

304 CrownFlex™ Epoxy

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET Product Number: 304

Waterproofing Membrane or Base Coat for Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional Flooring

DESCRIPTION

304 CrownFlex is a two-component, low viscosity, 100% solids, semi-rigid epoxy membrane, that can be used as a base coat. It features a combination of excellent adhesion and elongation not available in general-purpose epoxy. It is used as an epoxy membrane for waterproofing and cracks dampening under epoxy coating and flooring systems. It can be reinforced with fiberglass or scrim cloth for dimensional stabilities. As a membrane under thin-set epoxy terrazzo, it meets NTMA and TTMAC requirements. It can be applied directly over 8303 CrownShield MVB (moisture mitigation primer). It is VOC Compliant in all states and provinces in North America.

TYPICAL MEMBRANE USES

- Animal Cage Wash and Animal Housing
- Automotive Show Room and Repair
- Commercial Bakery and Kitchen
- Hospital and Health Care Facility
- Laboratory and Research
- Manufacturing and Warehouse
- Mechanical Equipment Room
- Pharmaceutical Floors

*Note: Not a Top Coat or Finish Coat

BENEFITS

- Complies with USDA, FDA, Food Safety Modernization Act. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 3 Food and Beverage Compliance.**
- Slip Resistance (ADA) **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 4 Coefficient of Friction.**
- LEED® and Green Seal® requirements. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 5 LEED and Green Seal Information.**
- 100% Solids, Zero VOC and EPA Compliant, and low odor during installation. Cures to an inert finish. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 2 VOC Compliance.**
- Strong and Tough Floor.
- Excellent Chemical and Abrasion Resistance
- Designed for new floors and for resurfacing old floors

LIMITATIONS

- This product is best suited for applications in temperatures between 40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°C).
- Higher temperatures will result in shortened working times and faster drying times.
- Color may vary due to batch-to-batch variation, always “box” different batches to avoid it.
- Do not use as a primer when concrete slab exceeds 3 lbs. or 80% RH.

COLORS

Only available in Clear Amber.

COVERAGE RATE PER GALLON

- 1st Membrane: 80 to 100 sq. ft. (7.4 to 9.3 sq. m.), WFT 16 to 20 mils (0.41 to 0.50 mm)
- 2nd Membrane: 80 to 100 sq. ft. (7.4 to 9.3 sq. m.), WFT 16 to 20 mils (0.41 to 0.50 mm)

CONCRETE

Concrete must be structurally sound and free of curing agents, coatings, sealers, densifiers, and other bond breakers.

New Concrete:

- Place concrete per ACI 302.2R Guide for Concrete Slabs that Receive Moisture-Sensitive Floor Materials.
- Water Cement Ratio 0.4 to 0.5, and an approximate 4,000 psi (28 MPa) strength level.
- Requiring a positive side moisture barrier in direct contact with the concrete meeting ASTM E1745 Standard Specification for Plastic Water Retarders Used in Contact with Soil or Granular Fill under Concrete Slabs.
- The moisture barrier needs to be placed per ASTM E1643 Standard Practice for Selection, Design, Installation of Water Vapor Retarders Used in Contact with Earth or Granular Fill Under Concrete Slabs, Class A 15 mils (0.38mm)

Existing Concrete:

If field tests or laboratory analysis reveals inferior concrete flooring slabs containing contaminants from previously applied unreacted silicate materials that will interfere with the bond, use 8201 CrownPrime WBC. See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 20 Selecting a Primer.

- Contaminants include, but are not limited to organic hydrocarbon materials, calcium chlorides, and

aluminum stearates.

- Concrete flooring slabs can lose their structural strength over time, caused by conditions beyond the control of the flooring manufacturer or the installation contractor.
- If the concrete substrate deteriorates sufficiently, it will no longer support the bond of the remediation floor system.

Such conditions are detailed in ACI 201.2R “Guide to Durable Concrete” published by the American Concrete Institute. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 1 Concrete Surface Preparation.**

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE DATA

See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 9 Chemical Resistance Guidelines and Chart.

CHECK CONCRETE MOISTURE

The concrete must be dry before application of this floor coating material. Concrete moisture tests are required, either ASTM F1869 (calcium chloride) or ASTM F2170 (in situ RH probe). **Refer to appropriate Technical Data Sheet limits and Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: Moisture Mitigation Negative Side Moisture Barrier.**

Physical Properties at 77°F (25°C) (Unless otherwise stated)	
VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds), (VOC Calculated Per ASTM D3960)	0 gr./lt.
Viscosity, Mixed Epoxy and Hardener	2,000 to 2,500 cps
Pot Life, gallon (3.79 liters) Mass, Pot Life is Reduced by Increases in Mass & Temperature	20 to 25 Minutes
Mix Ratio, by Volume	1:1
Minimum Application Surface Temperature	40°F
Dry to Touch 40°F to 90°F (4.4°C to 32°F)	5 to 12 Hours
Recoat Time 40°F to 90°F (4.4°C to 32°F)	5 to 24 Hours
Full Cure 40°F to 90°F (4.4°C to 32°F)	7 to 14 Days
Shelf Life (shipped and stored) at 40°F to 100°F (4.4°C to 38°C)	1.5 Years
Packaging 4 and 10 gal. (15.1 and 37.9 liters)	

Mechanical Properties at 77°F (25°C) 7 Day Cure (Unless otherwise stated)	
Surface Preparation ICRI Guideline No. 310.2R Concrete Surface Profile (CSP 2 and above) Depending on System to be Installed and Condition of Concrete.	
Tensile Strength, ASTM D638	2,100 psi
Tensile Elongation, ASTM D638	70 to 100%
Adhesion, ASTM D7234, Concrete Failure	>400 psi
Hardness (Shore D) ASTM D2240	35 – 45
Water Absorption, ASTM D570 Resin & Hardener	0.15%
Microbial (fungi) Resistance ASTM G21 (Without the Anti-Microbial Agent)	Pass #1
Moisture Vapor Emission Rate, ASTM F1869*	3 lbs.
Moisture Relative Humidity, ASTM F2170*	80% RH
*If moisture or relative humidity exceeds the limits consult the Crown Polymers representative and refer to Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 6 Moisture Mitigation Negative Side Moisture Barrier	

Note: Although testing is critical, it is not a guarantee against future problems. This is especially true if there is no vapor barrier or it is not functioning properly and/or concrete has contamination from oils, chemical spills, densifiers, excessive salts or other bond breakers.

CHECK TEMPERATURE and HUMIDITY

Floor and material temperature must be at or above the published Technical Data Sheet requirements. Dew point must be 5°F (3°C) or more below the surface temperature. Do not apply if humidity is at or above 85%. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 7 Temperature and Relative Humidity Limits.**

SURFACE PREPARATION

Surface preparation following: ICRI Guideline No. 310.2R Selecting and Specifying Concrete Surface Preparation for Sealers, Coatings, Polymer Overlays, and Concrete Repair. The pH of the concrete substrate should be at 9 or above. All bond-breaking material must be removed. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 1 Concrete Surface Preparation.**

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

Depending on system applied: Disposable 3" brush for cutting in, variable low-speed drill (450 rpm) with Jiffy® type impeller mixing paddle, 3/8-inch nap non-shedding phenolic core roller, and V-notched rubber squeegee for spreading neat epoxy and gauge rake or trowels for thicker applications.

OPTIONAL ANTIMICROBIAL

The antimicrobial additive is a non-heavy metal biocide that can be added during the manufacturing process. The antimicrobial agent can be added to the topcoat only for an economical application or it can be added to each step of the application, primer, body coat, and topcoat, which is recommended for abusive environments. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 11 Understanding the Optional Antimicrobial Additive.**

MIXING

For ease of mixing and placement, the temperature of the "A" and "B" components should be between 70°F to 80°F (20°C to 26°C). Pre-mix the "A" and "B" components to ensure all raw material and pigments are dispersed uniformly. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 10 Mixing Guidelines.**

APPLICATION

After mixing all contents as instructed, immediately pour all liquid material onto the properly prepared concrete substrate, or next epoxy lift in ribbons and squeegee the material out evenly. Back-roll and cross rolling of material are critical for receiving coat, lock coat, grout coat, topcoat, and finish coat. Check for desired wet film thickness with a WFT Gauge. If broadcasting aggregate, broadcast into the wet material. Place trowel mortar mix within installation sequence. Place all steps per Crown Polymer Installation Guidelines.

SKID-RESISTANCE

Skid-Resistance – Field (in situ) Wet Dynamic Coefficient of Friction (DCOF), ANSI A326.3. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 4 Dynamic Coefficient of Friction.**

SHIPPING and STORAGE

Ship and store material between 40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°C). Store in a dry environment and out of direct sunlight.

SHELF LIFE

Shelf life is 1 year from the date of manufacture, provided the containers are unopened.

CLEAN-UP

Clean-up mixing station, tools, and equipment as required. Use acetone, a VOC exempt solvent, for cleaning up. Observe all legal, and health, and safety precautions when handling or storing solvents and materials, particularly in confined spaces. Make sure the working areas are well ventilated at all times during placement and curing time.

DISPOSAL

Dispose of empty packaging and other waste following federal, state, province, and local regulations.

MAINTENANCE

Inspect the installed floor by spot cleaning and spot repairing the damaged or cracked areas. To prolong the life of the flooring system, a daily maintenance program is highly recommended to ensure the floor is safe for its intended purposes. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 8 Care and Maintenance.**

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For questions, contact a Crown Polymers Representative. Additional Support Documents are available from Crown Polymers, including brochures, application guidelines, videos and more. Visit Crownpolymers.com or contact Crown for additional resources.

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