

Model Specification for Installation of Tekcem 025+ Industrial Screed onto Concrete Substrate Using One Coat of Tekcem SF Membrane with Quartz Scatter and Finished with Tekcem Matt Seal (Bonded System)

### 1. Substrate Requirements

## **Substrate Type:**

Concrete slab suitable for bonded screed systems.

## **Minimum Compressive Strength:**

25 MPa.

#### **Condition:**

- Structurally sound, crack-free, and continuous.
- Clean, dry and free from laitance, dust, grease, oil, curing compounds, and other contaminants.
- Surface relative humidity must be ≤75% RH. If RH exceeds this, a separate DPM is required.
- Flat and level; significant deviations should be corrected prior to screed application.

## 2. Mechanical Surface Preparation

#### Method:

Prepare surface via vacuum-assisted shot blasting or mechanical grinding to expose a clean, open-textured surface.

#### Cleaning:

Thorough vacuuming to remove all loose particles and dust.

### **Moisture Testing:**

Conduct moisture testing in accordance with BS 8203. If RH exceeds 75%, install a separate surface DPM prior to bonding agent.

# 3. Bonding Agent – Tekcem SF Membrane (1 Coat) with Quartz Scatter

#### **Product:**

Tekcem SF Membrane (solvent-free epoxy resin), red or black colour.



### Aggregate:

Tekcem Quartz (0.7–1.2 mm) broadcast full blind at ~2 kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

### Mixing:

Add full contents of the curing agent into the resin base and mix using a slow-speed mechanical mixer for at least 2 minutes until uniform.

# **Application:**

- Apply one coat at 3 m<sup>2</sup>/kg with roller or squeegee.
- Immediately broadcast quartz aggregate while wet to achieve full blind coverage (~2 kg/m²).
- Allow to fully cure (min. 14 hours at 20°C).
- Sweep and vacuum to remove all excess loose quartz.

**Note:** Single-coat Tekcem SF Membrane with quartz scatter acts as a **bonding agent**, not a DPM.

# 4. Tekcem 025+ Industrial Screed Specification

#### Product:

Tekcem 025+ Industrial – high-strength, pumpable, shrinkage-compensated cementitious screed.

#### Water Addition:

5.5 litres per 25kg bag (maximum 6 litres). Exceeding this limit will reduce strength and extend drying.

#### **Performance:**

- Working time: 20–30 minutes at 20°C
- Light foot traffic: ~3 hours
- Light forklift traffic: ~24 hours
- Full traffic: ~7 days
- Compressive strength:
  - o 15 MPa (1 day)
  - 25 MPa (7 days)
  - 30 MPa (28 days)
- Flexural strength:
  - 4 MPa (1 day)
  - 6 MPa (7 days)
  - 7 MPa (28 days)



# **Thickness Guidelines (Bonded):**

3 mm to 25 mm in a single layer.

### 5. Screed Application

## Mixing:

Add powder to water gradually while mixing. Use a slow-speed drill or suitable pump. Mix until smooth. Allow to stand for 2 minutes, remix, and use within 30 minutes.

#### Placement:

Pour or pump directly onto the fully cured quartz-scattered SF Membrane. Trowel to level and finish with a spiked roller to remove air.

#### **Conditions:**

Substrate temperature: 5-30°C

Ambient RH: <75%

### 6. Protective Sealer - Tekcem Matt Seal

#### **Product:**

Tekcem Matt Seal – two-part water-dispersed epoxy sealer.

### **Preparation:**

Ensure the Tekcem 025 +Industrial screed is **fully dry** before applying Matt Seal. Premature application may cause staining or adhesion failure.

#### Mixing:

Pour resin into curing agent and mix mechanically for at least 2 minutes until homogeneous.

# Application:

- Apply first coat by roller, squeegee, or brush at 4–5 m<sup>2</sup>/kg.
- Avoid pooling and ensure full coverage.
- Allow to dry (min. 16 hours at 20°C).
- Apply a second coat if required within 48 hours.

# **Curing:**

• Touch dry: ~16 hours

Full cure: 7 days

Avoid water contact during the first 24 hours



# **Properties:**

- Clear, matte finish
- · Hygienic, low odour, solvent-free
- · Abrasion and chemical resistant
- Can be applied to dry or damp screed surfaces

### 7. Post-Installation Guidance

# **Drying Time (Screed):**

For thicknesses >10 mm, allow approx. **1 day per 10 mm** in good drying conditions. Cold or humid conditions will increase drying times.

### **RH Testing:**

Carry out RH testing in accordance with BS 8203 before applying floor finishes or resin sealers.

#### Access:

- Light foot traffic: after 3 hours (screed)
- Full traffic: after 7 days (screed)
- Do not expose Matt Seal to heavy wear until fully cured (7 days)

#### 8. Disclaimer

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