119 N
Cyclic Movement	CSIRO Moving Joint Test	Pass, Class III
Elongation at Break	AS4858 Appendix A	350%
Elongation at Break	AS4654.1 Appendix A	323%
Heat Ageing	AS/NZS4858	>2MPa, >200% Elongation
Temperature Resistance	AS4654.1 Clause 2.6	Pass, -15°C to 85°C
Tensile Strength	AS4654.1 Table A4	1.9 MPa
Durability	AS4858 Appendix A	Pass
Durability	AS4654.1 Table A4	Pass
Water Vapour Transmission Rate	ASTM E96	>6g/m <sup>2</sup> /24 Hours
Water Absorption	AS3558.1	>3.00%

\* H2 Rapid is fully dry and tile-ready in as little as 5 hours at 23°C and 50% relative humidity, ensuring minimal downtime and fast project turnaround. Note that curing times may vary depending on ambient and substrate temperatures, which can influence the curing process.

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## SUBSTRATE PREPARATION FOR CONCRETE SURFACES

- Concrete shall be water-cured and attain a 20 MPa minimum compressive strength. Moisture content in the concrete shall be lower than 4.5%, as measured using a Tramex CME Moisture Meter. Where the moisture content is 4.5% or above, a minimum of 2x coats of TREMproof 200EC primer will be required. Depending on concrete construction and job site location, additional concrete testing may be required. Please contact your local Tremco Representative.
- Concrete shall be free of any laitance which may inhibit adhesion. Removal of laitance can be achieved through a variety of physical abrasion methods, such as shot blasting (preferred method), sandblasting or grinding. Where a physical abrasion method has been used, a minimum of 2x coats a suitable Tremco CPG Australia primer shall be applied.
- Surfaces shall be made free of defects that may telegraph and show through the finished coating. All 90° transitions shall be modified to 45°, to eliminate sharp edges/corners. Surfaces that are rough (fins, ridges, exposed aggregate, honeycombs, deep broom finish, etc.) shall be leveled and made smooth by applying a coat of sand-filled epoxy using TREMprime EP.
- Concrete surface shall be properly cleaned so that the surface to receive the coating, sealant or liquid-applied flashing is free of mould, paint, sealers, coatings, curing agents, loose particles, and other contamination or foreign matter that may interfere with the adhesion.
- In the event of exposed reinforcing steel, it is recommended that the structural engineer of record be contacted for investigation and for best repair method.
- Spalled areas shall be cleaned free of loose contaminants prior to repair. Because jobsite conditions vary, it is recommended that you contact your local Tremco Representative. Depending on the substrate and depth of the spalled areas, a EUCOcrete repair product will be recommended as the best method of repair.
- Shrinkage cracks in the concrete surface that are 1.6mm wide or greater shall be ground out to a minimum 6mm wide x 12mm deep and treated according to the instructions in 'Detail Work' section.
- Structural cracks regardless of width shall be ground out to a minimum 6mm wide x 12mm deep and treated according to the instructions in 'Detail Work' section.
- All drains shall be cleaned and operative. Drains shall be recessed lower than the deck surface. The surface shall be sloped to a drainage point to provide positive drainage (refer to the relevant Australian Standards/NCC for required fall). Drains should be detailed as instructed below:  
Cut a 6mm wide x 12mm deep keyway into the concrete surface at any point where the coating will have an exposed terminating edge - that is, any point where the coating will end in an open area subject to traffic, for example, at the end of a ramp, around drains and alongside expansion joints.
- If the project is a restoration deck, old sealant and membrane material shall be removed. The joint interface will require a thorough wire brushing, grinding, sandblasting, solvent washing and/or primer.

## SUBSTRATE PREPARATION FOR METAL SURFACES

All surfaces shall be sand-blasted to meet the requirements in AS1627.4, class 2.5 for "Near White Metal".

## JOBSITE MATERIALS

Recommended materials and their uses are as follows:

- ❑ TREMproof WB Primer: A one-part, film-forming primer to be used on porous surfaces.
- ❑ TREMprime EP: A 100% solids, two component epoxy primer recommended for use on porous substrates (concrete, brick, stone) and also as a compatible tie-in coat to create connectivity between otherwise incompatible membranes.
- ❑ TREMproof 200EC: A low-VOC, two-part, water based epoxy primer

for use on porous substrates, such as wood and concrete to provide a vapour retarder. Also can be used on concrete based substrates to provide an efflorescence barrier.

- ❑ TREMprime Non-Porous Primer: A low-VOC primer for use in applying urethanes to non-porous substrates such as metal, PVC and glass.
- ❑ Dymonic 100: A one-part, exceptional movement (+100/-50%) moisture curing, gun grade polyurethane sealant for use in precast, masonry, expansion joints, control joints and for use in forming cant/fillet bead.
- ❑ TREMflex 50: A one-part, high movement (+/-50%) moisture curing, gun grade polyurethane sealant for use in precast, masonry, control joints and for use in forming cant/fillet bead.
- ❑ Tremflex 25FC: A one-part, fast curing, flexible fillet joint sealant for use in professional waterproofing applications.
- ❑ TREMproof Façade: Single component, high performance, water based acrylic coating designed to provide a decorative and protective façade coating.
- ❑ Leakseal Tape: waterproofing membrane / reinforcing fabric combination to provide a waterproofing solution for joints, corners, cracks and gaps.

## USAGE

The following is a guide to estimate material usage:

Product	Coverage Rate	Thickness (Per Coat)	
Vulkem H2 Rapid	20m <sup>2</sup> /Pail/Coat	0.75 mm WFT	0.5 MM DFT

\*All coverage rates are approximate & vary with substrate condition.

## PRIMING

Note: Do not apply primers, sealant or membranes to a frosty, damp or wet surface or when substrate temperature is below 4°C or the surface temperature is above 43°C. Cure times as stated below are based upon standard ambient conditions of 23°C, 50% RH. A decrease in ambient temperature and humidity will significantly lengthen the cure time.

- ❑ Vulkem H2 Rapid requires the use of an appropriate primer on porous substrates. Please refer to appropriate product data sheet regarding application instructions for the various primers.
- ❑ Where a vapour retarding primer is not necessary, use TREMprime WB primer.
- ❑ If a vapour retarding primer is needed, use TREMproof 200EC primer depending on site conditions and requirements of the project.
- ❑ Vulkem H2 Rapid requires TREMprime Non-Porous Primer on metal and PVC surfaces, such as puddle flanges or flashing.

## DETAIL WORK

- ❑ Shrinkage cracks in the concrete < 1.6mm wide nominally can be detailed with a 150mm wide x 1mm WFT strip of Vulkem H2 Rapid.
- ❑ Shrinkage and non-structural cracks > 1.6mm wide must be appropriately prepared and filled prior to application of the Vulkem H2 Rapid membrane.
  - Grind out cracks to a minimal 6mm wide x 12mm deep.
  - Remove all loose debris and concrete dust that may inhibit adhesion.
  - Apply closed cell polyethylene backer rod or bond breaker tape into joint to prevent 3 sided adhesion of the sealant.
  - Install appropriate Tremco polyurethane sealant, TREMflex 50, TREMflex 25 or Dymonic 100 into the crack in the correct depth to width ratio.
  - Apply a 150mm wide x 1mm WFT strip of Vulkem H2 Rapid un-reinforced.
- ❑ When tiling over joints, Tremco highly encourages that the joint is expressed through to the surface of the tiles. Between the tiles, fill the joint with the appropriate Tremco joint sealant. Depending on the tile composition, polyurethane or silicone sealant may be recommend. Contact Tremco for further assistance.

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- Consult Tremco for advice on the treatment of movement/expansion joints.

## METHOD OF APPLICATION

- Minimum application requirements set forth by the NCC and relevant standards (AS 3740 & AS 4654.2) should be followed, as well as project specific detail requirements/recommendations by Tremco.
- Using a medium-nap (9mm to 13mm) roller cover, apply Vulkem H2 Rapid at the following rates to the entire area to be coated, including over applications of Vulkem H2 Rapid detail coats, but excluding expansion joints.

Where being used as a waterproof membrane, as per the requirements of the NCC and relevant Australian Standard, Tremco recommends two coats at the following application rates.

Application Coat	Coverage Rate	Thickness (Per Coat)	
Waterproof Coat 1	1.3m <sup>2</sup> /L	0.75 mm WFT	0.5 mm DFT
Waterproof Coat 2	1.3m <sup>2</sup> /L	0.75 mm WFT	0.5 mm DFT

- Allow Vulkem H2 Rapid to cure a minimum of 3 hours between coats to reduce the risk of moisture entrapment between coats. Apply 2nd coat perpendicular to the 1st coat. Cure rates depend on temperature and humidity. Refer to cure rate guidelines in chart at the end of this document.

## CLEAN UP

- Clean all adjacent areas to remove any stains or spills with water.
- Clean tools or equipment with water before materials cure.
- Clean hands by soaking in hot, soapy water, then brushing with a stiff-bristle brush.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

This section describes common industry application issues when certain environmental conditions exist and their remedies. If any of these should occur, it is always recommended that you contact your local Tremco Representative.

- When a deck contains too much moisture, the moisture may change into a vapour, which then condenses at the concrete membrane interface before the coating has cured and may cause blisters or bubbles, ultimately interfering with proper adhesion. If this should occur, the blisters can be cut out, allowing moisture to escape. After moisture has escaped and the surface is dry, the area can be repaired.
- If the coating application has been installed at a thickness that is greater than our installation instructions, dry times could be extended significantly. As a result, Tremco recommends that the material is applied in accordance with the installation instructions.
- If the coating is applied in very hot ambient temperatures, the air in the small spaces between the concrete particles increases in volume and forms blisters. Contact Tremco should this occur.
- If the previous coating application has not fully cured, water may become trapped between the coats and lead to large blisters. When cut out, they may still be tacky on the underside. Blisters may be cut out and repaired after the surface has been allowed to fully dry. Also, additional application will dramatically reduce the rate the material cures and full cure will take dramatically longer than normal.

## WEATHER IMPACT ON COATING APPLICATION

This section discusses the impact of applying these coatings outside the ideal temperature application range of 18 to 30°C at 50% RH.

- At temperatures lower than the ideal range, the material will become viscous and it will cure at a slower rate. Refer to the chart below for approximate cure rates at varying temperatures.
- Storing materials at cooler or warmer temperatures than ideal, will

affect the handling and curing characteristics of the materials.

- Substrate temperatures may affect cure rates even when ambient temperatures are high.
- Enclosed areas may slow the cure rate of the coating because air flow tends to be minimal in these areas.
- In high relative humidity conditions, even when temperatures are high, cure rates can still be extended.

## APPROXIMATE CURE DRYING TIMES IN HOURS AT 50% RH

The following is a guide to estimate cure time:

Temperature at 50% RH	Vulkem H2 Rapid
23°C	Re-coat: 3 hours Tiling/Topping: 5 hours Full Cure/Flood Test: 24 hours

Variations in temperature and humidity can affect the cure rate of the coating. The above chart should be used as a guide only to determine the approximate rate of cure. Other factors can also influence the cure rate such as substrate temperature and enclosed environments.

## HEALTH & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The Safety Data Sheet (SDS) must be read and understood prior to use.

## TECHNICAL SERVICE

Tremco CPG Australia Pty Ltd has a team of Representatives who provide assistance in the selection and specification of products. For more detailed information or service and advice, call Customer Service on (02) 9638 2755 or fax (02) 9638 2955.

## GUARANTEE/WARRANTY

Tremco CPG Australia Pty Ltd products are manufactured to rigid standards of quality. Any product which has been applied (a) in accordance with Tremco CPG Australia written instructions and (b) in any application recommended by Tremco CPG Australia, but which is proved to be defective, will be replaced free of charge.

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