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HYDROSTOP® ACRYLIC GEL INJECTION SEALING MATERIAL



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel is an elastic hydrophilic two (2) component (A + B) acrylic gel designed to be used with the Hydrostop® CJ1 Injection Hose System or with injection packers for sealing and stopping water egress through construction joints and cracks in concrete.

Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel starts out as a similar viscosity to water, which enables it to be injected and penetrate into the construction joint and into fine cracks in concrete. The curing process of the gel is gradual and is linear in performance, which allows time for processing and flushing of the injection hose for possible future re-injection capabilities.



Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel has strong adhesion to concrete and due to its high elongation and hydrophilic ability, the product is able to withstand shrinkage, expansion and dynamic movements of the injected construction joint and/or crack.

Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel has the ability to absorb water up to 100% and has an ultimate elongation of 500%. The reaction time for curing of the gel can be adjusted to suit the specific requirement of the project and the environment.



AREAS OF APPLICATION

- All areas where construction joints are present and require sealing against water or require a particular
 joint sealing process.
- Water excluding and water retaining structures.
- Basements and below ground structures.
- Tunnels and underground vaults.
- Water and sewerage treatment plants.
- Ground and elevated reservoirs and dams.
- Suspended slabs and roof slabs.
- Water tanks and swimming pools.

Note: The product's design and performance, its intended use, installation and final confirmation and approval for use, must be provided by the project's Design Engineer and Project Manager.



ADVANTAGES

- High performance ability to egress and penetrate deeply into construction joints or cracks due to the products initial low viscosity when processed via an injection hose system or injection packer.
- Processing times are fast and simple due to the gradual linear performance of the gel when curing.
- A very high sealing effect with long term durability and integrity.
- High elasticity and adhesion to construction materials such as concrete, masonry and steel.
- Can be processed as one (1) or two (2) components.

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ADVANTAGES (continued)

- Reaction time for curing can be adjusted to suit (consult **CORKJOINT**) but there are limitations.
- Contains no toxic solvents, is non-flammable and is suitable for use in potable water applications.
- Good general chemical resistance characteristics to diesel, mineral oils, alkaline and concrete aggressive liquids.



SUBSTANCE PROPERTIES OF COMPONENTS

Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel

Component Al - an aqueous methacrylate polymer
- an aqueous acrylic polymer catalyst
Component Bl - clean water (supplied by end-user)
- a water soluble initiator powder

Retarder - an aqueous solution

Upon mixing of the above components, the initiator component starts the polymerization reaction of the methacrylate, forming an elastic gel which is hydrophilic in nature and enables absorption and desorption of water. After curing, the gel is highly chemical resistant against a number of organic and inorganic substances.



TECHNICAL FEATURES AND MATERIAL PROPERTIES OF COMPONENTS

Component Al

Consistency Liquid
Colour Blue
Odour Characteristic
Spec. density (20°C) [DIN EN ISO 3675] 1.19 g/cm³
Dyn. viscosity (20°C) [DIN EN ISO 2555] 40 mPas

Component B2

Consistency Solid
Colour White
Odour Odourless
Spec. density (20°C) 2.59 g/cm³
Bulk density (20°C) 1.15 g/cm³

Mixture of A and B components:

Processing temperature * 5°C - 40°C Viscosity of mixture (20°C) 4.2 mPas [DIN EN ISO 2555]

Properties after curing:

Consistency Soft-elastic gel
Colour Blue
E-modulus [DIN EN ISO 527] 0.26 MPa
Tensile strength [DIN EN ISO 527] 0.04 MPa
Elongation at break [DIN EN ISO 527] 510 %
Water absorption [DIN EN ISO 62] 100 %

Component A2

Consistency Liquid
Colour Colourless
Odour Amine-like
Spec. density (20°C) [DIN EN ISO 3675] 1.12 g/cm³
Dyn. viscosity (20°C) [DIN EN ISO 2555] 280 mPas

Retarder

Consistency Liquid
Colour Yellowish
Odour Small
Spec. density (20°C) [DIN EN ISO 3675] 1.00 g/cm³
Dyn. viscosity (20°C) [DIN EN ISO 2555] 1 mPas

Curing Data at 28°C:

Cure time 12mins - 15mins (approximately)

Based on below component quantities:

A1 20 kg
A2 1 kg
B1 20 kg
B2 40 gms
Retarder 1 kg

Note: Curing time can be adjusted. Refer to **CORKJOINT** for further information.

Note:

- *The declared range of temperature complies with our recommendations. Generally, the product reacts even at very low temperatures (from experience down to approx. -15°C) or distinct higher values than +40°C. Admittedly, problems might occur, which are not directly related to the properties of the product. At sharp frost the air line of the pump might freeze or even present ice inside the structural element to be sealed, can cause difficulties. At temperatures above-average too short reaction times can arise, which prevent an entire and successful filling of the injection area. Also might happen activated A-component at very high temperatures can start curing even without addition of the B-component, which results in a blockage of the injection pump.
- **The indicated curing time is achieved through the stated quantities of B2 component and **Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel** Retarder. Curing time can be adjusted by changing these components. Refer to **CORKJOINT** for further information.





The **Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel** system consists of four (4) components supplied as a kit (A1, A2, B2 & Retarder) but five (5) components are required for mixing, where B1 (Water) is supplied by the end user.

Al	Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel Polymer (acrylate)	20 kg - plastic drum
A2	Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel Catalyst (acrylate)	1 kg - plastic bottle
B1	Clean water (supplied by end user)	20 kg
B2	Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel Initiator (powder)	40 g - plastic bottle
Retarder	Hydrostop® Retarder (aqueous solution)	1 kg - plastic bottle



MIXING AND PROCESSING

Two solutions of A and B are to be prepared for the application for injection, as follows:

Solution 1 (A): Component Al with Component A2

Solution 2 (B): Water supplied by the end user with Component B2 and Retarder

Note: The shelf life of Solution 1 (A) and Solution 2 (B), once mixed as above, is approximately 24 hours. Note: When Solution 1 (A) and Solution 2 (B) are combined for injection, they become 42.40 kg of

processible material.

Only use plastic or wooden paddles for mixing of the two solutions, do not use metal. Mix the A1 and A2 components together for approximately 10 minutes and mix the B1, B2 and Retarder components together for approximately 10 minutes. The temperature of B1 water should be at about 25°C. Store all of the Components in a cool environment and away from direct sunlight at all times and prior to mixing.

To form an acrylic gel, Solution 1 (the components of A1 & A2) and Solution 2 (B1,B2 & Retarder) must be mixed at a ratio of 1:1 by volume. The reaction/curing time at 25°C will be approximately 15 minutes and can be adjusted if required. Refer to **CORKJOINT** for further information if curing times are to be adjusted.

The reaction time decreases if the temperature is higher and increases when the temperature is lower. Please consider that site conditions have a major influence on the reaction time of <code>Hydrostop®</code> Acrylic Gel. We strongly advise to diagnose the reaction time on site depending on the weather conditions before injecting <code>Hydrostop®</code> Acrylic Gel. A site 'reaction time mixing test' should be performed on the <code>Hydrostop®</code> Acrylic Gel prior to the injection process to indicate the actual reaction time of the kit, based on the current site temperature conditions.

Note: Hot & cold temperatures and hot & cold substrates can affect the gelling time of **Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel**.

Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel is recommended to be injected into the injection hose with a two-component (2K) or three-component (3K) manual, electric or pneumatic pump. The parts of the machine that are in contact with the gel must be stainless steel.

For the injection hose to be re-injectable, flush out fully the <code>Hydrostop®</code> Acrylic <code>Gel</code> from the injection hose under low pressure (1 bar) with water, prior to the reaction (curing) time of <code>Hydrostop®</code> Acrylic <code>Gel</code>.

Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel can be used in certain injection hose systems to give re-injection capabilities, consult **CORKJOINT** for further information.

On-site training for mixing and processing is available from **CORKJOINT** upon request.



INJECTION PROCESS FOR INJECTION HOSE SYSTEM

The following injection procedure is based upon the use of **Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel (HAG)** injection material. For an injection process using P.U, E.P or UFC, contact **CORKJOINT** for further information.

- 1. Prior to undertaking an injection process, check that the **Hydrostop® CJ1** is free and clear, by injecting with water or air. Locations of the joint that have exposed voids or areas that have moisture or water slowly leaking from them, use a quick dry cement to help plug the area so to help prevent the egress of injection material out of the joint during the injection process.
- 2. Hydrostop® CJ1 is injected via the Injection Point. The HAG injection material is injected into the injection hose until 100% of the injection material is flowing out from the outlet pipe of the opposite Injection Point. Once the HAG injection material is flowing freely (no air pockets or water from flushing is present), stop injecting and close the outlet pipe off with the use of an injection nipple. The injection hose is now ready for the 1st injection process to take place.
- 3. The injection process is undertaken with a suitable injection pump for use with **HAG** injection material. A 2 component or 3 component manual or electric compressed air injection pump with an adjustable pressure gauge manometer, provide the best optimal injection process. **Hydrostop® CJ1** is injected with an injection pressure of approximately 2.0 Bar up to 3.0 Bar for Standard injection lengths. Low pressure is best as it allows for the **HAG** injection material to slowly and easily penetrate into the joint, cracks and voids of the concrete.
- 4. The injection process is monitored by visually inspecting the joint location where the injection hose is positioned and by means of the pressure gauge on the injection pump. If a manual hand-pump is being used, then monitoring is also done manually by feel and vision. Note: It is not always possible to visually see injection material egressing out of the joint as the injection material may be coming out from the opposite side of the joint that can't be seen, so monitoring of the injection pump by the pressure gauge, by feel and listening to the pump is important.
- 5. The injection process is continued until the joint is full with injection material. Depending upon the type of injection pump being used, will depend upon how you are able to ascertain if the joint is filled with injection material or if another injection process is required. If the joint stops leaking water after a few minutes of injecting, then the injection process is successful and a second injection process may not be required. A second injection process is recommended even if the joint stops leaking so to be sure that the joint is completely filled with injection material.
- 6. **Hydrostop® CJ1** needs to be flushed out fully with water after the injection process has taken place and prior to the **HAG** injection material curing, otherwise the injection hose will be blocked and no future reinjection can take place.

Note: Installation Guidelines and Injection Method Processes are available upon request. Fully trained specialist contractors are available to perform the installation and injection processes for **Hydrostop® CJ1**. Refer to **CORKJOINT** for further information.



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If the construction joint, crack, or void in the concrete are subject to a high flow of water pressure, then <code>Hydrostop®</code> Acrylic Gel may not be suitable for use as the reaction time may be too slow to seal and the material may be initially washed from the joint. Consult <code>CORKJOINT</code> for a site substrate evaluation, prior to the undertaking of the injection process.



CLEANING

The product if not cured can be removed with cleaner or water. If cured, then depending upon the substrate, will depend upon the tool required to be used to remove the cured gel, as it adheres very well to most materials.



STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store in a dry and cool place below a temperature of +30°C and keep away from all sources of heat and sunlight. The shelf life is 12 months in an unopened condition and if stored as per recommendations.



WRITTEN SPECIFICATION

Where shown in the drawings, the injection material for use shall be **Hydrostop® Acrylic Gel** as supplied by **CORKJOINT**. The application/installation of the product must be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.



HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

As with all construction chemical products, caution should be exercised. Protective clothing such as gloves and goggles should be worn. Treat and wash any splashes to the skin or eyes with fresh water immediately. Should any of the products be accidentally swallowed, do not induce vomiting but call/seek for medical assistance immediately.

In confined spaces or in still air conditions, the use of a ventilation fan or suitable respirator should be used, and the advice and approval of the Site Safety Supervisor is essential. For further information or advice on health and safety precautions, safe handling, storage and correct disposal of products, please refer to the most recent product Safety Data Sheet (SDS), which is available upon request.



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