

# AQUASHIELD LX

## Rubberized Damp-Proofing Coating & Adhesive

### DESCRIPTION

BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX rubberised bitumen coating is an highly adhesive, brush or squeegee applied, modified bitumen waterproof coating and adhesive. BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX is specially formulated to provide high resistance to the passage of water vapour and to re-emulsification when in long term contact with water.

BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX bonds tenaciously to most substrates.

### USES

- General damp-proofing & vapour barrier: BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX rubberized bitumen coating bonds extremely well to a wide variety of substrates including concrete, brick, bitumen & mastic asphalt membranes, asbestos cement, slates, tiles, etc.

- Adhesive for flooring: Used to bond and lay wood block, cork, vinyl, asbestos, asphalt tiles. Not suitable for plasticized flexible rubber and vinyl tiles and sheet.

- Insulation board adhesive: For bonding boards and slabs made from insulants such as expanded polystyrene, fibreboard, cork, etc.

- Preparation for plastering: Used to provide a key for plaster to difficult surfaces (eg. gloss paint and tiles).

### OUTSTANDING FEATURES

- Excellent damp-proofing characteristics.
- Superb adhesion
- Excellent movement capability.
- Solvent free - environment friendly.
- No re-emulsification in water.
- Wide range of service temperature.

### INSTALLATION

#### PREPARATION

- Thoroughly clean all surfaces to be coated with BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX.
- Repair damaged or cracked substrate.
- Prepare porous surfaces by priming BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX diluted 1:1 with water. Treat friable surface with BITUPRIME.

- Allow to dry before application of coating.
- Stir AQUASHIELD LX well prior to application.

#### APPLICATION

1. General damp-proofing & vapour barrier. As a general waterproofing for vertical and horizontal application.

- Prepare surface as indicated earlier.
- Apply in two coats. The first at the rate of 1.0 lit. per sq.mt. Allow to dry before applying the second coat which should be at right angle to the first, at the same rate as before.

- Use only as damp-proof membrane in sandwich construction. Apply as above, blinding the wet second coat with clean, sharp sand before applying a minimum of 50mm sand cement screed surface. Integrate the liquid membrane into the damp-proof course system.

- If BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX is to be left exposed to sunlight for any length of time, the wet second coat must be blinded with clean sharp sand.

*When used as a vapour barrier, it is essential that there are no imperfections in the coating. Any small hole will destroy the vapour seal.*

2. As an adhesive for wood blocks & mosaics

- In damp conditions prepare floor by applying as detailed above, thus first providing a damp-proof membrane.

- Ensure that the screed surface is perfectly level, cured and dry.

- Clean and dampen screed surface. Then dip the underside of the wood blocks into the BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX, coating up to half the height of the block. Then press the block firmly into place forcing out entrapped air.

- Keep tools in water during use. Clean with water when wet and with white spirit when dry.

3. As an adhesive for insulation and tiles

- For damp surfaces prepare as detailed above.
- Ensure surfaces are smooth, clean and lightly dampened.

- Allow both surfaces to be bonded with BITUMATAQUASHIELD LX at the rate of 1.0 kg per sq.mt.

- Allow to become tacky before pressing firmly together. It may be necessary to hold the material in place until sufficient adhesive strength is developed.

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Gloss paint and old tiles may require special preparation to accept plaster.

- a.) Thoroughly clean surfaces to be treated.
- b.) Apply two coats of BITUMAT AQUASHIELD LX at the rate of 1.0 litre per sq.m., the first coat being allowed to dry out before application of the second. This is then allowed to go tacky before blinding the surface with clean sand.
- c.) Do not plaster until the coating has completely dried; generally a period of two days is sufficient.
- d.) The use of light weight plaster is recommended. Plaster in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

### STORAGE

Store BITUMAT AQUASHIELD LX under cover, at temperatures between 5°C and 40°C. Storage must be frost free.

### PACKING

20-Kg and 200-Kg containers.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

- a. Fire - Non flammable when wet.
- b. Skin - Avoid repeated or prolonged skin contact. Remove with water when wet, or with a hand cleaner when dry.
- c. Eyes - No special precautions necessary. But if eyes become contaminated, irrigate them with copious amount of clean water and seek medical assistance immediately.

### TECHNICAL DATA

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Property	Typical Value
1. Bitumen modifier	SBR
2. Residue by evaporation, %	60 [nominal]
3. Specific gravity	1.0
4. Flammability	Non-flammable when wet
6. Drying time (firm set)	Less than 24 hrs at 80% RH [ +5%] @ 27°C [ +/-2°C]
7. Heat resistance, at 100°C	No flow, sag or blistering
8. Flexibility at 0°C	No cracking or flaking
9. Service temperature range, °C	-20 to +100
10. Water vapour transmission g/M <sup>2</sup> 124 hrs	0.8*
11. Water resistance	No blistering or re-emulsification in water**

\* At recommended application rates.

\*\* For application involving potable water, use BITUMAT HEAVY DUTY EMULSION, Type RV.

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