

Chemind Waterproofing News Bulletin

Waterproofing in Summer

Hotter months can bring added problems with installation & treatment by sub-trades of Chemind waterproofing systems. We highlight some of these issues below.

- Primers and topcoats dry/cure more quickly.
- Liquid membranes, particularly water based materials, may skin over or dry very quickly.
- Installation process may be disrupted.
- Access to sub-trades may be delayed.
- Pot-life and working time of two-part products and mixed ceramic tile adhesives is shorter.
- Damage can be caused by summer storms.

To minimise application problems and site issues, we recommend the following:

- For water based products, in hot or windy conditions, add up to 10% clean water to aid application. This is particularly for primers and to reduce over-lap shear “roughness” on high-build coatings.
- Avoid application of water based membranes to hot substrates and in direct sunlight.
- Hot substrate and hot conditions exaggerates out-gassing, pin-holing, bubbles and blisters.
- Application of membranes to decks is best done very early in the day, before heat and out-gassing become a problem. Alternatively, work in the shade if possible.
- High temperatures may increase surface tackiness of liquid membranes. Broadcast fine sand or cement dust to block this tackiness, if needed.
- Mix only an appropriate amount of two-part membrane, coating or cementitious adhesive product that can safely be applied, before it becomes unusable.
- Use fast cure Chemind Aquagard M polyurethane membranes to resist rain damage.

News Flash!!!

- Polyurethane sealants have increased in price. Save \$\$'s – ask your Chemind representative for special deals on Chemind Chemflex LM 600ml sausages.
- Chemind Water-Bar **BLUE** hydrophilic waterstop strip – ask about special rates.

If you have any query regarding the use or selection of a Chemind membrane, please contact your representative or our Technical Department on 1800 334 444



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