



Expanfloor* FC145

High build, solvent based epoxy resin floor coating

Uses

To provide a durable, easily cleaned, high build floor finish in areas where a hard wearing, high resistance to chemical attack is required. It is particularly suitable in areas where a thicker coating is required, such as:

- Production assembly areas
- Workshops
- Power house
- Soft drinks production and bottling plants
- Kitchens, and Dairies
- Showrooms
- Car Parks

Advantages

- Very hard wearing - durable, low maintenance costs.
- High resistance of a wide range of industrial chemicals.
- Hygienic - impervious finish provides easily cleaned surface.
- Attractive - available in a range of colours to improve the working environment.

Description

Expanfloor* FC145 is a two-component high solid solvent based, epoxy resin coating system supplied in pre-weighed packs ready for on-site mixing and use.

The cured film forms a hard but flexible coating with excellent adhesion to clean concrete, sand/cement and granolithic screeds, and certain metal surfaces. It cures to a semi-gloss, impervious finish which is easily cleaned.

The product is available in a range of standard colours and is also available in a clear grade.

Technical support

Expanchem Fospak offers a comprehensive range of high performance, high quality flooring, jointing and repair products for both new and existing floor surfaces. In addition, the company offers a technical support service to specifiers, end users and contractors. It is also able to offer on-site technical assistance, an AutoCAD facility and dedicated specification assistance in locations all over the world.

Design criteria

Expanfloor* FC145 is designed for application in two coats to achieve a total dry film thickness of 200-300 microns.

Substrates should be dry and not suffer, or be likely to suffer, from rising damp. If necessary, suitable damp-proof membranes should be installed to prevent this. Substrates should not have a relative humidity greater than 75% at the time of installation.

Chemical properties

Expanfloor* FC145 is resistant to a wide range of chemicals. Few of them are listed below. Specific data will be available upon request.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Sodium hydroxide 25% | : | Resistant |
| Citric Acid 10% | : | Resistant |
| Hydrochloric Acid (10%) | : | Resistant |
| Lactic Acid (10%) | : | Resistant |
| Phosphoric acid 10% | : | Resistant |
| Petrol | : | Resistant |
| Engine Oil | : | Resistant |
| Sulphuric Acid (10%) | : | Resistant |

Note: Colour change may occur but no change in protective performance.

Properties

The values given below are average figures achieved in laboratory tests at 25°C and 35°C. Actual values obtained on site may show minor variations from those quoted.

| | @ 20°C | @ 35°C |
|---|---------------|----------|
| Pot life* | : 3 hrs | 1.5 hrs |
| Time between coats | : 12-24 hrs | 6-12 hrs |
| Initial hardness | : 30 hrs | 16 hrs |
| Full cure | : 10 days | 7 days |
| Wet film thickness (per single coat) | : 250 microns | |
| Total dry film thickness (2 coats) | : 300 microns | |

Note: After the pot life has expired, the material, although not hardened, increases in viscosity and the characteristics of the product change. Excess material should be discarded after this point.



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Specification

Epoxy floor coating

The floor coating shall be Expanfloor* FC145, a two-component solvent based epoxy suitable for application by spray, brush or lamb wool roller. The coating shall be applied in two coats to achieve a total dry film thickness of 250 microns.

Instructions for use

Surface preparation

It is essential that Expanfloor* FC145 is applied to sound, clean, dry substrates in order to achieve maximum adhesion between the floor coating and substrate. Because Expanfloor* FC145 is a relatively thin coating, the substrate must be fine textured. Any surface irregularities may show through causing excessive wear on high spots and changing the perceived colour of the coating.

New concrete floors

These should normally have been placed for at least 28 days and have a moisture content of less than 5%. Floors should be sound and free from contamination such as oil and grease, mortar and paint splashes or curing compound residues. Excessive laitance can be removed by the use of mechanical methods. Dust and other debris should then be removed by vacuum cleaning.

Old concrete floors

A sound, clean substrate is essential to achieve maximum adhesion. As for new concrete floors dry removal of laitance by use of mechanical methods is preferable. Oil and grease penetration should be removed by the use of a proprietary chemical degreaser or by hot compressed air treatment. Any damaged areas or surface irregularities should be repaired using one of the Expanmortar* range of products.

Steel substrates

Steel substrates should be grit blasted to surface quality SA 2½ (BS 4232: Second Quality) and primed with a single coat of Expanprime* 28.

Epoxy screeds

Expanfloor* FC145 can be applied to Expanchem epoxy resin screeds. High spots or trowel marks should be rubbed down and dust and other debris removed by vacuum cleaning.

Mixing

The base and hardener components of Expanfloor* FC145 should be thoroughly stirred before the two are mixed together.

The entire contents of the hardener container should be poured into the base container and the two materials mixed thoroughly for at least 3 minutes. The use of a heavy-duty slow speed, flameproof or air driven drill fitted with a Mixing Paddle is desirable. Mix these components in the quantities supplied taking care to ensure all containers are scraped clean. Do not add solvent thinners at any time.

Maintenance

The service life of a floor can be considerably extended by good housekeeping practices. Regular cleaning of Expanfloor* FC145 may be carried out using a rotary scrubbing machine with a water miscible cleaning agent or by hot water washing at temperatures up to 35°C.

Cleaning

Expanfloor* FC145 should be removed from tools and equipment with Expanchem Solvent 102 immediately after use. Hardened material can only be removed mechanically.

Limitations

Expanfloor* FC145 should not be applied onto surfaces known to or are likely to suffer from rising dampness or have a relative humidity greater than 75% as measured in accordance with BS 8203 Appendix A or by a Hammond concrete/mortar moisture tester type COCO.

Expanchem does not recommend acid etching as a method of floor preparation. If used, the method should be approved by the project consultant.

The durability of Expanfloor* FC145 in foot traffic areas is reduced in areas of very heavy traffic such as around work benches, drinks machines etc. It is advisable to either:-

- Specify additional coats in such areas or,
- Specify a higher build system such as Expanfloor* FC150 in such areas.



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Expanfloor* FC145 should not be applied to asphalt floors or PVC tiles or sheet. In common with all epoxy materials some slight shade changes may be experienced over the long term when placed in adverse exposure conditions. Any such change in shade is not regarded as being detrimental to performance.

Expanfloor* FC145 should not be installed at temperatures below 5°C.

Estimating

Supply

Expanfloor* FC145 : 2.50 or 5.00 Kg. Packs

Expanprime 28 : 1 and 2.50 Kg. packs

Expanchem Solvent 102 : 5 liter tins

Coverage

Expanfloor* FC145 : 6 m² / Kg. @
250 microns wft per coat
(2 coat application
recommended)

Expanprime* 28 : 6 – 8 m² / Kg.

Note: Coverage figures given are theoretical - due to wastage factors and the variety and nature of substrates, practical coverage figures may be reduced, this will vary with site and application conditions.

Storage

Shelf life

Expanfloor* FC145, Expanprime* 28 and Expanchem Solvent 102 have a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry store between 5°C and 30°C in the original, unopened packs.

Storage conditions

All products should be stored in accordance with local regulations.

Precautions

Health and safety

Expanfloor* FC145, Expanprime 28 and Expanchem Solvent 102 should not come into contact with skin and eyes or be swallowed. Ensure adequate ventilation and avoid inhalation of vapours. Some people are sensitive to resins, hardeners and solvents. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, and eye protection.

If working in confined areas, suitable respiratory protective equipment must be used. The use of barrier creams provides additional skin protection. In case of contact with skin, rinse with plenty of clean water, then clean with soap and water. Do not use solvent. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice. If swallowed, seek medical attention immediately - **do not** induce vomiting.

Fire

Expanfloor* FC145 and Expanprime 28 are flammable. Keep away from sources of ignition. No smoking. In the event of fire, extinguish with CO₂ or foam. Do not use a water jet.

Flash points

Expanfloor* FC145 : 23°C

Expanprime 28 : 25°C

Expanchem Solvent 102 : 33°C

Disposal

Spillages of component products should be absorbed onto earth, sand or other inert material and transferred to a suitable vessel. Disposal of such spillages or empty packaging should be in accordance with local waste disposal authority regulations. For further information, refer to the Product Material Safety Data Sheet.



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