

PRODUCT:**ARMADILLO K (Formely Armadillo WL)****DESCRIPTION:**

ARMADILLO K sealer 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 **ARMADILLO K** 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.

ARMADILLO K is water based. It generally dries tack free in 2 to 4 hours at 21°C and 50% RH.

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

- Dust-proofing
- 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:**

ARMADILLO K 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.

COVERAGE:

One litre of **ARMADILLO K** will cover 4-5 m² /litre of steel trowelled surface depending on the porosity of that surface. When **ARMADILLO K** 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:**

ARMADILLO K can be used for new concrete using TRADITIONAL CURING METHODS OR can be used at TIME OF POUR AS A 'CURING & DENSIFYING' COMPOUND, similar to ARMADILLO D. The difference being ARMADILLO K MAY NOT accept after trades 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:

APPLICATION:

Surface Preparation : Finish the surface with equipment required to present necessary outcome, eg 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 **Chemical House®**.

Apply **ARMADILLO K** 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 **ARMADILLO K** at the suggested rate (5m²/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 **ARMADILLO K** for 30 minutes, working it into the concrete surface with a soft-bristled broom.

As the **ARMADILLO K** 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 **ARMADILLO K** residue.

On exterior broom-finished surfaces, no flushing is required, but any remaining **ARMADILLO K** 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 **ARMADILLO K** 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 **ARMADILLO K** may be undertaken, **however the removal of the curing agent must be undertaken prior to ensure success.**

An additional coat of **ARMADILLO K** 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 **ARMADILLO K** (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 **ARMADILLO K**.

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

EXISTING CONCRETE PROCEDURES:

**APPLICATION
(EXISTING SLAB)**

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

Apply with a low pressure sprayer or pour and brush with a soft bristle broom to saturate the entire surface with **ARMADILLO K**. Keep the surface wet with the product for 30 minutes. For best results **ARMADILLO K** 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 **ARMADILLO K** in penetrating the surface. Keep the surface wet with **ARMADILLO K** 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 **ARMADILLO K** from freezing. In the event of freezing, thaw and stir or agitate before using.
- Do not leave any **ARMADILLO K** residue on the treated concrete surface. Excess hardened material must be removed with a grinder.
- **ARMADILLO K** 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 **ARMADILLO K** if accidentally oversprayed, wash surface with potable water **IMMEDIATELY**.

FIRST AID:

For Advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre (Phone Australia 131126: New Zealand 03 4747000 or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting.

If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre, or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water.

STORAGE:

Not classified as a dangerous substance for purpose of transport. Not to be loaded with dangerous when wet substances (Class 4.3), Oxidising Agents (Class 5), or Foodstuffs. Keep containers cool and closed.

INCOMPATIBLE WITH

Class 4.3, Class 5, and Acids. Corrodes Aluminum, copper, brass, bronze, zincs, tin & their alloys. Will also slowly absorb carbon dioxide, forming an insoluble white gelatinous precipitate of silica. Will gel with acids.

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.

Always do a test patch prior to proceeding.

DISCLAIMER:

This Product Data Sheet (PDS) summarises our best knowledge of the product, including how to use and apply the product based on the information available at the time. You should read this PDS carefully and consider the information in the context of how the product will be used, including in conjunction with any other product and the type of surfaces to, and the manner in which, the product will be applied. Our responsibility for products sold is subject to our standard terms and conditions of sale. Chemical House does not accept any liability either directly or indirectly for any losses suffered in connection with the use or application of the product whether or not in accordance with any advice, specification, recommendation or information given by it.

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