

Rhinamel®

Surface Preparation

- **Steel** surfaces must be degreased, then subjected to abrasive blasting (to AS 1627.4 Class 2½) or abrasion with a suitable power cleaning tool (e.g. disc sander). Apply Rhinamel® before flash rusting occurs.
- **Concrete** must be cured for a minimum of 28 days. Remove all traces of curing membrane, release agents, oil and grease. Acid etch with a 10% solution of Phosphoric Acid or Hydrochloric Acid in water. (Alternatively, shotblast or diamond grind to remove surface laitance) Allow concrete to dry thoroughly, then seal with one coat of Rhinamel® Clear Sealer, or pre-thinned Rhinamel® colour – Refer technical department for further information. (Moisture content not higher than 5.5%).
- **Timber** Sand wood with medium paper and dust off. Be sure wood is clean and dry. (Moisture content not higher than 8-10%)
- **Note** 'Acid-etching' is not a suitable preparation technique for concrete substrates suspected of being pre-treated with 'Densifier' or 'Penetrating Sealer' type products. Preparation via mechanical abrasion of the substrate must be performed prior to application (ie. Scabbling / Shot-blasting / Diamond-grinding) to permit maximum adhesion characteristics of the system as specified. Please refer Wagon Paints Technical Department for further information.

Mixing recommendation

- Mix only the quantity required for the job
- Mix Pack A with Pack B in the ratio 3:1 (by volume)
- Stir thoroughly with a broad paddle or low-speed mechanical mixer (350 RPM) to ensure even mixing
- Allow mixture to stand for 10 minutes in warm conditions, and up to 30 minutes in cool conditions, prior to application. Then, gently re-stir the mix after standing prior to applying to floor.
- Thin up to 15% by volume with Wagon Paints T3 Epoxy Thinner (see Application directions), and stir as above
- NOTE: Over-thinning may cause foaming / bubbling of film when applied
- NOTE: An epoxy accelerator is also available for use in the Rhinamel floor coating system. Please note that these epoxy accelerators are only to be used in the cooler months of the year. The use of these epoxy accelerators may also cause some darkening / yellowing, and a reduction in gloss level, in some colours / shades. When curing under conditions of low temperatures and / or high humidity, exposure to water may cause the surface of the cured epoxy to discolour (Whiten). This water sensitivity may eventually disappear, dependant on ambient conditions. The use of the Rhinamel epoxy accelerator in conjunction with the Rhinamel Pack B may attenuate this "Water-spotting" issue, but can only be used in suitable conditions, or as per recommendation of Wagon Paints Technical department. The use of the Rhinamel epoxy accelerator in conjunction with the Rhinamel Pack B may still not fully attenuate "Water-spotting" issues when applied in very cold conditions (Eg. Winter). Therefore, we highly recommended that Rhinofloor Polyurethane topcoats, (such as Rhinofloor T Rollgrade or Rhinofloor AG or Transurethane Finish HB 3.44 F/G) be applied to the specified Rhinamel system, to eliminate the likelihood of the "Water-spotting" phenomena. Please refer Wagon Paints Technical Department for further information.

Application

- May be applied using roller, airless or conventional air spray equipment (Refer OH&S requirements)
- Small areas may be coated by brush
- Excessive "Back-rolling", overthinning and ambient temperature may influence foaming / bubbling of film
- Freshly applied coatings should be protected from chemicals, liquids, fluids, oils, solvents, thinners, damp, condensation and water for at least 7 days @ 25°C. Please refer Wagon Paints Technical Department for further information.
- **Roller** nap size.....5 – 15 mm (Microfibre - Applicator preference)
 volume of thinner.....Up to 15% (On first coat to aid penetration into substrate)
- **Airless Spray** nozzle size.....0.33 - 0.38 mm
 nozzle pressure.....2800 - 4000 psi (19 - 27mPa)
 volume of thinner.....up to 10%
- **Air Spray** nozzle size.....1.8 - 2.2 mm
 nozzle pressure.....45 - 60 psi (300 - 400kPa)
 volume of thinner.....10 - 20%
- **No. of Coats**.....Two
- **Cleaning solvent** T3 Epoxy Thinner

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Safety precautions

- Refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for Pack A and Pack B
- Contents are flammable – keep away from all ignition sources
- Avoid contact with skin and eyes – when mixing, wear gloves and goggles
- When spraying, ensure adequate ventilation and wear appropriate protective clothing and equipment

Pack A	Packaging Group III	UN No. 1263
Pack B	Packaging Group III	UN No. 1263

Pack sizes

Pack size	4 litre kit*	20 litre kit*
Pack A	3 litre	15 litre
Pack B	1 litre	5 litre

*Colour availability may be subject to minimum order requirement

Maintenance

The service life of a floor will be considerably extended if good housekeeping practices are followed. Regular cleaning of “Rhinamel” can be carried out using a mop, brush, or automatic rotary buffing / scrubbing machine, in unison with a mild alkaline detergent. Please refer Wagon Paints Technical Department for further information.

Anti-slip Characteristics

If specification / contract document states that a floor must conform to a particular Australian Standard for slip resistance, then an aggregate must be added into the Rhinofloor flooring system to impart the required non-slip rating. Please refer to Wagon Paints technical department for further information.

Wagon Paints Australia, incorporating Rhinofloor Coatings, does not warrant the “Anti-slip” performance of the coating system(s), with or without aggregate, as this characteristic is out of our control. It is up to the applicator / contractor / purchaser to satisfy any “Anti-slip” regulations or standards required if applied to areas which may be hazardous to pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

The ‘Rhinofloor’ floor-coating range has been designed / manufactured primarily to protect the concrete substrate. Please be aware that scratching, marring, colour-fading, gloss reduction, etc, will be evident, with the rate of film attack directly related to service conditions within the areas that these coatings have been applied. Wagon Paints, incorporating Rhinofloor Coatings, take no responsibility for film attack as mentioned, as these issues are a known fact inherent to all industrial epoxy and polyurethane floor coatings.

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