

8503 CrownFlex™ Thixotropic Epoxy Cove Base & Joint/Crack Filler

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET Product Number: 8503-S, 8503-F

Semi-Rigid Thixotropic Coating, Cove Base, Joint Sealant & Crack Filler

DESCRIPTION

8503 CrownFlex is a two-component, 100% solids, semi-rigid thixotropic epoxy cove base binder, orange peel coating and a sag-resistant control joint and cracks filler. It features a combination of excellent adhesion and elongation not available in general-purpose epoxy. It is formulated to provide the armoring of concrete joint edges and minimizing the deterioration of concrete joint/crack edge to impact. It is available in standard cure and fast cure. For armoring concrete joint and crack edges use 8503 CrownFlex instead of elastomeric sealants that meet ASTM C920 Standard Specification for Elastomeric Joint Sealants which do not armor the concrete joint or crack edges. It is used on floors, joints, and cracks subjected to heavy foot traffic, forklift traffic, and chemical attack, specifically food acids. Also, it is used as an epoxy membrane for waterproofing and crack dampening under epoxy coating and flooring systems. It is VOC Compliant in all states and provinces in North America.

- “S” – Standard Cure Hardener is designed for temperatures ranging from 50°F to 80°F (10°C to 27°C).
- “F” – Fast Cure Hardener is designed for temperatures ranging from 40°F to 60°F (4°C to 16°C).

TYPICAL USE

- Static Control Joint and Non-Moving Crack Filler
- Embedded detector wire loop for traffic signals, electric gates and Robotics
- Control Joint and Concrete Crack Filler
- Cove Base Gel Binder
- Orange Peel Finish Coating
- Patching Binder Extended with Aggregate

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.
- Strong Chemical and Abrasion Resistance
- Designed for new floors and for resurfacing old floors

LIMITATIONS

- This product is best suited for applications in temperatures between 60°F to 90°F (16°C to 32°C).
- Scratches in certain colors may appear

white, such as blue pigmented products.

- Higher temperatures will result in shortened working times and faster drying time.
- 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

Clear, 12 Standard Colors* and Custom Colors. Available in factory pigmentation or CrownPigment™ Epoxy 6300 PigmentPack™ Not available in safety colors. *See Crown Polymers Standard Color Guide Acrylics, Epoxies, Polyaspartics, Polyurethanes (PigmentPack).

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

Design, Installation of Water Vapor Retarders Used in Contact the earth or Granular Fill Under Concrete Slabs, Class A 15 mils (0.38 mm).

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 Primer. 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 slab 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.

COVERAGE RATES

Cove Base Gel Binder with Broadcast Color Quartz Aggregate or Natural Occurring Quartz Trowel Aggregate. Recommended

- 1.5 Gal 8503 to 100 pounds of Aggregate, aggregate ratio will change with the ambient and aggregate temperature. Bridging, Crack Damping, Crack Isolation, Fluid Proofing, Seismic Crack Control, and Waterproofing)
- 4 Inch (10 cm.) Cove Base - 8503 1.5 Gal and 100 lbs. Yield is approximately 65 linear feet (18.9 linear meters)
- 6 Inch (15 cm.) Cove Base - 8503 1.5 Gal and 100 lbs. Yield is approximately 50 linear feet (15.2 linear meters)

Orange Peel Coating

- Place at 200 sq. ft. (18.9 sq. m.) per gal (3.7 lts.)

Non-Moving Control Joint or Non-Moving Crack Sealant

- Installation coverage will vary with the application method, width, and depth of control joint to be filled. There are 231 cubic inches per gallon of 8503 CrownFlex. (Theoretical coverage does not address wastage.)
- Optional Reinforcement Fiber Glass or Scrim Cloth for Dimensional Stability Recommended when Coating or Flooring System is intended to cover Control Joints or Cracks.

APPROXIMATE YIELD per GALLON (No Wastage)						
Width Per Inch	Depth Per Inch	Linear Feet Per Gal		Width Per Inch	Depth Per Inch	Linear Feet Per Gal
1/8	1/8	1200		1/2	1/8	300
1/8	1/4	600		1/2	1/4	150
1/8	1/2	300		1/2	1/2	75
1/8	3/4	200		1/2	3/4	50
1/8	1	150		1/2	1	37
1/4	1/8	600		1	1/8	150
1/4	1/4	300		1	1/4	75
1/4	1/2	150		1	1/2	37
1/4	3/4	100		1	3/4	25
1/4	1	75		1	1	19
Cove Gel Binder and Aggregate - Clear Opaque or Pigmented						
It can be placed as a cove base primer (vertical or horizontal at 160 sq. ft. per gal.						
1 1/4 to 1 1/2 gal to 100 lbs. trowel mortar aggregate or 100 lbs. of color quartz aggregate						
4 Inch 1 1/2 Radius - Yield 65 Linear Feet			6 Inch 1 1/2 Radius - Yield 50 Linear Feet			

Physical Properties at 77°F (25°C) Unless Otherwise Stated	
VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) ASTM D3960	<5 gr./lt.
Viscosity, Mixed Epoxy and Hardener	Sag Resistant
8503 Standard Pot Life, 1 gal (3.79 lts.) Mass (Pot Life is reduced when the Mass and/or Temperature is increased.	30 Minutes
8503 Fast Pot Life, 1 gal (3.79 lts.) Mass (Pot Life is reduced when the Mass and/or Temperature is increased.	15 Minutes
Mix Ratio, by Volume	2:1
Minimum Application Temperature	40°F (4.4°C)
8503 Standard Dry to Touch 50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C)	4 to 6 Hours
8503 Standard Recoat Time 50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C)	12 to 24 Hours
8503 Standard Little Traffic 50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C)	12 Hours Minimum
8503 Standard Full Cure 50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C)	4 to 14 Days
Shelf Life (Shipping and Storage) 40°F to 100°F (4.4°C to 38°C)	1 Year
Packaging 1.5 and 3 gal kits (5.7 and 11.4 lts. kits)	

Mechanical Properties at 77°F (25°C) Unless Otherwise Stated	
Surface Preparation ICRI Guideline No. 310.2R (CSP 2 to CSP 4), Depending on System being Installed and Concrete Condition.	
Compressive Strength, ASTM D695	2,500 psi (17.2 mpa)
Tensile Strength, ASTM D638	1,000 psi (6.9 mpa)
Tensile Elongation, ASTM D638	60%
Adhesion, ASTM D7234	>300 psi (2.1 mpa)
Hardness (Shore D) ASTM D2240	55 - 60
Microbial (fungi) Resistance, ASTM G21 without an anti-microbial agent)	Pass < 1
Water Absorption Mixed Resin and Hardener, ASTM D570	0.1%
Moisture Vapor Emission Rate, ASTM F1869*	3 lbs.
Moisture Relative Humidity, ASTM F2170*	80% rh
*If moisture or relative humidity exceeds the test limits consult a 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 guaranteed against future Problems. This is especially true if there is not a positive side vapor barrier installed per ACI 302.2R and ASTM F1754. Concrete must be sound and durable per ACI 201.2R and be free of bond breaking properties and/or concrete contamination from oil, chemical spills, densifiers, excessive salts and other bond breakers.	

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: 6 Moisture Mitigation Negative Side Moisture Barrier.

CHECK TEMPERATURE & HUMIDITY

Floor and material temperature must be at or above the published Technical Data Sheet. Dew Point must be 5°F (3°C) or more below the surface temperature. Do not apply if humidity is at or above 95%. 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 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 manufacturer, provide 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 in accordance with federal, state, provinces and local regulations.

MAINTENANCE

Inspect the installed floor by spot cleaning and spot repairing the damaged or cracked areas. To prolong 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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