

Crystalline Waterproofing

- in-depth waterproofing and protection slurry
- permanent active
- applied to pressure or non-pressure concrete face
- approved for drinking water structures
- grey or white

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

VANDEX SUPER is a cementitious, ready-mixed, in-depth waterproofer.

VANDEX SUPER and VANDEX SUPER WHITE are of a similar nature. Whereas VANDEX SUPER is based on grey Portland cement, VANDEX SUPER WHITE uses white cement as binding agent. All technical information of VANDEX SUPER applies also for VANDEX SUPER WHITE except for colour and setting time.

AREAS OF APPLICATION

- substrate: concrete
- active or passive waterproofing and protection against water and moisture
- foundations, slabs, retaining walls, drinking water structures, construction joints, sewage treatment plants, swimming pools, backfilled structural elements, etc.

PROPERTIES

It consists of grey or white Portland cement, specially treated quartz sand and a compound of active chemicals. When VANDEX SUPER is applied to a concrete surface the active chemicals combine with the free lime and moisture present in the capillary tract, to form insoluble crystalline complexes. These crystals block the capillaries and minor shrinkage cracks in the concrete to prevent any further water ingress (even under pressure). However, the Vandex layer will still allow the passage of water vapour through the structure (i.e. the concrete will still be able to "breathe"). In addition to waterproofing the structure, VANDEX SUPER protects concrete against sea water, waste water, aggressive ground water and certain chemical solutions. VANDEX SUPER is approved for use in contact with potable water, and is therefore suitable for the treatment of water storage tanks, reservoirs, water towers, etc.

SURFACE PREPARATION

The substrate to be treated must be sound and even, open-pored, roughened and its surface free from voids, large cracks (> 0.3 mm) or ridges. Any adhesion reducing substances like bitumen, oil, grease, remains of paint or laitance have to be removed by suitable means.

Water leaks must be stopped in accordance with the VANDEX PLUG specification.

Thoroughly moisten the substrate, it must be damp but not wet at the time of application. Any surface water on horizontal surfaces must be removed.

MIXING

Mix by volume 5 parts of VANDEX SUPER with approx. 2 parts of tap water (25 kg + approx. 7–8.5 litres) in a clean container for at least 3 minutes to a lump-free, homogeneous consistency of thick oil paint. Use a mechanical mixer.

APPLICATION

Do not apply at temperatures below +5 °C or to a frozen substrate.

VANDEX SUPER is applied with brush, suitable spray equipment or by dry sprinkling.

Brush application

Ensure that all cavities in the substrate are filled. Crosswise application: vertically bottom-up, then horizontally.

Spray application

VANDEX SUPER can be applied with a suitable fine mortar spraying device. For maximum spray pattern it should be possible to adjust volume of product as well as air pressure and volume. The nozzle diameter is approx. 4 mm. The first layer of Vandex is applied in circular motion with the spray nozzle held at a 90° angle to the substrate. The final layer can be left as a spray finish or treated to a specified finish.

Apply subsequent coat whilst previous coat is still damp at the surface. The waiting time before applying the following coat depends on local climate conditions such as humidity, temperature, etc. The previous coat must not be damaged during application of the following coat.

To maintain workability of the material do not add water, simply re-stir the mixture.

Dry sprinkle and power trowel application

The concrete is poured, vibrated and screeded as usual. When the concrete to be treated starts to reach initial set, the specified amount of VANDEX SUPER is dry-distributed by hand using a sieve (mesh size of 1 mm) or suitable spreader on to the concrete surface. The powder is then trowelled into the substrate until coverage is uniform and the specific finish is achieved.

CURING

Keep damp for at least 5 days and provide suitable protection against extreme weather conditions (e.g. sun, wind, frost) while setting. The freshly treated surface should be protected from rain for a minimum period of 24 h. In closed spaces and deep pits, suitable air circulation should be provided for 24 hours following the VANDEX SUPER treatment.

BACKFILLING

Backfilling can be carried out 3 days after completion of the Vandex treatment.

PLASTERING/COATING

Surfaces treated with Vandex products which are to be coated or painted should be left to cure for at least 28 days.

At the end of the curing period, prior to the application of coatings or paints, the surfaces should be saturated with water and neutralised with diluted hydrochloric acid (1:8 / approx. 3.5%). Observe precautionary measures! Following this, the area must be thoroughly rinsed with water.

When a plaster of render finish is required on top of a Vandex treatment it is essential to apply a rough cast of sand and cement on the final Vandex coat while it is still tacky. On hardened Vandex surfaces apply an appropriate bonding agent before rendering.

Coatings on top of a Vandex treatment have to be alkali resistant. Decorative coatings applied on the passive water pressure side are recommended to be water vapour permeable.

FILLING OF WATER RETAINING STRUCTURES

Filling can take place when the surface treatment has hardened sufficiently, usually not less than 14 days after application. However, if earlier filling is specifically required, filling may be considered after not less than 7 days, provided the surface is thoroughly checked for hardness. A careful cleaning and disinfection prior to the first operation is essential. Observe national laws and regulations.

PACKAGING

25 kg PE-lined paper bag

STORAGE

When stored in a dry place in unopened, undamaged original packaging, shelf life is 12 months.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

VANDEX SUPER / SUPER WHITE contains cement. Irritating to skin. Risk of serious damage to eyes. – Keep out of reach of children. Do not breathe dust. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. – For further information please refer to Material Safety Data Sheet on www.vandex.com

CONSUMPTION

STRUCTURAL ELEMENT	TYPE OF IMPACT	CONSUMPTION
Concrete slab	positive or negative water pressure	1.2 kg/m ²
Concrete slab	moisture / no water pressure	0.8 kg/m ²
Concrete walls	positive or negative water pressure	1.5 kg/m ²
Construction joints (horizontal and/or vertical)	water pressure	1.5 kg/m ²

For details please refer to specifications.

TECHNICAL DATA	SUPER	SUPER WHITE
Appearance	grey powder. VANDEX SUPER is not a decorative material.	white powder. VANDEX SUPER WHITE is not a decorative material.
Colour	cement grey	white
Workability at 20 °C [min]	approx. 30	approx. 30
Setting time at 20 °C [h]	1–2	2–3

All data are averages of several tests under laboratory conditions. In practice, climatic variations such as temperature, humidity, and porosity of substrate may affect these values.

The information contained herein is based on our long-term experience and the best of our knowledge. We can, however, make no guarantee since for a successful outcome, all circumstances in an individual case must be taken into consideration. Indications of quantities required are only averages which in certain cases might be greater.

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