

CreteCote Datasheet

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CreteCote is a coloured, thin film cement based floor covering which is versatile and durable. It is a two coat system which produces a 1.6mm smooth decorative finish suitable for application onto wood or steel floated concrete floor slabs or screeds and is ideal for internal domestic applications. Comes complete with powder and catalyst in a twin pack.

Technical Data

Type	Modified cement based coating
Colour	See website: www.cemcrete.co.za
Pot life	45 minutes
Working time after mixing	20-30 minutes
Initial set	1 hour
Light floor traffic after application	3-4 hours depending on weather
Compressive strength (28 days)	+/- 35MPa
Mixing water temperature	Best between 10 and 25°C
Application temperature (ambient)	6-25°C
Slab temperature	6-25°C
Application thickness	1.6mm overall 2 coats
Density	1 250g/litre
Protection during application	Protection barriers required against wind and sun (no contact with product)

NOTE: All surface beds should have a damp proof membrane, and substrates must attain moisture levels less than 5% before the application of Cemcrete CreteCote.

Storage

CreteCote can be stored unopened for 12 months, from date of invoice, above 5°C.

Suitable Surfaces

CreteCote is suitably designed for application onto concrete and screed substrates that are integrally sound (no cracking, no crumbling or friability, good compressive strength and good scuff resistance etc) and of a quality and consistency suitable for application (smooth and level). Cemcrete cannot be held liable should the **CreteCote** application be compromised as a result of failure or de-bonding (adhesion failure) occurring within the substrate due to deficiencies or lack of surface preparation.

Floor Tolerances

The success of an installation is highly dependent on substrate conditions and the quality of substrate preparation before applying **CreteCote**. Since **CreteCote** is normally applied at 0.8mm per coat, it is important that all highs and lows are addressed before application of **CreteCote** (no more than 3mm off the datum line). In identifying the highs and lows a straight edge should be placed down and rotated through 360 degrees around the centre point (the larger the area the longer the straight edge should be). This exercise will highlight the valleys and ridges.

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Surface Preparation

Existing surfaces

Floor should preferably be ground with a floor grinder to remove surface residues and to expose the true condition of the floor. Ensure that all cracks, holes and loose areas are properly repaired before application. PrimerCote mixed with some Concrete Floor Primer mixed to a stiff paste can be used for this purpose prior to priming with Concrete Floor Primer. It is suggested to first prime shallow holes with Concrete Floor Primer prior to patching. For larger holes use a suitable repair mortar. Application over moving joints or cracks can result in cracking and delaminating. All construction, cold joints, structural joints and/or structural cracks which may be dynamic before and/or after the **CreteCote** application must be extended through to the surface of the **CreteCote** application in the form of voided joints. All voided joints including saw cuts should be filled with suitable joint filler.

All applicable surfaces to be structurally sound and free from grease, oil, wax, carpet glue, bitumen, and dust or anything that might interfere with adhesion. Remove dust and loose material with a high pressure washer or with a vacuum cleaner and stiff brush. If previous bonding material is still prevalent, a concrete floor grinder or shot blaster using the finest grit available should be used. Scrub the surface using a suitable concrete degreaser and flush well with clean water. Allow to dry properly.

New surfaces

The concrete or cement screed should be finished to a smooth and level surface and allowed to cure for at least 28 days (wet curing for the first seven days), subject to the screed having a moisture content less than 5%, before applying **CreteCote**. Ensure that the concrete or screed is integrally sound, dry, smooth, level and free of dust and laitance in any form.

Priming

For porous surfaces with a good mechanical key, prime the surface with two coats of Cemcrete's Concrete Floor Primer. A third coat may be required if the floor is very porous. Apply each coat perpendicular to the other allowing each coat to dry in between. It is imperative that you refer to the relevant data sheets for the mixing and application instructions. All priming treatments should be allowed to dry for 24 hours before applying **CreteCote**.

Mixing

Remove the 2 products from the twin-pack. Pour about 80% of the polymer solution into the bucket. Add the **CreteCote** powder and mix mechanically slowly adding the balance of the solution as required until a workable plaster consistency is achieved. Do not mix manually. Once mixed let the product stand for a minute before remixing it again. If required more liquid can be added to obtain the required workable consistency. In order to maintain product properties and workability when working in small or complex areas, **CreteCote** should be mixed in smaller batches ensuring that the correct mix proportions are maintained. Ensure that the product is agitated regularly so as to maintain the correct consistency. Do not tamper with mixed batches (add more liquid) as this will compromise your finish. If the **CreteCote** has set in the bucket discard.

Application

Before application, ensure that the prepared surface is cool and protected from wind and sun and other elements. Using a firm sponge rub the first layer thinly onto the surface, then while within arm's length smooth the surface using a rounded pool trowel. Then sponge the next section and repeat the process. Each layer applied must not exceed a depth of 0.8 mm even if high spots remain exposed. Work small areas at close range always maintaining a wet edge. As soon as the first layer is dry, marks left by uneven trowelling should be removed by sanding by hand **within** 24 hours after application. Sand in a circular motion using 120 grit abranet sand paper. Prior to applying the next coat be sure to clean the previous coat with a clean damp sponge to remove all dust. However, the floor should only be damp and not 'wet'. Remove all dust and debris from the surface before applying subsequent layers as required until a smooth uniform finish is achieved. When sanding the final coat, before sealing, sand with a 240 grit Abranet sand paper in a circular motion within 24 hours after application so as not to leave any sanding marks on the surface. Protect finished areas until properly sealed.

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NOTE: Sanding does enhance the mottling effect of CreteCote. To minimize this effect the final coat of CreteCote should not be sanded.

Curing

The completed work should be allowed to air cure for 24 hours after application, before mist spraying the entire floor evenly at least twice during the day thereafter. Ensure that no water is allowed to pond on the surface. Allow to dry to within the moisture levels previously stated before sealing commences.

Sealing

The moisture in the floor must be less than 5% prior to sealing. Ensure that the surface is free of any form of laitance or dust etcetera before sealing with a suitable sealer fit for purpose in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Sealers are best applied to a cool surface in multiple thin coats until an even sheen is achieved. Allow sufficient drying time between coats (product specific in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions). Cemcrete manufacture a wide range of sealers designed for a specific purpose, dry film thickness and durability (example: for use in wet areas etc.) Please contact your local representative for the best solution to meet your needs.

Maximum hardness of the protective sealer is normally achieved 7-10 days after application and the floor should be used with care during this period. Do not slide furniture across the floor as this can damage the newly applied coating. Furniture foot pads are advisable. (These are normally made up from non abrasive materials such as carpet)

Floor maintenance

Maintain **CreteCote** floors with Cemcrete's CreteCare range of floor care products in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Sweeping, mopping and vacuuming is a necessity for all floors irrespective of the final finish. Refer to relevant CreteCare data sheets.

Coverage

CreteCote applied as instructed should cover approximately 8m² to 10m² per 15kg drum.

Packaging

15kg twin-pack plastic drums only. Abranet sand paper also available from Cemcrete.

Colours

Please refer to our website: www.cemcrete.co.za for the updated colour choices. It is important to remember that final colours may differ from those depicted on the colour charts as a result of factors such as site conditions and choice of sealer etc. It is important to base your final decision on samples applied by the same contractor and under the same conditions as is governed by the relevant contracting parties. We recommend two samples should be made by the contractor, one for the client and one as a retained sample.

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