TREMCO
Construction Products Group

Vulkem 150

Low VOC, Single Component, Polyurethane Waterproofing Membrane

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Vulkem 150 is a roll-able grade, low VOC, polyurethane waterproofing membrane. It is suitable for use with the Vulkem range of polyurethane top coats or can used as a stand alone membrane in non-UV exposed or non-pedestrian foot traffic conditions. When used with a Vulkem top coat, different slip ratings can be achieved by adding Tremco's various aggregates to the Vulkem top coat.

USAGE/PURPOSE

Vulkem 150 is suitable for use in areas such as:

- ❑ Podiums
- ❑ Recreational Areas
- ❑ Balconies
- ❑ Mechanical/Plant Rooms
- ❑ Lift/Stair Overruns
- ❑ Roofs

Note: Some application types will require the use of a Vulkem polyurethane top coat.

PACKAGING

- ❑ 15 L

COLOUR

- ❑ Dark Grey

SHELF LIFE

9 months when stored as recommended in original unopened packaging.

STORAGE

Store in the original, unopened packaging in a clean, dry, protected location.

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- ❑ Tested to AS4654.1 to ensure compliance with National Construction Code (NCC) requirements for external waterproofing applications in Australia.
- ❑ Easy to clean, waterproof membrane.
- ❑ Low VOC waterproofing membrane.
- ❑ Single-component base coat enables efficient application and material usage, particularly in small areas.
- ❑ Re-coatable and compatible with other Tremco sealants, supporting enhanced waterproofing performance and system compatibility.

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

PROPERTY	TEST METHOD	VULKEM 150
Maximum VOC	ASTM D2369	< 200 g/L
Solid by Volume	ASTM D1353	88%
Drying Time at 23 °C and 50% Relative Humidity (RH)	ASTM D1640	12 hours
Weathering	ASTM D822	N/A
Salt Spray Resistance	ASTM B117	N/A
Accelerated Aging	ASTM D573	No loss of elongation or tensile strength
Hardness	ASTM D2240	50 Shore A
Abrasion Resistance (1,000 cycles)	AS 1580.403.2	N/A
Bond Strength	ASTM C794	Concrete – 96 N Plywood – 103 N
Cyclic Movement	CSIRO moving joint test	Pass
Elongation at Break	AS4654.1 Appendix A	> 350%
Elongation	ASTM D412	N/A
Heat Ageing	AS 4654.1	Pass
Temperature Resistance	AS4654.1 Table A4	Pass
Ultraviolet Resistance	AS4654.1 Table A4	N/A
Tensile Strength	AS4654.1 Table A4	> 1.50 MPa
Durability	AS4654.1 Table A4	Pass
Water Vapour Transmission Rate	ASTM E96	6.62 g/m^2/24hr

Note: Drying times will vary depending on ambient temperature and relative humidity. VOC content is a weighted average of the VOC content of all raw materials in the formulation, calculated using supplier raw material data.

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LIMITATIONS

- ❑ Not suitable for UV exposure without a Vulkem top coat.
- ❑ Do not apply to wet or contaminated surfaces.
- ❑ Do not use without adequate ventilation.
- ❑ Do not use in submerged conditions.
- ❑ Do not use where a minimum fall of 1:100 cannot be achieved.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION FOR CONCRETE SURFACES

1. Concrete shall be water-cured and attain a 20 MPa minimum compressive strength. Moisture content in the concrete shall be lower than 4.5%, as measured using a Tramex CME Moisture Meter. Where the moisture content is 4.5% or above, a minimum of 2× coats of TREMproof 200EC primer will be required. Depending on concrete construction and job site location, additional concrete testing may be required. Please contact your local Tremco Representative.
2. Concrete shall be free of any laitance which may inhibit adhesion. Removal of laitance can be achieved through a variety of physical abrasion methods, such as shot blasting (preferred method), sandblasting or grinding. Where a physical abrasion method has been used, a minimum of 2× coats a suitable Tremco CPG Australia primer shall be applied.
3. Surfaces shall be made free of defects that may telegraph and show through the finished coating. All 90° transitions shall be modified to 45° to eliminate sharp edges and corners. Rough surfaces, including fins, ridges, exposed aggregate, honeycombs, deep broom finishes shall be levelled and made smooth by applying a coat of sand-filled epoxy using TREMprime EP.
4. Concrete surface shall be properly cleaned so that the surface to receive the coating, sealant or liquid-applied flashing is free of mould, paint, sealers, coatings, curing agents, loose particles, and other contamination or foreign matter that may interfere with the adhesion.
5. In the event of exposed reinforcing steel, it is recommended that the structural engineer of record be contacted for investigation and for best repair method.
6. Spalled areas shall be cleaned free of loose contaminants prior to repair. Because site conditions vary, it is recommended that you contact your local Tremco Representative. Depending on the substrate and depth of the spalled areas, a EUCOcrete repair product will be recommended as the best method of repair.
7. Shrinkage cracks in the concrete surface that are 1.6 mm wide or greater shall be ground out to a minimum 6 mm wide × 12 mm deep and treated according to the instructions in 'Detail Work' section.
8. Structural cracks regardless of width shall be ground out to a minimum 6 mm wide × 12 mm deep and treated according to the instructions in the 'Detail Work' section.
9. All drains shall be cleaned and operative. Drains shall be recessed lower than the deck surface. The surface shall be sloped to a drainage point to provide positive drainage (refer to the relevant Australian Standards/NCC for required fall). Drains should be detailed as instructed below:

   Cut a 6 mm wide × 12 mm deep keyway into the concrete surface at any point where the coating will have an exposed terminating edge - that is, any point where the coating will end in an open area subject to traffic, for example, at the end of a ramp, around drains and alongside expansion joints.
10. If the project is a restoration deck, old sealant and membrane material shall be removed. The joint interface will require a thorough wire brushing, grinding, sandblasting, solvent washing and/or primer.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION FOR ALL METAL SURFACES

All surfaces shall be sand-blasted to meet the requirements in AS 1627.4, class 2.5 for "Near White Metal".

JOBSITE MATERIALS

Recommended materials and their uses are as follows:

- ❑ Vulkem 171: A one-part, film-forming primer to be used on porous surfaces.
- ❑ TREMprime EP: A 100% solids, two-component epoxy primer recommended for use on porous substrates (concrete, brick, stone) and also as a compatible tie-in coat to create connectivity between incompatible membranes.
- ❑ TREMproof 200EC: A low-VOC, two-part, water-based epoxy primer for use on porous substrates, such as wood and concrete to provide a vapour retarder. Also, it can be used on concrete-based substrates to provide an efflorescence barrier.
- ❑ TREMprime Non-Porous Primer: A low-VOC primer for use in applying polyurethanes to non-porous substrates such as metal, PVC and glass.
- ❑ Vulkem 191 QD Primer: A low-VOC compliant, one-part, interlaminar primer for use in applying a fresh coat of Vulkem coating or sealant after preceding coat has been exposed to rain or for periods of time greater than 24 hours.
- ❑ Dymonic 100: A one-part, exceptional-movement (+100/-50%) moisture-curing, gun-grade polyurethane sealant for use in precast, masonry, expansion joints, control joints and for use in forming cant/fillet bead.
- ❑ Tremflex 25FC: A one-part, fast-curing, flexible-fillet joint sealant for use in waterproofing applications.
- ❑ Vulkem 951NF: A two-component, low-VOC, UV-stable, aliphatic-based polyurethane top coat.
- ❑ Vulkem 346: A single-component, UV-stable, aliphatic-based polyurethane top coat.

USAGE

The table below provides a guide on the coverage rate (per litre and per 15 L pail) and the wet and dry film thickness (WFT and DFT) of Vulkem 150. It does not account for the material wastage on site or reduced coverage due to substrate porosity/aggregate profile.

PRODUCT	COVERAGE RATE		THICKNESS	
	PER LITRE	PER PAIL (15 L)	WET FILM (WFT)	DRY FILM (DFT)
Vulkem 150	0.75 m^2	11.25 m^2	1.33 mm	1.17 mm

PRIMING

Note: Do not apply primer, sealants or membranes to a frosty, damp or wet surface or when substrate temperature is below 10 °C or the surface temperature is above 40 °C. Cure times as stated below are based upon standard ambient conditions of 23 °C, 50% RH. A decrease in ambient temperature and humidity will significantly lengthen the cure time.

- ❑ For low moisture (< 4.5% moisture as per a Tramex CME Moisture Meter) porous substrates, Tremco suggests using Vulkem 171 Primer.
- ❑ For low moisture (< 4.5% moisture as per a Tramex CME Moisture Meter) porous substrates with a poor finish, Tremco suggests using Vulkem TREMprime EP Primer.
- ❑ For high moisture (> 4.5% moisture or above as per a Tramex CME Moisture Meter) porous substrates, Tremco suggests using TREMproof 200EC.
- ❑ For non-porous substrates, Tremco suggests using TREMprime Non-Porous Primer.

DETAIL WORK

Note: Do not apply sealant or coatings to a frosty, damp or wet surface or when substrate temperature is below 10 °C or the surface temperature is above 40 °C. Cure times as stated below are based upon standard ambient conditions of 23 °C, 50% RH. A decrease in the ambient temperature and the humidity will significantly lengthen the cure time.

1. Best practice is to install closed-cell backer rod or bond breaker tape into the corner at the juncture of all horizontal and vertical surfaces such as floor to wall junctions, hobs columns, or penetrations through the deck. This is to prevent three-sided adhesion of the sealant. **NOTE:** This is recommended by Tremco for all joints, however it is required for all expected moving joints.

2. Apply a bead of Dymonic 100/TREMflex 50, over the backer rod/bond breaker tape as per requirements of AS4654.2. Tool the sealant bead to form a 45° fillet. Use sufficient pressure to force out any trapped air and to assure complete wetting of the surface. Remove excess sealant from the deck or wall joint.
3. All cracks and joints shall be sealed with Tremco approved sealant, and tooled flush with the surface. **NOTE:** Expansion/movement joints should not be coated over. For treatment of expansion/movement joints, contact your local Tremco Representative.
4. Joint/Crack Treatment: Install a backer rod, 3 mm to 6 mm diameter larger than the joint width to all prepared control joints. Set depth of backer rod to control the depth of the sealant. (Depth of sealant is measured from the top of the backer rod to the top of the concrete surface). Proper depth of sealant is as follows:
   a. For joints 6 mm to 12 mm wide, the depth to width ratio should be equal.
   b. Joints 12 mm wide or greater should have a sealant depth to width ratio of 1:2 The minimum joint size is 6 mm × 6 mm.
5. Allow sealant to cure.
6. Apply a strip of masking tape or duct tape to the vertical sections, at a height that complies with the requirements set forth in AS4654.2, but a minimum of 40 mm above the top edge of the sealant fillet to provide a neat termination of the vertical detail coat.
7. Vulkem 150 should be mixed with a suitable electric paddle mixer at a rate of 500 rpm for a minimum of 3 minutes, ensuring there is no settlement at the base of the drum.
8. Apply a full thickness (as per the USAGE table) detail coat of Vulkem 150 over the treated fillet and extend it to the tape on the vertical surface and 100 mm onto the horizontal surface. Feather-edge the terminating edge of the Vulkem 150 detail coat on the horizontal surface so it will not show through the finished coating.
9. Apply a full thickness (as per USAGE table) detail coat of Vulkem 150, 150 mm wide centered over all untreated cracks, all routed and sealed cracks and over all cold joints. Feather-edge terminating edge of detail coat to keep these edges from showing through the finished coating.
10. Allow all detail coats to cure for a minimum of 4 to 6 hours depending on temperature and humidity.
11. Where movement is anticipated, Tremco suggests that a polypropylene bond breaker tape is placed over the detail coat over the treated joint prior to subsequent membrane application.

NOTE: Recommended coverage rates are approximate. Concrete surface profiles may increase the amount of material required to obtain uniform coverage.

COATING APPLICATION

Vulkem 150 BASE COAT

1. Vulkem 150 should be mixed with a suitable electric paddle mixer at a rate of 500 rpm for a minimum of 3 minutes, ensuring that there is no settlement at the base of the drum. Where required, TREMproof Antiroot Additive should be added after the initial mix, then mixed for a further 2 minutes.
2. Apply Vulkem 150 (as per the USAGE table) to the entire area to be coated, including the overall detail coats and excluding the expansion joints. Vulkem 150 can be applied with a solvent-resistant, medium-nap (9.5 mm to 12.7 mm) roller sleeve or a notched squeegee followed by cross rolling.
3. Allow Vulkem 150 to cure. Cure rates depend on temperature and humidity. Refer to cure rate guidelines in the chart at the end of this document. If the Vulkem 150 has been applied for 24 hours or longer (during the ideal temperature application range), it should be cleaned with Tremco Xylol and re-activated with Vulkem 191QD primer, prior to any additional coats/coatings.

CLEAN UP

- ❑ Clean all adjacent areas to remove any stains or spills with Tremco Xylol.
- ❑ Clean tools or equipment with the Tremco Xylol before the material cures.
- ❑ Clean hands by soaking in hot, soapy water, then brushing with a stiff-bristle brush.

TROUBLESHOOTING

This section describes common industry application issues when certain environmental conditions exist and their remedies. If any of these should occur, it is always recommended that you contact your local Tremco Representative:

1. When a deck contains too much moisture, the moisture may change into a vapour, which then condenses at the concrete-membrane interface before the coating has cured and may cause blisters or bubbles, ultimately interfering with proper adhesion. If this should occur, the blisters can be cut out, allowing moisture to escape. After moisture has escaped and the surface is dry, the area can be repaired.
2. If the coating application has been installed at a thickness that is greater than our installation instructions, pinholes, blisters or bubbles may develop in the coating. To avoid this occurrence, the material should be applied in accordance to the installation instructions.
3. If the coating is applied in very hot ambient temperatures, the air in the small spaces between the concrete particles increases in volume and forms blisters. Contact Tremco should this occur.
4. If the previous coating application has not fully cured, solvent may become trapped between the coats and lead to large blisters. When cut out, they may still be tacky on the underside. Blisters may be cut out and repaired after the surface has been allowed to fully dry.

WEATHER IMPACT ON COATING APPLICATION

The table below provides a guide to the approximate cure time cure time of Vulkem 150, in hours, at 50% RH across different temperature ranges, including the ideal range of 18 to 30 °C.

Temperature (°C)	Approximate Cure Time at 50% RH (hours)
4.4–12.8 °C	24–72
12.8–18.3 °C	6–24
18.3–29.4 °C	4–6
29.4 °C	≤ 4

1. At temperatures lower than the ideal range, the material will become viscous and it will cure at a slower rate. Refer to the chart below for approximate cure rates at varying temperatures.
2. Storing materials at cooler or warmer temperatures than ideal, will affect the handling and curing characteristics of the materials.
3. Substrate temperatures may affect cure rates even when ambient temperatures are high.
4. Enclosed areas may slow the cure rate of the coating because humidity levels tend to be low in these conditions due to the low exchange of air over the membrane.
5. In extremely dry conditions, even when temperatures are high, cure rates can still be extended.

Variations in temperature and humidity may affect the cure rate of the coating. Other factors, including substrate temperature and enclosed conditions, may also influence the cure rate. For further information, refer to the Installation Instructions or contact Technical Services.

HEALTH & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The Safety Data Sheet (SDS) must be read and understood prior to use.

TECHNICAL SERVICE

Tremco CPG Australia Pty Ltd has a team of Representatives who provide assistance in the selection and specification of products. For more detailed information or service and advice, call Customer Service on (02) 9638 2755 or fax (02) 9638 2955.

GUARANTEE/WARRANTY

Tremco CPG Australia Pty Ltd products are manufactured to rigid standards of quality. Any product which has been applied (a) in accordance with Tremco CPG Australia written instructions and (b) in any application recommended by Tremco CPG Australia, but which is proved to be defective, will be replaced free of charge.

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