

MasterTop[®] 528

Commercial grade self smoothing cementitious floor underlayment

DESCRIPTION

MasterTop 528 is a self-smoothing, cementitious, non-structural, floor underlayment for use over poured in-situ and precast concrete floors which will be covered by resin overlays, carpet, vinyl, ceramic tiles or natural stone. Only water needs to be added on site to obtain the desired consistency for pumping or manual installation.

MasterTop 528 is applied at thickness from 2mm-30mm.

RECOMMENDED FOR

- Finishing rough undulating floors
- Levelling up floors
- Refurbishing old floors

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Highly fluid and pumpable for fast installation
- Rapid strength gain for fast installation of floor coverings
- Low installed cost
- Ready for foot traffic after 3-4 hours
- Return to service in 24 hours
- Suitable for most carpet and tile adhesives

PACKAGING

MasterTop 528 is available in 25kg bags.

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA EN 13813 CT*

Compressive Strength	EN 13892-2:2002	C20
Flexural Strength		F4
Bond Strength	EN 13892 -8:2002	B1
Setting Time	EN 13454-2:2003	70-100 mins
Shrinkage & Swelling	EN 13454-2:2003	< 0.3mm/m
Density		2.060 Kg/l
Foot traffic @23°C 50% RH		3 hours

APPLICATION DEADLINES

SUBSTRATE CONDITION

Substrate must be clean and free of oil, sealers, curing compounds, paint, polymer coatings, dust or other foreign (contaminating) matter.

Remove all weak or broken pieces of concrete. If necessary, employ mechanical cleaning methods and equipment. If sealers, paint, polymer coatings or curing compounds are present on concrete substrate, remove with mechanical shotblasting equipment.

MasterTop 528 is best applied where the application temperature is between 5°C and 35°C. Outside this range, please refer to your local BASF Construction Chemicals Technical Representative.

Voids and cracks (water pipes, holes, drainage pipes etc) should be filled to prevent seepage through to lower levels. Consult with your local BASF Construction Chemicals Technical Representative for product recommendations. Note: Joints should always be cut in toppings directly above those in the base slab to avoid random cracking.

PRIMING

The substrate shall be saturated with PCI PRIMER GISOGRUND mixed with water 1:1. Use at least 0.2 litres (approx.) of the primer for the initial priming. Allow to dry until a transparent film has been formed. Absorbent / porous substrates should be primed twice. The second coat shall be approx. 0.07 litres / m² (ratio 1:1 with water). Apply neat PCI PRIMER GISOGRUND on moisture sensitive substrates and PCI EPOXY PRIMER VG7 with PCI PRIMER VG2 where moisture barriers are required.

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MIXING

Mechanical mixing is required for **MasterTop 528**. For small areas, a slow speed stirrer of not more than 600 rpm fitted with a helical paddle, is suitable. Mixing time is 3 minutes.

Place the required quantity of water into the mixing vessel. Whilst mixing, slowly add the powder to the water within 2 minutes then mix for a further 1 minute. Allow mixed **MasterTop 528** to stand for 3 minutes and then remix for 1 minute prior to application. Use chilled water at high temperatures for longer application time.

For improved efficiency and continuous production of **MasterTop 528**, it is recommended to use at least two mixing buckets.

For larger jobs, the use of a mechanical mixer/pump unit is recommended. Refer to your local BASF Construction Chemicals Technical Representative for suitable machines.

METHOD OF USE

Pour mixture over substrate or pump through a suitable pump to desired thickness.

Whether pouring from a mixing vessel or using a mechanical mixer with an application hose, the discharge point should be approximately 200mm from the floor to prevent splashing and air entrapment.

Progress should be steady and even. Application should take place continuously into the preceding wet material to ensure even thickness and flow. Do not make new edges and 'fill in' the middle.

The fresh wet topping can be rolled immediately with a suitable long spiked roller to release all air retained within the underlayment. Do not roll material that has been applied for more than 2-3 minutes.

Maximum thickness should be 30mm. If a greater thickness is required please consult a BASF Technical Representative.

CURING

MasterTop 528 is self-curing, but as with all cementitious products in hot weather, take adequate measures to protect it from exposure to direct sunlight and hot winds. DO NOT use water spray or liquid membrane curing compounds as these may affect the surface texture or prevent bonding of subsequent adhesives used with floor coverings.

COVERAGE

A 25kg bag of **MasterTop 528** mixed with 5.5 litres of water will yield approx. 15 litres of mixed product.

CONSUMPTION

1.69kg powder per m² per mm thickness.

CLEANING

Tools should be cleaned with water before the material hardens. Hardened material will need to be mechanically removed.

SHELF LIFE

MasterTop 528 can be stored in tightly sealed original bags for 6 months if kept dry and at a moderate temperature.

PRECAUTIONS

MasterTop 528 is not toxic, but as with other products containing cement it has an alkaline nature and thus can be irritating to skin and eyes. Wear simple dust masks and gloves when handling. Keep out of reach of children. Wash off splashes of material with clean water. If irritation persists, seek medical advice.

Refer to Material Safety Data Sheet for further information.

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NOTE

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