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Silfloor SFC

Silfloor SFC is a high build, solvent free epoxy resin floor coating which provides a hard wearing, chemical and abrasion resistant floor finish. It is ideally suited for use in wet areas where a high degree of resistance to chemicals, oils and grease is required.

is a solvent free system based on epoxy resins and curing agents specially selected for their ability to withstand chemical attack. The system consists of pre-weighed base & hardener components and a Silfloor color pack, all of which contain reactive elements that are essential to the installation of the system.

A slip resistant texture can be provided by the use of one of a range of Silfloor Antislip Grains which have been carefully graded to ensure an even texture.

Usages and Advantage

- Durable, low maintenance costs.
- Proven against a wide range of industrial chemicals.
- Solvent free - no odour during application.
- Slip resistant - different textures available to suit conditions to avoid slipping.
- Liquid applied providing complete protection.
- Available in a wide range of colors to improve the working environment and identify slip hazard areas.

Description

The epoxy resin floor coating shall be Silfloor SFC from Silkon. The total dry film thickness of the coating shall be a minimum of 400 microns and shall have a compressive strength of 75 N/mm², flexural strength of 40 N/mm² and a tensile strength of 20 N/mm². The floor shall be prepared and the coating mixed and applied in accordance with the manufacturer's current data sheet.

This is applied as a floor coating system comprising of two top coats (depending on the substrate conditions a primer might be required), each top coat to be a minimum of 200 microns thick. To provide a slip resistant texture, the first top coat can be dressed with Silfloor Antislip Grains

Technical support

Silkon offers a comprehensive technical support service to specifiers, end users and contractors. It is also able to offer on-site technical assistance, an AutoCAD facility and dedicated specification assistance in locations all over the Country.

The following values were obtained when tested at 20°C and 30°C.

	@ 20°C	@ 30°C
Pot life	: 40 mins	20 mins
Cure time	: 24 hours	18 hours
Maximum time between coats	: 36 hours	15 hours
Light traffic use after	: 24 hours	18 hours
Full traffic use after	: 48 hours	24 hours
Resistance to chemical spillage	: 7 days	5 days
Compressive strength	: 75 N/mm ²	
Flexural strength	: 40 N/mm ²	
Tensile strength	: 20 N/mm ²	
Water absorption (ASTM C 413:1996)	: 0.05%	
Shore D Hardness (ASTM D 2240 : 1996)	: 90	

Chemical resistance

Fully cured Silfloor SFC samples have been tested in a wide range of aggressive chemicals commonly found in industrial environments. Tests were performed in accordance to ASTM D 543 standards over 168 hours (7 days at 25°C+2)

Acids

Lactic acid 10%	: Resistant
Citric acid 10%	: Resistant
Acetic acid 10%	: Resistant
Hydrochloric acid 50%	: Resistant
Sulphuric acid 50%	: Resistant
Nitric acid 25%	: Resistant

Alkalis

Sodium hydroxide 50%	: Resistant
Ammonia (0.880) 10%	: Resistant

Solvents

Petrol	: Resistant
Oil	: Resistant
Kerosene	: Resistant



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Butanol	: Resistant
Skydrol	: Resistant
Industrial Methylated spirits	: Resistant

Other Chemicals

Saturated sugar solution	: Resistant
Urea (saturated)	: Resistant
Bleach 5%	: Resistant

All the above properties have been determined by laboratory controlled tests and are in excess of those expected in practice. Nevertheless, success in use will be determined by the implementation of good housekeeping practices.

Application Methodology

Surface preparation

The long term durability of any resin floor system is determined by the adhesive bond achieved between the flooring material and the substrate. It is most important therefore that substrates are correctly prepared prior to application.

New concrete floors

These should normally have been placed for at least 28 days and have a moisture content of less than 5%. Floors should be sound and free from contamination such as oil and grease, mortar and paint splashes or curing compound residues. Excessive laitance can be removed by the use of mechanical methods. Dust and other debris should then be removed by vacuum cleaning.

Old concrete floors

A sound, clean substrate is essential to achieve maximum adhesion. Oil and grease penetration should be removed by the use of a proprietary chemical degreaser or by hot compressed air treatment. Any damaged areas or surface irregularities should be repaired using Silfloor UL6.

Priming

Priming is not normally required provided the substrate is sound, untreated and good quality nonporous concrete. If any doubts exist of the quality of the concrete, or if it is porous it should be primed with Silfloor Primer. Contact the local Silkon office for advice. Silfloor Primer should be mixed in the proportions supplied. Add the entire contents of the hardener can to the base can. When thoroughly mixed, preferably using a slow speed drill and paddle, the primer should be applied in a thin continuous film, using rollers or stiff brushes.

Work the primer well into the surface of the concrete taking care to avoid ponding or over application. The primer should be left to achieve a tack-free condition before applying the top coat. A second coat of primer may be required if the substrate is excessively porous.

Mixing the coating

The base and hardener components of Silfloor SFC should be thoroughly stirred before the two are mixed together. The entire contents of the hardener container should be poured into the base container and the two materials mixed thoroughly, then add the colour pot and mix for at least 3 minutes. The use of a heavy-duty slow speed, flameproof or air driven drill fitted with a Mixing Paddle is desirable. Mix these components in the quantities supplied taking care to ensure all containers are scraped clean. Do not add solvent thinners at any time.

Application

The first coat of Silfloor SFC should be applied using a good quality medium haired pile roller, suitable for epoxy application, or squeegee to achieve a continuous coating. Ensure that loose hairs on the roller are removed before use. A minimum film thickness of 200 microns should be applied. This can be increased where specifications demand.

When the base coat has reached initial cure (12 hours @ 20°C or 5 hours at 35°C). The top coat can be applied by medium haired roller, at minimum film thickness of 200 microns. Care should be taken to ensure that a continuous film is achieved.

Antislip application

If a slip resistant texture is required, the base coat shall be applied as per the standard application, but at a minimum film thickness of 250 microns. The base coat should then be dressed with the chosen Silfloor Antislip Grain. This should be done as soon as possible after laying. The recommended procedure is to completely blind the base coat i.e. apply excess dressing aggregate to completely obliterate the base coating. Alternatively, the Silfloor Antislip Grains can be broadcast in a light random dressing to provide a less dense finish. When the base coat has reached initial cure (12 hours @ 20°C or 5 hours at 35°C), the excess aggregate should be vacuum cleaned from the surface.

The top coat can now be applied by medium haired roller, at a rate of 4.0M²/litre. Care should be taken to ensure that a continuous film is achieved and the rough surface, caused by the aggregate, is completely sealed. This top coat must be applied within 36 hours @ 20°C (15 hours @ 35°C) of the application of the first coat.



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Expansion joints

Expansion joints in the existing substrate must be retained and continued through the Silfloor SFC topping. Silkon SFC has a range of joint sealants specifically designed for flooring, contact local Silkon office for advice.

Cleaning

Tools and equipment should be cleaned with solvent* immediately after use. Spillages should be absorbed with sand or sawdust and disposed of in accordance with local regulations.

Consumption calculations

Supply

Silfloor Primer : 1 & 4 litre packs

Silfloor SFC (Including colour pack) : 4.5 litre packs

Silfloor Antislip Grains : 20 kg bags

Silkon Solvent : 5 & 20 litre cans

Standard coverage

Silfloor Primer : 5.5 - 6.5 M²/litre

Silfloor SFC (base coat) : 5.0m²/litre @
200 microns WFT

Silfloor SFC (top coat) : 5.0m²/litre @
200 microns WFT

Coverage - Antislip (approx.) (for medium texture)

Silfloor Primer : 5.5 - 6.5 m²/litre

Silfloor SFC (base coat) : 4.0m²/litre @
250 microns WFT

Antislip Grain No 2* : 1.25-3.0m²/kg

Silfloor SFC (top coat) : 4.0m²/litre

Estimated system thickness : 1.5 - 2.0mm

For Fine Texture

Silfloor Primer : 5.5 - 6.5 M²/litre

Silfloor SFC (base coat) : 4.0m²/litre @
250 microns WFT

Antislip Grain No 3* : 1.25 - 3.5m²/kg

Silfloor SFC (top coat) : 4.0m²/litre

Estimated system thickness : 0.75 - 1.5mm

* Depending on the type of texture required.

Note: Coverage figures given are theoretical - due to wastage factors and the variety and nature of substrates, practical coverage figures may be reduced, this will vary with site and application conditions.

Storage

Shelf life

Silfloor SFC has a shelf life of 12 months when stored in warehouse conditions below 35°C in the original, unopened packs.

Storage conditions

Store under warehouse conditions, below 35°C in the original, unopened packs. For further information, refer to the Product Material Safety Data Sheet.

Cleaning and disposal

Spillages of component products should be absorbed on to earth, sand or other inert material and transferred to a suitable vessel. Disposal of such spillages or empty packing should be in accordance with local waste disposal regulations.

Health and safety

Silfloor SFC, Silfloor Primer 25 and Silkon Solvent should not come in contact with skin and eyes or be swallowed. Avoid prolonged inhalation of solvent vapours. Some people are sensitive to epoxy resins, hardeners and solvents. Gloves, goggles and a barrier cream should be used. Ensure adequate ventilation and if working in enclosed areas, use suitable breathing apparatus. If mixed resin comes into contact with the skin, it must be removed before it hardens with a resin removing cream followed by washing with soap. Should accidental eye contamination occur, wash well with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice. If swallowed, seek medical attention immediately. Do not induce vomiting.

Fire

Silfloor Primer and Silkon Solvent are flammable. Do not expose to naked flames or other source of ignition. No smoking during use. Containers should be tightly sealed when not in use. In the event of a fire, extinguish with CO₂ or foam.

Flash points

Silfloor Primer : 57°C
Silkon Solvent : 33°C



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