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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

WPA 500 is a waterborne flexible waterproofing membrane specifically designed for use under ceramic and stone tile finishes. The unique formulation provides excellent workability and film build.

Recommended for:

- Bathrooms
- Laundries
- Balconies
- Waterproofing of areas subsequently covered by ceramic or stone tiles

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Class III membrane in accordance with AS 4654.1 & AS/NZS 4858
- Fast drying
- Low VOC content
- Fibre reinforced
- Compatible with a wide range of tile adhesives
- Permanently flexible
- Completely resistant to re-emulsification (when fully cured)
- Excellent adhesion to a wide variety of substrates

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Substrates

WPA 500 is suitable for concrete, render, screeds, block work, fibre-cement sheeting, wet area grade plasterboard, PAA certified structural and marine plywood and lightweight structural flooring.

Always contact the manufacturer if there is any doubt about the suitability of the substrate.

Preparation

All surfaces to be waterproofed must be firm, clean, dry, sound and smooth. All laitance, grease, oil, wax, curing compounds, loose material, paint and any other contaminants which may reduce or prevent adhesion must be mechanically removed. Masonry surfaces must be pointed flush and surface defects repaired.

New concrete must be cured for a minimum of 28 days.

Render and cement screeds must be cured for a minimum of 7 days.

Fibre cement sheeting, water resistant plasterboard, PAA structural and marine plywood and lightweight structural flooring must be installed in accordance with the manufacturers' installation requirements.

WPA 500 requires a fillet (bond breaker) using WPA MS, WPA SPUR sealant at all horizontal and vertical transitions. For optimal performance, incorporate WPA Elastoband SG or WPA Butyl Tape at all transitions.



Static Crack Treatment

For cracks less than 1mm, clean cracks thoroughly before filling with WPA MS, WPA SPUR.

WPA 500 cannot span gaps. For dynamic cracks/expansion joints and control joints, the use of WPA Elastoband SG or WPA Butyl Tape systems is recommended. Contact the WPA Technical Department for further advice.

Priming

Dry porous substrates can be primed with WPA 360, WPA SB or WPA 460 primers.

Damp substrates with a RH of <75% must be primed with WPA 460.

Substrates with an RH >75% must be primed with WPA 560 Moisture Seal.

Green cementitious screed can be primed with WPA 260.

Non-Porous substrates such as metals or PVC must be primed with WPA 160.

Lightweight structural flooring must be primed with WPA 460.

Apply the primer to the prepared substrate by using a brush or roller in accordance with the relevant product's Technical Data Sheet. Allow the primer to fully dry prior to commencing the application of WPA 500.

Application

WPA 500 must be applied in accordance with the applicable provisions of the National Construction Code.

Prior to application, stir the contents thoroughly. Using a brush or roller, apply the first coat of WPA 500 after the primer has sufficiently dried. Apply an even and consistent coat of approximately 0.75mm wet film thickness.

Once the first coat has dried, apply a second coat of WPA 500 at right angles to the first coat. Apply an even and consistent coat of approximately 0.75mm wet film thickness.

WPA 500 must be applied with a minimum of two coats to achieve a dry film thickness of not less than 1.0mm (1000 microns). Test the depth of coats with a wet film thickness gauge at regular intervals during installation.

Performance Data and Physical Properties @23°C & 55% RH

- Allow 2-4 hours between coats.
- Allow 48 hours drying time prior to tiling.
- Allow longer drying times in cool, damp or higher humidity conditions.
- Allow 7 days to fully cure.

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Wet Form

- VOC 16 grams/litre
- Appearance Blue or Grey
- Dry solid content ~60%

Cured Membrane

- Elongation >300%
- Water vapour transmission 0.58g/M²/24hrs

LIMITATIONS

Do not apply **WPA 500**:

- Over damp, wet or contaminated substrates
- If it is raining or if rain is imminent
- Directly over any existing coatings
- Directly to particle board flooring (Ceramic tile underlay must be installed)
- As an exposed membrane
- As a high wear surface for foot or vehicle traffic
- Where ambient or surface temperatures are below 10°C or greater than 35°C
- To areas subject to negative hydrostatic pressure or rising damp
- To areas of continuous immersion such as swimming pools, ponds, water features or water tanks

To reduce the possibility of surface contamination, it is recommended that tiling be carried out as soon as the membrane has cured.

Clean Up

Tools and minor spills can be cleaned with water while product is still wet. Cured WPA 500 can be cleaned with an alcohol based solvent or by mechanical means.

Packaging

WPA 500 is available in 4 litre and 15 litre pails.

Coverage

1.5 litres per m² at 1mm dry film thickness (10m² per drum).

The coverage figures are theoretical due to wastage and depending on the porosity and profile of the substrate, coverage figures may be reduced.

Shelf Life

Unopened pails can be stored for up to 12 months in a cool, dry and weatherproof environment. If stored at high temperatures, the shelf life may be reduced.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

For instructions on the safe use of WPA 500 please refer to the latest version of the Safety Data Sheet available from our website www.wpa-aus.com.au.

WARRANTY CONDITIONS

Bayset Pty Ltd trading as Waterproofing Products Australia (Bayset) offers a limited warranty in respect of this product, subject to certain terms and conditions set out in the warranty documentation which has been made available at www.bayset.com.au. Please contact Bayset directly to obtain a copy of the warranty documentation relevant to this product.

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