

# Dekguard S\*

High performance coating for concrete and masonry

## Uses

Dekguard S is designed to provide protection for atmospherically exposed structures against attack due to high moisture levels, acidic gases, sulphates and chloride ions. Typical uses include:

- Bridge abutments
- Concrete cladding and precast units
- Boundary walls
- Plinths and pipe support racks
- Concrete storage tanks
- High rise buildings and villas

## Advantages

- High performance - comprehensive barrier against carbon dioxide, water, sulphates and chloride ions.
- Breathable - also allows moisture vapour to escape from the structure.
- Extremely durable - highly resistant to the effects of long term UV weathering.
- Protection in depth - dual action system protects both the surface and the substrate.
- Highly decorative - wide range of colours available, with low dirt pick-up to minimize maintenance costs.

## Standards compliance

- Dekguard S has been approved by the British Board of Agrément under Certificate No. 98/3461
- Fire tested to BS 476, Pt 7. Spread of flame - Class 1
- Fire tested to BS 476, Pt 6. Propagation index I - 1.5. Sub index  $i_1$  - 1.3. Building Regulations rating - Class 0

## Design criteria

The coating should be applied in two coats to achieve a total dry film thickness of not less than 150 microns. To achieve the desired protective properties, the Dekguard S system must be applied to the substrate at correct coverage rates.

## Technical support

Fosroc offers a comprehensive technical support service to specifiers, end users & contractors. It is also able to offer on-site technical assistance, AutoCAD facility & dedicated specification assistance in locations all over the world.



## Description

Dekguard S is a pure aliphatic acrylate, solvent based protective coating. It is available in a wide range of colours. The complete system also includes a primer (Dekguard Primer or Dekguard Primer DG) which is supplied as a clear liquid, based on a silane-siloxane dissolved in a penetrating organic carrier.

The primer is reactive and capable of producing a chemically-bound hydrophobic barrier, thus inhibiting the passage of water and water borne contaminants. The Dekguard S system thus comprises a single component, penetrating silane-siloxane primer and a single component pigmented coating, both ready for immediate site use.

## Properties

<b>Volume solids</b>	:	43%
<b>Carbon dioxide diffusion resistance Equivalent thickness of air</b>	:	> 250 m
<b>(Klopper criterion for effective protection &gt; 50 m)</b>		
<b>Carbon dioxide diffusion resistance Equivalent thick. of 30N concrete (Taywood method)</b>	:	> 500 mm
<b>Water vapour diffusion resistance (Taywood method)</b>	:	$S_D$ 1.90 m @ 150 microns dft
<b>Chloride ion diffusion coefficient 2000 hours QUV weathered (Taywood method)</b>	:	No chloride ion diffusion after 1500 days testing
<b>Freeze/thaw salt scaling (50 cycles) Good quality concrete (control) (ASTM C672)</b>	:	Unaffected : severe scaling
<b>Fire testing – Spread of flame (BS476, Pt 7)</b>	:	Class 1
<b>Fire testing – (BS476, Pt 6)</b>		
<b>Propagation index I</b>	:	1.5
<b>Sub index <math>i_1</math></b>	:	1.3
<b>Building Regulations rating</b>	:	Class 0

The values obtained are for the Dekguard S system applied at the minimum recommended application rate.

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## Instructions for use

Application over existing membranes and/or coatings

It is not necessary to remove Fosroc's Nitobond AR\*† or Rendercure\*† prior to the application of Dekguard S. However, for all other types of membrane or coating; it is advisable to carry out trials to determine both compatibility with Dekguard S, and retention of bond between the underlying coating or membrane and the substrate. For further advice, contact the local Fosroc office.

## Substrate preparation

All surfaces should be dry and free from contamination such as oil, grease, loose particles, decayed matter, moss, algal growth, laitance, and all traces of mould release oils. This is best achieved by lightly sweep blasting the surface. Where moss, algae or similar growths have occurred, treatment with a proprietary biocide should be carried out after the sweep blasting process.

It is essential to provide an unbroken coating of Dekguard S. Thus all blow holes and similar surface irregularities should be filled using the appropriate Renderoc\* product. Several grades of Renderoc are available to suit all types and thickness of repair, but all should be allowed to cure properly before the application of Dekguard S. Consult the local Fosroc office for further details.

## Substrate priming

A primer coat is required to penetrate and 'stabilize' the substrate. The depth of penetration of the primer, and thus its coverage rate, are determined by substrate profile, porosity and general condition.

Hence for low permeability concretes, primer penetration will be low and area covered per litre will be high – permeability may be affected by cement replacements (e.g. microsilica). It is thus recommended that a general coverage rate of 4 m<sup>2</sup>/litre be observed, noting that this may change according to substrate condition.

Any areas of glass should be masked. Plants, grass, joint sealants, asphalt and bitumen-painted areas should be protected during application. The primer is best applied by using portable spray equipment e.g. knapsack-type.

A uniform surface appearance (sheen) should be apparent when the required rate of application rate has been achieved. If any matt, porous patches remain, then a further application of the primer should be made. Whilst Dekguard Primer is normally used, porous substrates may require the use of Dekguard Primer DG. If in any doubt regarding substrate priming, contact local Fosroc office.



## Application

The correct application rates and overcoating times should be observed, in order to obtain the complete benefits of the protective properties of the Dekguard S system, except where substrate condition dictates different application rates for the primer.

	Primer	Dekguard S
<b>Number of coats</b> :	1	2
<b>Application rate per coat</b> :	0.25 lit/m <sup>2</sup>	0.175 lit/m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Wet film thick. per coat</b> :	N/A	175 microns
<b>Overcoating time</b>		
<b>@ 20°C</b> :	2 hours	6 hours
<b>@ 35°C</b> :	1 hour	4 hours

The primer should be allowed to dry for a minimum of 2 hours at 20°C (or 1 hour at 35°C) before application of Dekguard S. Under no circumstances should the primer be overcoated until the surface is properly dry. Dekguard S may be applied by the use of suitable brushes or rollers, but is probably best applied by means of airless spray equipment. For further information about application techniques and equipment, contact local Fosroc office. All primed substrates should be treated with two coats of Dekguard S. The material should be stirred thoroughly before use. The first coat should be applied to all areas to achieve a uniform coating, with a wet film thickness not less than 175 microns and not greater than 225 microns. This coat should be allowed to dry before continuing.

Prior to application of the second coat, a close visual inspection of the surface should be made to check for any pin holes or surface irregularities. Any such irregularities should be filled with Dekguard Filler\*†, and allowed to dry before proceeding. The second coat of Dekguard S should be applied at 900 to the first, to ensure a final full unbroken coating to the substrate. The second coat should once more be applied at a wet film thickness not less than 175 microns and not greater than 225 microns.



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## Hot weather working practices

Whilst the performance properties of Dekguard S at elevated temperatures are assured, application under such conditions can sometimes be difficult. It is therefore suggested that, for temperatures above 35°C, the following guidelines are adopted as a prudent working regime:

- Store unmixed materials in a cool environment (preferably temperature controlled), avoiding exposure to direct sunlight.
- Keep application equipment cool, arranging shade protection if necessary. It is especially important to keep cool those surfaces of the equipment which will come into direct contact with the material itself.
- Try to eliminate application in the middle of the day, when ambient temperatures will be excessively high.
- Ensure that there are sufficient operatives available to complete application within the pot life of the material.
- Have a ready supply of Fosroc Solvent 102 available for immediate cleaning of tools after use.



## Limitations

- Where application over existing sound coatings or paints is required, trials should be conducted to ensure compatibility and retention of the bond between the underlying coating and the substrate. Compatibility and soundness should be assessed on a trial area.
- When applied over existing coatings or paints, the performance characteristics of Dekguard S may be impaired and its fire rating will be invalidated.
- Dekguard S should not be used in submerged or wet conditions. Dekguard PU\*† should be used under such conditions - consult local Fosroc office for more details.
- Application should not commence if the temperature of the substrate is below 2°C or above 60°C.

## Cleaning

Dekguard Filler should be removed from tools and equipment with clean water immediately after use. Dekguard Primer, Dekguard Primer DG and Dekguard S should be removed from tools and equipment using Fosroc Solvent 102\*†.

## Estimating

### Supply

<b>Dekguard Primer</b>	:	20 litre drums
<b>Dekguard Primer DG</b>	:	20 litre drums
<b>Dekguard S</b>	:	20 litre drums
<b>Dekguard Filler</b>	:	19 litre drums
<b>Fosroc Solvent 102</b>	:	4 & 20 litre packs

### Coverage

<b>Dekguard Primer</b>	:	4.0 m <sup>2</sup> per litre (total)
<b>Dekguard Primer DG</b>	:	4.0 m <sup>2</sup> per litre (total)
<b>Dekguard S</b>	:	2.8 m <sup>2</sup> per litre (total)

The coverage figures given are theoretical - due to wastage factors and the variety and nature of possible substrates, practical coverage figures will be reduced.

## Storage

All products have a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry store in the original unopened packs. Store in cool, dry conditions, 10°C – 25°C away from sources of heat and naked flames, in the original unopened packs. If stored at high temperatures and/or high humidity conditions, the shelf life may be reduced.

## Precautions

### Health and safety

Dekguard Filler, Dekguard Primer, Dekguard Primer DG, Dekguard S and Fosroc Solvent 102 should not come in contact with skin and eyes, or be swallowed. Ensure adequate ventilation and avoid inhalation of vapours.

Some people are sensitive to resins, hardeners and solvents. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye protection. If working in confined areas, suitable respiratory protective equipment must be used. The use of barrier creams provides additional skin protection. In case of contact with skin, rinse with plenty of clean water, then cleanse with soap and water. Do not use solvent. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice. If swallowed, seek medical attention immediately - do not induce vomiting. For further information, refer to the Product Material Safety Data Sheet.

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## Fire

Dekguard Filler is non-flammable. Dekguard Primer, Dekguard Primer DG, Dekguard S and Fosroc Solvent 102 are flammable.

Keep away from sources of ignition. No smoking. In the event of fire, extinguish with CO<sub>2</sub> or foam. Do not use a water jet.

## Flash points

<b>Dekguard Primer</b>	:	38°C
<b>Dekguard Primer DG</b>	:	38°C
<b>Dekguard S</b>	:	42°C
<b>Fosroc Solvent 102</b>	:	33°C

## The Right Chemistry for Construction

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- Protective coatings
- Joint sealants
- Waterproofing
- Adhesives
- F.R.P Structural Strengthening
- Specific building products

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↑ See separate data sheet



### Important note

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