



Model Specification for Installation of Tekcem 025 Industrial Screed onto Marine Grade Plywood (Min. 18 mm or 2 × 9 mm) Using One Coat of Tekcem SF Membrane with Quartz Scatter and Reinforced with Glass Fibre Mesh (Bonded System – No Sealer, 7–20 mm Thickness)

1. Substrate Requirements

Substrate Type:

Marine-grade plywood.

- **Minimum construction:**

- One layer of **18 mm** marine plywood, or
- **Two layers of 9 mm** marine plywood, staggered and securely fixed.

Condition:

- Boards must be dry, flooring-grade, and securely screwed down with **minimal movement**.
 - Fixings: Screwed at 150 mm centres on board edges and 300 mm centres within the field.
 - Joints must be tight and stable. Loose, bowed, or flexing areas must be corrected or overlaid.
 - Substrate must be clean, dry, and free from oil, dust, polish, or adhesives.
 - RH must not exceed **75%** before installation of epoxy bonding primer.
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2. Mechanical Surface Preparation

Method:

Abrade sealed or smooth plywood surfaces to promote adhesion. Use mechanical sanding or scuffing to expose clean timber grain.

Cleaning:

Vacuum thoroughly to remove dust and contamination.

Moisture Testing:

Confirm RH ≤75% in accordance with **BS 8203** prior to epoxy application.



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

Product:

Tekcem SF Membrane – solvent-free, two-part epoxy used as a bonding agent for screeds over timber and non-absorbent substrates.

Quartz Scatter:

Tekcem Quartz (0.7–1.2 mm), broadcast full blind at $\sim 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$.

Mixing:

Add the full contents of the curing agent into the resin base and mix mechanically for at least 2 minutes until uniform.

Application:

- Apply **one uniform coat** of Tekcem SF Membrane at $\sim 3 \text{ m}^2/\text{kg}$ using a roller or squeegee.
- Immediately **broadcast quartz** aggregate at $\sim 2 \text{ kg/m}^2$ onto the wet resin to achieve full blind coverage.
- Allow to fully cure (minimum 14 hours at 20°C).
- Once cured, remove all loose quartz via sweeping and vacuuming.

This system functions as a **bonding layer only** (not a DPM). Do not proceed if RH >75%.

4. Reinforcement Layer – Tekcem Glass Fibre Mesh

Product:

Tekcem Glass Fibre Mesh – alkali-resistant, 10 mm × 10 mm white mesh, 145 g/m².

Application:

- Roll out mesh directly over the cured, quartz-surfaced SF Membrane.
- Overlap joints by at least 50 mm.
- Fix in place if needed to prevent movement.
- Ensure the mesh is fully encapsulated and positioned near the middle third of the screed depth.

Provides added crack resistance over timber-based decks.

5. Tekcem 025 Industrial Screed Specification

Product:

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

**Water Addition:**

5.5 litres per 25 kg (max. 6 litres). Do not exceed.

Performance:

- Working time: 20–30 minutes
- Light foot traffic: ~3 hours
- Light forklift traffic: ~24 hours
- Full traffic: ~7 days
- Compressive strength:
 - 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)

Application Thickness:

- **Minimum:** 7 mm (to fully encapsulate mesh)
 - **Maximum:** 20 mm
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6. Screed Application

Mixing:

Mix powder into clean water using a low-speed paddle mixer or pump. Let stand 2 minutes, remix, and apply within 30 minutes.

Placement:

Pour or pump screed directly over the **quartz-scattered epoxy layer**, ensuring the mesh is fully embedded. Spread with a trowel and finish with a spiked roller to remove air.

Environmental Conditions:

- Substrate temperature: 5–30 °C
 - Ambient RH: <75%
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7. Post-Installation Guidance

Drying Time:

Approx. **1 day per 10 mm** under good drying conditions. Low temperature or poor ventilation will extend drying.

**RH Testing:**

Conduct RH testing in line with **BS 8203** before applying floor finishes.

Access:

- Light foot traffic: ~3 hours
- Full service traffic: ~7 days

Finishes:

No sealer is applied. Ensure the surface is clean and dry before applying floor finishes or adhesives.

8. Disclaimer

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