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## Tardigrade ECWT 250

Two Component, Water Based, Thixotropic, Epoxy Resin Coating

### Description of Product

Tardigrade ECWT 250, is a water based, two component, epoxy paint and coating, which can be applied to floors and the walls.

### Fields of Application

- On concrete and cement based mineral surfaces
- In hygienic areas such as hospitals, laboratories, industrial kitchens, food industry facilities
- Industrial areas exposed to normal and medium heavy load e.g. storage and assembly halls, maintenance workshops garages, loading ramps
- Pedestrian walkways, parking lots, hotels, and power plants

### Advantages

- It has vapor permeability and breathing ability
- Ultrahigh bond strength
- Solvent free and odorless
- Hygienic, easy to clean and maintain
- Moisture tolerant
- Easy application
- Resistant to mechanical loads, abrasion and chemicals

### Appearance

Mix (Part A +Part B): Ral Colors

\*Differences in color may occur under the influence of direct sunlight. This does not affect the physical and chemical resistance of the coatings.

### Packaging

Part A	: 16,25 kg. net	- Part B	: 8,75 kg. net
Total Set	: 25 kg. net	- Total Set	: 27,55 kg. gross
Part A	: 2,60 kg. net	- Part B	:1,40 kg. net
Total Set	: 4 kg. net	- Total Set	: 4,90 kg. gross

### Storage

Store in original sealed containers in dry environment at temperatures between +10°C and +30°C. Do not put excessive loads on top of the products, which would damage the packaging.

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### Shelf Life

Minimum 12 months from date of production if stored in original unopened containers. Once opened, product should be consumed within one week as it is stored under appropriate storage conditions.

### Chemical Structure

Part A: Epoxy Resin

Part B: Epoxy Hardener

### Technical Specifications

All technical values were calculated based on +23°C and 50% relative humidity. Temperature and humidity changes would change technical values.

### Tardigrade ECWT 250 Technical Data

Density	Mixed Resin: 1,40 kg/liter ( $\pm$ %3)
Viscosity	Mixed Resin: 5.000 – 10.000 mPa.s
Shore D Hardness	7 days: 75 - 85 (ASTM D2240-05)
Bond Strength	7 days : > 3 N/mm <sup>2</sup> (Concrete) (ASTM D7234)
Abrasion Strength	7 days: < 35 mg (CS 10/1000/1000) (ASTM D4060-14)
Duration of Use After Mixing	60 - 90 minutes
Total Curing time	7 days

### Preparation of Substrate

Concrete substrates must be sound and of sufficient compressive strength (minimum 25 N/mm<sup>2</sup>) with a minimum pull off strength of 2,0 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. The residual moisture content of the substrate must not exceed 6%, the substrate temperature should remain a minimum of +8°C and the temperature of the substrate must be at least +3°C above the current dew point temperature.

The substrate must be clean, dry and free of all contaminants such as dirt, oil, grease, coatings and surface treatments, etc. Capillary pores where in the concrete surface should be filled. Oil-contaminated substrates must be pre-cleaned with an emulsifying cleaning detergent in accordance with the supplier's instructions. Then the surface is cleaned using high-pressure water jetting. Excess water is removed from the surface by wet and dry vacuum cleaner.

Cleaned surface must be scraped with a suitable method either grinding, shot blasting or sanding and the surface must be roughed. After the mechanical cleaning, the dust layer should be swept with the help of industrial vacuum cleaners. If in doubt of the surface, apply a test area first. Do not apply on wet or frozen surfaces and surfaces with high humidity.

### Application Conditions

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During the application, ambient temperature should be between +8°C and +30°C. Relative Air Humidity should not exceed 80% and the substrate temperature should be between +10°C and +30°C. Substrate humidity should be maximum 6%. Substrate temperature must be at least +3°C above the current dew point temperature. The concrete floor should be primed using the appropriate Tardigrade primer material and ready for top coat application.

### Mixing

Make sure that the product temperatures are between +10°C and +30°C before starting the mixing procedure. Prior to mixing, stir part A with a mechanical drill and paddle at a very low speed. Add component B gradually into component A and mix till you reach a homogeneous consistency (Approximately 3 minutes). Pour the contents into a clean container and mix for another couple minutes. Please avoid mixing on high speed and do not add any solvent, etc. into the mixture during the application procedure.

### Application Procedure

With the above mentioned ideal surface and weather conditions;

Avoid application under excessive heat or wind, rain and/or when the ambient and/or substrate temperature is below +10°C or above +30°C. Heaters and dryers should be used to measure the ambient humidity and substrate temperature when necessary. It should not be applied on insufficient waterproof surfaces.

After the mixing procedure, Tardigrade ECWT 250 can be applied to a surface, which is already primed with appropriated Tardigrade primer, with short pile roller or airless spray equipment. If spray equipment used, use of preventive health and safety equipment is required. In order to ensure that material is spread evenly and to give a pattern the application should be completed by scanning with satin and/or textured roller before curing time is up.

Make sure that a continuous, pore free coat covers the substrate. Two coats of application should be done and waiting time between coats should not be more than 24 hours. If this time is exceeded, the surface must be roughened again before the second coat.

The surface brightness may vary with temperature and absorbency of the substrate. If done in enclosed areas, ensure that there is sufficient fresh air circulation to prevent curing problems. For exact color matching, ensure the Tardigrade ECWT 250 in each area is applied from the same control batch numbers.

Mixed product should be applied in max. 30 minutes in about +23°C. Waiting time between coats should be minimum 10 hours in +23°C and maximum 48 hours. If waited more than 48 hours, the surface should be grinded. The product would be completely cured in a minimum of 7 days to reach its maximum mechanical and chemical resistance. In case heating is needed, do not use gas, oil, paraffin or other fossil fuel heaters. Use only electric powered warm air blower system. Reaction times of resin based systems change depend on ambient conditions. The duration of the chemical reaction and the duration of the work also change accordingly. Therefore, this detail should be considered properly during application. Under lower temperatures reaction times are longer which increases pot life, coating interval and working time. After application, the material should be protected from direct contact with water for a minimum of 48 hours.

Within this period, contact with water can cause a surface carbonation and/or surface tackiness, both of which must be removed. In such cases, overall coating should be removed from the floor and renewed.

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To maintain the appearance of the floor after application, ECWT 250 must have all spillages removed immediately and must be regularly cleaned using rotary brush, mechanical scrubbers, scrubber dryer, high pressure washer, wash and vacuum techniques etc. using suitable detergents and waxes.

Epoxy and polyurethane flooring systems, should be performed by expert contractors and applicators.

### **Cleaning of Tools**

Clean all tools and application equipment with water or appropriate immediately after use. Hardened/cured material can only be mechanically removed.

### **Coverage**

Tardigrade ECWT 250 A + B mixture is used as the main coating material in coating systems and its consumption varies according to usage of it in the system. Please refer to the system recommendations for proper consumption quantities.

*\* Coverage increases as the viscosity gets higher at lower temperature.*

### **Health and Safety Information**

The following protective measures should be taken as per Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) regulations when working with the material. Safety gloves, goggles and protective clothing should be worn. Due to irritation effects of the uncured material, components should not come in contact with the skin, mouth or eyes.

In cases of contact the affected area should be washed with plenty of water and soap. If swallowed, seek medical attention immediately. Do not drink or eat at the application site. Keep out of reach of children. For detailed information please refer to the safety information form (safety data sheet).

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