

Monolithic fresh concrete surface hardener

USES

RIPOXON concrete surface hardener which gives the finished concrete surface high abrasion resistance. It is economical to use. Bonds monolithically with the surface of the fresh concrete.

ADVANTAGES

- Supplied ready to use
- Easy and economical to apply
- Contains special silicate group of aggregate which gives the finished surface high abrasion resistance.

AGGREGATE CHARACTERISTICS

Table 1.0

Aggregate type	Hardness (Mohs)
Special silicate group of aggregates	5-7.0 Mohs

DESCRIPTION

RIPOXON, dry shake hardener, produced by METOP LTD.(TURKEY) and RIPOMET EMIRATES(DUBAI) under the license of RIPOX GmbH (SWITZERLAND). Contains very special and new chemical additives which gives it extra high bonding characteristics and wear resistance. It is a factory blended, quality controlled, ready to use hardener in powder form.

It consists of special silicate group of aggregates as well as high quality cement and the very special additives.

COLOR

Dark gray, Brick red, Green

DESIGN CRITERIA

Base concrete :

The quality of the base concrete is important and will effect the final finished surface. High quality concrete mixture must be used with a minimum 250-350 kg/m³ cement content. The water cement ratio and The concrete mix are very important too because excessive bleeding and segregation are not desirable and must be brought down to minimum level. Depending on the weather conditions, the water/cement ratio, slump can vary between 60-120mm.

RIPOXON is a dry shake hardener therefore some moisture from the surface of the concrete is necessary to wet the powder. If there is any excess bleed water on the surface then it should be removed before applying **RIPOXON**.

PROPERTIES

Abrasion resistance

RIPOXON has high abrasion resistance. It has been tested as described in **ASTM D 4060-90** and in **Böhme test** and **TS 699**.the tests gave an improved abrasion resistance of over 200-250 %.

Table 2.0 of the abrasion resistance of **RIPOXON** coatings

Type of coating	Average abrasion resistance Böhme test (TS 699) (cm ³ / 50 cm ²)
RIPOXON	2.5-3.0

Aggregate specific gravity

The specific gravity of the aggregate is 2.98

Compressive strength

The typical 28 day compressive strength of **RIPOXON** is 50-60 N/mm².

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

-Site preparation

* Finish all necessary soil compaction and floor preparation work before placing the concrete.

* Sub grade must be well drained and must be graded in uniform thickness to create uniform load bearing characteristics and eventually reduce cracks

- Concrete placement

* Protect the working area from wind and direct sunlight. Preferably finish concreting work, after finishing roofing and wall construction.

* The concrete forms must be positioned in their correct positions before placing the Concrete, taking into consideration joint locations such as control and construction joints.

* Always use good quality concrete mix suitable for industrial floors and prepared according to internationally accepted standards.

* Thickness of the placed fresh concrete should not be less than 10cm especially in industrial floors.

* Discharge the concrete directly from the concrete mixer truck. Deposit concrete uniformly in front of the vibrating screed.

* The grade behind the screed must be checked frequently over vibration must be avoided to stop excess fine material from coming to the surface.

* The surface is then bull floated with wood or magnesium floats.

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- Color hardener application

*When no bleed water remains on the surface of the concrete and the concrete is firm enough so that an imprint of 1.5-2 cm is made by the weight of a person. Then apply the specified amount of RIPOXON dry shake hardener (as shown in table 3) spread evenly (the amount depends on outdoor or indoor use and the amount of traffic on the floor). **RIPOXON** is sprinkled on the surface and spread using a squeegee. Minimum 6 kg/m² is recommended for industrial floors. 3-5 kg/m² for pedestrian traffic but this coverage is not recommended for long lasting use.

For 10 kg/m² and more the aggregate design and the application system must be changed. If such an application is chosen then please contact our office for application and type of **RIPOXON** hardener to be used.

Always comply with our company application instruction details.

CLEANING

All tools should be washed with water after use.

CURING

-100-200 g/m² **METOCURE** curing agent should be applied to the dry clean concrete surface.

-**METOCURE** has the advantage of preventing initial water loss from the concrete surface and eventually result in better quality and higher strength concrete. Bleeding water should not be present on the surface of the concrete during the application of **METOCURE** curing agent.

STORAGE:

- Store in a dry, non humid area,
- No more than five bags should be stacked on top of each other,
- For cement based hardeners, preferably use in 6 months from production date and if properly stored this period can be as long as 1 year.

COVERAGE :

6-20 kg/m² can be used in industrial floors.

Table 3.0

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Coverage Minimum requirement for industrial purposes is 6-7 kg/m ² . Approximately 1mm thickness is achieved for each 2 kg/m ² of hardener	Very Light traffic (pedestrian traffic) min 3 -5 Kg./m ²
	Light traffic min5 -6 Kg./m ²
	Medium traffic min7-9 Kg./m ²
	Heavy traffic min 10-20 Kg./m ² (used under special conditions) (special mix mortar design is used)

CAUTION:

Fire

RIPOXON is not flammable.

Health and safety

*It is cementitious material so do not use on floors subject to acids and other corrosive chemicals,

*Avoid inhalation of dust while sprinkling the dry shake hardener on the surface by hand.

*These application systems are for normal weather condition in very hot or very cold weather this system the concrete mixing and curing must be modified accordingly

***RIPOXON** is a cementitious material and becomes alkaline when mixed with water therefore avoid contact with skin it can be harmful and wash thoroughly with water.

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