

# ARMACRETE SDK



## DESCRIPTION

**ARMACRETE SDK** is a proprietary blend of silica (Si) polymers which penetrate concrete surfaces providing an increase in abrasion resistance and a reduction in the surface absorption of liquids.

The specially selected silicate polymers present in **ARMACRETE SDK** each play a unique role in densifying and sealing concrete.

They chemically react with calcium hydroxide (also known as portlandite) in the surface to produce calcium silicate hydrate (CSH) – the primary strength-providing portion of concrete paste resulting in improved resistance to carbonation, chemical attack, and ingress of moisture.

The ultimate result is a concrete floor that is exceptionally dense and liquid-repellent, which equals long-lasting protection and durability.

**ARMACRETE SDK** is water based. It generally dries tack free in 2 to 4 hours at 21C and 50% RH.

## PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

- Dustproofing
- Repair of rain damaged surfaces
- Repair/reinstatement of weak mortar
- Repair/restoration old, carbonated concrete
- Interior / exterior
- Warehouse /Commercial floors
- Manufacturing plants
- Residential garages and basements

## ADVANTAGES OF USE

- Reduces porosity, dustproofs, and increases hardness of the concrete surface
- Combines with the concrete becoming part of the matrix and lasts the lifetime of the substrate.

- Complies with GREEN STAR- OFFICE DESIGN V3 IEQ-13
- Resists penetration of oil and many chemicals
- Reduces the ingress of carbon dioxide and resulting carbonation (degradation of the substrate)
- Minimizes tyre marks and enables them to be more easily removed
- Equipment can be cleaned with water
- Can be applied to fresh, new, or existing concrete
- Will not blush
- Limited After Trades compatibility (though it may be possible to over tile or line mark #)
- Compatible with bond breakers for tilt-up projects.
- 'Cure' \* and seal capability

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Typical Performance

Drying Time:

Light Foot Traffic.....4-6 hours

Wheel Traffic.....24 hours

Shelf Life: 2 years in original, unopened package.

## APPEARANCE

**ARMACRETE SDK** is a clear liquid which dries transparent.

After placing, the color of the concrete may initially appear darker than the surrounding concrete.

As the sealer cures and dries out, the treated concrete will gradually increase in tightness with a subsequent increase in gloss.

If additional immediate gloss is desired, the floor may be dry buffed with a buffing pad after the sealer has cured for 24 hours.

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## COVERAGE

One litre of **ARMACRETE SDK** will cover 4-5 m<sup>2</sup> /litre of steel troweled surface depending on the porosity of that surface.

When **ARMACRETE SDK** is used as final treatment on a metallic or mineral aggregate hardened surface, the coverage may be greater than indicated above.

For other concrete floors coverage is still dependent upon the final surface texture.

## NEW CONCRETE

**ARMACRETE SDK** can be used for new concrete using TRADITIONAL CURING METHODS OR can be used at TIME OF POUR AS A 'CURING & DENSIFYING' COMPOUND.

The difference being **ARMACRETE SDK** MAY NOT accept after-trade procedures viz. tiles, carpet adhesives etc.

Individual testing of products should still be undertaken as we WILL NOT guarantee 3rd party supplied products.

## TIME OF POUR PROCEDURE

Surface Preparation : Finish the surface with equipment required to present necessary outcome, e.g. power screed, or broom etc.

Ensure during this process, the issue of plastic shrinkage is addressed by using A-Film an aliphatic alcohol, evaporation retarder by Surface Cure.

## APPLICATION

Apply **ARMACRETE SDK** as soon as practicable following the finishing operation, or as soon as the surface is firm enough to walk on, certainly prior to hairline and temperature cracking.

Apply **ARMACRETE SDK** at the suggested rate (5m<sup>2</sup>/L) by broom or low-pressure sprayer.

Application using a low pressure, high-volume pump that will dispense material at 250-500kPa and roughly 10 - 20 L per minute is recommended.

Keep the entire surface wet with **ARMACRETE SDK** for 30 minutes, working it into the concrete surface with a soft-bristled broom.

As the **ARMACRETE SDK** becomes slippery underfoot, lightly mist the surface with water.

As it again becomes slippery underfoot, thoroughly flush the entire surface with water and squeegee it completely dry to remove all surface alkali and/or **ARMACRETE SDK** residue.

On exterior broom-finished surfaces, no flushing is required, but any remaining **ARMACRETE SDK** must be squeegeed or broom-swept from the surface after 30 - 40 minutes.

Vacuum or squeegee to remove any excess material. Continue until the entire floor has been treated.

Once all excess **ARMACRETE SDK** has been removed, and the surface has dried (approximately 2 hours, but this time is not prescriptive, due to variation that can occur with relative humidity & temperatures on different sites.)

SURFACE CURE R can be applied if a curing agent compliant with AS 3799 is required.

Newly placed concrete requires the normal hardening period. Allow 4 weeks for proper curing before applying paint or covering.

When the owner is ready to take occupancy of the building, but before equipment is placed on the floor, an additional application of **ARMACRETE SDK** may be undertaken, however the removal of the curing agent must be undertaken prior to ensure success.

An additional coat of **ARMACRETE SDK** will increase the chemical and wear resistance of the concrete surface.

Soft-Cut Saw Joints-If the floor joints will be cut using the Soft-Cut saw method, treat the floor surface with **ARMACRETE SDK** (including flooding the joints) after the saw cutting operation.

The applicator should be sure the excess cement dust remaining after saw-cutting has been removed from the concrete surface prior to application of **ARMACRETE SDK**.

After the slab has cured the appropriate number of days, the joints may then be cleaned a final time and the joint filler applied.

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## EXISTING CONCRETE PROCEDURES

Surface Preparation-The concrete surface must be clean, dry, and free of any contaminant or coating, including curing compounds, grease, oil etc.

### APPLICATION (EXISTING SLAB)

Apply with a low-pressure sprayer or pour and brush with a soft bristle broom to saturate the entire surface with **ARMACRETE SDK**.

Keep the surface wet with the product for 30 minutes.

For best results **ARMACRETE SDK** should be applied and scrubbed in using mechanical scrubbers.

For smaller areas and along the perimeter of the slab, a bristle broom may be used.

The scrubbing action assists **ARMACRETE SDK** in penetrating the surface.

Keep the surface wet with **ARMACRETE SDK** at all times during the application process.

When the product thickens (but no more than 60 minutes after initial application) the surface should then be squeegeed on to the adjacent floor area next to be treated.

Continue until the entire floor area has been treated.

Vacuum to remove all excess liquid. The surface may be flushed with water to aid in removal of the excess material.

The surface can be used as soon as it is again dry to the touch and the application is complete.

Allow 3 - 7 days before applying paint or coverings.

## CLEAN-UP

Clean brooms, tools and all equipment and sprayers with potable water immediately after use.

The residue from application and clean-up process is non-toxic.

## LIMITATIONS

Allow the product to dry a minimum of 4-6 hours before exposure to traffic.

- Protect **ARMACRETE SDK** from freezing. In the event of freezing, thaw and stir or agitate before using.
- Do not leave any **ARMACRETE SDK** residue on the treated concrete surface. Excess hardened material must be removed with a grinder.
- **ARMACRETE SDK** is not recommended for use as a curing compound. It does not meet the requirements of ASTM C-309, ASTM C-1315 or AS 3799. (Use SURFACE CURE R for this requirement)
- Protect metals, glass, wood, paint or brick from contact with **ARMACRETE SDK** if accidentally over sprayed, wash surface with potable water IMMEDIATELY.

## FIRST AID, SAFETY & STORAGE

Refer to Material Safety Data sheet

## PACKS

5L, 20L, 200L, 1000L

\* Does not conform to AS3799. A 'Curing Agent' can be any system that assists the curing of concrete so that the water content retained in the slab is higher than an untreated slab.

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