



# Monodex Ultra

## Decorative Anti-carbonation Coating

### Product Overview

Flexible anti-carbonation coating for the protection of concrete and masonry substrates.

### Description

**MONODEX ULTRA** is a single component, water-based coating based on an advanced micropolymer formulation offering an economic solution for the protection of buildings and other structures with a service life of 10 years. It provides protection against water ingress and carbonation whilst allowing damp substrates to breathe. Its elastomeric properties facilitate substrate movement and bridging of hairline cracks. It is cost-effective for internal use and for the external decorative protection of facades, soffits and elevations in temperate and tropical climates.

### Uses

Suitable for surface protection systems principles 1.3, 2.2, 8.2 as defined in BS EN 1504-2.

### Advantages

- Advanced copolymer formulation with excellent adhesion and resistance to weathering.
- Arrests carbonation in reinforced concrete structures through high diffusion resistance to carbon dioxide.
- Vapour permeable nature allows damp substrates to breathe and dry out without blistering of the coating.
- Durable barrier to rainwater ingress with inherent flexibility to resist substrate hairline cracking.
- Active encapsulated in-film biocide inhibits the growth of mould, mildew and lichens.
- Two coats can be applied during one working day, with year-round application possible.
- Environmentally friendly, minimal VOC, low hazard, water-based product with no flash point.
- Produces a matt finish and is available in a range of attractive colours.

### Compliance

- UK & CE-Marked in accordance with BS EN 1504-2.
- Compliant with LU Standard 1-085 'Fire Safety Performance of Materials'.

### Application Instructions

#### Preparation

Areas to be treated must be free from unsound material, i.e. dust, oil, grease, mould release agents, corrosion by-products and organic growth. Mechanically remove surface laitance and any soft, sandy or flaking material. Use techniques to achieve the required degree of preparation, such as wet grit or water blasting techniques or equivalent approved methods. Seal blow holes and surface defects in existing concrete using **MONOLEVEL FC** or **MONODEX ICB**. Flexcrete Concrete Repair Mortars must be allowed to cure for a minimum of 24 hours. Leave concrete and cementitious renders for a minimum of 10 days, preferably 28 days. Our Technical Department will advise on treating other substrates.

#### Equipment

Brushes: Wide, soft nylon or bristle paint brushes.

Rollers: Use a heavy nap ( $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1") synthetic cover.

Spray: Airless spray can be used on smooth substrates; always finish off in one direction. Most types are suitable operating at 1500-3000psi tip sizes 17-23 thou.

#### Substrate Priming

Ensure substrate is dry, maximum 20% on Protimeter WME scale. Concrete should be primed with **BOND-PRIME** at a rate of up to 5m<sup>2</sup>/litre. Other porous substrates may be sealed with a coat of **MONODEX ULTRA** diluted 25% with clean water. Sound painted surfaces do not require priming. Sealer or primer coats are applied by brush, roller or airless spray. Ensure complete coverage. Rough or porous surfaces will increase consumption. For further information, please refer to relevant Product Data Sheet and Priming Guide.

#### Treating Cracks and Joints

**MONODEX ICB** should be used locally or overall as a pre-treatment for hairline cracking and for filling live cracks and construction joints. **MONOLEVEL FC** may be used to fill larger static cracks.

When bridging across expansion joints, the membrane may also be reinforced by embedding **FLEXCRETE FLEX-TAPE** in **MONODEX ICB**. Allow to dry, and if necessary, lightly sand to remove any prominent edges before overcoating the whole area with two coats of **MONODEX ULTRA**.

## Coating Application

Apply **MONODEX ULTRA** by brush, roller or airless spray at the coverage rates below. Allow to dry for 1-4 hours in ideal conditions until touch dry before applying a second coat. To assist application and to act as a guide to coverage rates, each coat may be applied in a contrasting colour.

Coat	Coverage Rate			
	l/m <sup>2</sup>	m <sup>2</sup> /l	WFT (µm)	DFT (µm)
1 <sup>st</sup>	0.2	5.0	200	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0.2	5.0	200	
Overall	0.4	2.5		Nominal 130

Coverage rates are for smooth, non-absorbent surfaces. Make allowances for uneven or absorbent surfaces.

Certain paler shades may require an additional coat when covering a dark background.

## Cleaning and Storage

- All tools should be cleaned with water immediately after use.
- Shelf-life is 2 years for unopened containers stored in dry, frost-free conditions away from heat.

## Packaging and Coverage

- **MONODEX ULTRA** is supplied in 15 litre containers.
- 15 litres will cover approximately 37.5m<sup>2</sup>.

## Health and Safety

- Safety Data Sheets are available on request.

## Application Top Tips

1. If possible, complete work using only one batch number. As with any paint, avoid using different batch numbers on the same elevation or inter-mix batches to ensure continuity of colour.
2. Rough, porous or irregular substrates will reduce coverage.
3. For brush application use wide, soft nylon or bristle brushes.
4. For roller application use heavy knap (¾" or 1") synthetic cover.
5. Airless spray can be used with care on smooth substrates only. Always finish off in one direction. Most types of equipment are suitable (1500-3000psi) with tip sizes of 17-23 thou.
6. A good spray finish can be achieved with a Graco Ultra Max II 490 electric airless spray pump using a 19 thou tip at 2700psi.
7. To assist application and to act as a guide to coverage rates during application, the base coat may be applied in a similar but contrasting colour.
8. Regularly check the coating thickness during application using a wet film thickness gauge.
9. Clean brushes and rollers occasionally during use.
10. Regularly clean spray nozzles to avoid blockages.
11. Curing/drying is temperature dependent. As a guide the coating will be touch dry in approximately 1 hour in hot conditions (>30°C), 2 hours at 20°C. and 4-12 hours at lower temperatures (<10°C).
12. The product is through-cured in 2-24 hours dependent on ambient temperature.
13. Spray equipment must be emptied and flushed at the end of the working day.
14. Cold Weather Working (See separate Guide)
  - ≥3°C providing this is 2°C above dew point.
  - Do not use any product which has been frozen.
15. Avoid prolonged storage at high temperatures (≥35°C).

The information herein is correct to the best of our knowledge, but it does not necessarily refer to the particular requirements of the customer. If the customer has any particular requirements it should make them known in writing to Flexcrete Technologies Limited, and obtain further advice accordingly.

## Technical Data

Property	Standard	EN 1504-2 Requirement	Typical Result
Adhesive Bond	EN 1542	$\geq 0.8$ MPa Crack bridging or flexible systems	$\geq 3.0$ MPa
Water Vapour Permeability (Equivalent Air Layer Thickness)	EN ISO 7783	Class I (Permeable) $S_D < 5$ m	$S_D = 1.09$ m
Permeability to CO <sub>2</sub>	EN 1062-6 Method A	$S_D \geq 50$ m (R)	547m @ 130µm DFT
Equivalent Concrete Thickness		-	$S_c = 1,384$ mm
Liquid Water Transmission Rate (Capillary Absorption)	EN 1062-3	Class III (Low) $w < 0.1 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-0.5}$	$w = 0.041 \text{ kg.m}^{-2}.\text{h}^{-0.5}$
Elongation at Break	BS 903 Part A2	-	272%
Tensile Strength	BS 903 Part A2	-	2.9 MPa
Static Crack Bridging	EN 1062-7	Class A4(>1250µm)	1,650µm @130 µm DFT at 20°C
Accelerated Weathering	EN 1062-11	-	No blistering, cracking or flaking after 20,000 hours QUV-B weathering
Solids Content - White		-	41.2% (weight) 32.5% (volume)
Specific Gravity		-	1.2
VOC Content		-	< 0.29% by mass
Minimum Application Temperature		-	3°C
Reaction to Fire	EN 13501-1	-	B-s1,d0

The properties given above are obtained from laboratory tests: results obtained from on-site testing may vary according to site conditions.



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