



8503 CrownFlex™ Semi-Rigid Epoxy Thixotropic

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET Product Number: 8503

Semi-Rigid Epoxy Thixotropic Used as Cove Paste and Static Joint Sealant and Crack Filler

DESCRIPTION

8503 CrownFlex is a two-component, thixotropic, 100% solids, semi-rigid epoxy used as cove paste and joint sealant and crack filler. It features a combination of excellent adhesion and elongation not available in general purpose epoxy. It is formulated to provide cove paste to be used with mortar sands or decorative color quartz aggregate and for 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. It is used for embedding detector wire loops for traffic signal, electric gates and robotics. 8503 CrownFlex should be used in lieu of elastomeric sealants that meet ASTM C920 Standard Specification for Elastomeric Joint Sealants which do not armor the concrete joint edges. It is used on floors, joints and cracks subjected to heavy foot traffic, fork lift traffic and chemical attack, specifically food acids. In addition, it is used as an epoxy membrane for waterproofing and crack dampening under epoxy coating and flooring systems. It can also be used as a “cove gel” for hanging a semi-rigid cove. It is VOC Compliant in all states and provinces in North America.

CONTROL JOINT COVERAGE RATE

Installation coverage will vary with 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.)

Approximate Yield per Gallon				Approximate Yield per Gallon		
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 ¼ to 1 ½ gal to 100 lbs. trowel mortar aggregate or 100 lbs. of color quartz aggregate						
4 Inch 1 ½ Radius - Yield 65 Linear Feet				6 Inch 1 ½ Radius - Yield 50 Linear Feet		

TYPICAL USES

- FAA P-606 Runway Sealant for Wires and Lights
- Detector Wire Loops for Traffic Signal, Electric Gates and Robotics
- Control Joints and Crack Semi-Rigid Sealant
- Concrete and Polymer Floor Joint Edge Reinforcement
- Cove Base Mortar Binder
- Chemical and Abrasion Resistance
- Designed for new floors and for resurfacing old floors

BENEFITS

- Complies with USDA, FDA, Food Safety Modernization Act. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 3 Food and Beverage Compliance.**
- LEED® and Green Seal® requirements. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 5 LEED and Green Seal Information.**
- VOC and EPA Compliant in all states and provinces in North America. Cures to an inert finish. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 2 VOC Compliance.**

LIMITATIONS

- This product is best suited for applications in temperatures between 60°F to 90°F (16°C to 32°C). Do not apply when Relative Humidity exceeds 85%. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 7 Temperature and Relative Humidity Limits.**
- 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.

COLORS

Clear, 15 Standard Colors* and Custom Colors. Available in factory pigmentation or CrownPigment™ Epoxy 6300 PigmentPack™ ***See Crown Polymers Standard Color Guide Acrylics, Epoxies, Polyaspartics, Polyurethanes (PigmentPack).**

HANDLING and SAFETY

Warning! Eye and skin irritant. May cause dermatitis and sensitization. Always read and follow the product SDS. Avoid contact with eyes, skin and clothing. Avoid breathing vapors, mist and spray. Use with good ventilation.

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 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.**

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE DATA

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

CHECK CONCRETE MOISTURE

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 90%. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 7 Temperature and Relative Humidity Limits.**

SURFACE PREPARATION

Surface preparation in accordance with: 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.**

Physical Properties at 77°F (25°C)	
VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds), (VOC Calculated Per ASTM D3960)	0 gr./lt.
Standard Viscosity Clear, Mixed Epoxy and Hardener	Sag Resistant
Standard Viscosity Clear, Mixed Epoxy and Hardener, at 50°F (10°C)	Sag Resistant
Mix Density Clear, Mixed Epoxy, and Hardener	9.23 lbs./gal
Pot Life, Standard Cure, 1 gallon (3.79 liters) Mass, Pot Life is Reduced by Increases in Mass and Temperature*	30 Minutes
Pot Life, Fast Cure, 1 gallon (3.79 liters) Mass, Pot Life is Reduced by Increases in Mass and Temperature*	15 Minutes
*Pot Life is reduced by Increases in Temperature and increased by reductions in Temperature	
Mix Ratio, by Volume	2:1
Dry to Touch 40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°F)	4 to 6 Hours
Recoat Time 40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°F)	12 to 72 Hours
Light Traffic 40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°F)	12 Hour Minimum
Full Cure 40°F to 90°F (4°C to 32°F)	4 to 14 Days
Shelf Life (shipped and stored) at 40°F to 100°F (4.4°C to 38°C)	1.5 Years
Packaging 1 ½, 3, and 15 gals. (5.7, 11.4, and 56.8 liters)	

Mechanical Properties at 77°F (25°C)	
Surface Preparation ICRI Guideline No. 310.2R Concrete Surface Profile (CSP 2 and above) Depending on System to be Installed and Condition of Concrete.	
Compressive Strength, ASTM D695, 7 Days	2,500 psi
Tensile Strength, ASTM D638	1,000 psi
Tensile Elongation, ASTM D638	60%
Tensile Elongation, ASTM D412	130%
Adhesion, ASTM D7234, Concrete Failure	>400 psi
Hardness (Shore D) ASTM D2240	55 - 60
Water Absorption, ASTM D570 Resin & Hardener	0.1%
Abrasion Resistance, ASTM D4060 Resin & Hardener 500 cycles, Wheel No. CS17, 1000 gr. Load	0.02 gr.
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 not a positive side vapor barrier or it is not functioning properly and/or concrete has contamination from oils, chemical spills, densifiers, excessive salts, or other bond breakers.

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

Depending on system applied: Disposable 3" brush for cutting in, variable low speed drill (450 rpm) with Jiffy® type impeller mixing paddle, margin trowel, bulk caulking gun and pour can.

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 top coat only for an economical application or it can be added to each step of the application, primer, body coat and top coat, 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 (21°C to 27°C). Pre-mix the "A" and "B" component to ensure all raw material and pigments are dispersed uniformly. Box pigmented products if using different numbers for uniformity of color. **See Crown Polymers Technical Bulletin: 10 Mixing Guidelines.**

APPLICATION

After mixing all contents as instructed, immediately pour all liquid material on to the properly prepared concrete substrate or next epoxy lift in ribbons and squeegee the material out evenly. Back-roll and cross rolling of material is critical. Check for desired wet film thickness with a WFT Gauge. Place all steps per Crown Polymer Installation Instruction.

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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