



GRANICRETE CA-FD EPOXY **CycloAliphatic- Fast Drying**

Product & Technical Information Data

DESCRIPTION:

This fast drying two-component, 100% solids, high-build, low viscosity, low odor, cyclo-aliphatic, chemical resistant epoxy. This highly versatile epoxy coating comes in both clear and a variety of pigmented colors. It can be used as a primer, base coat, or as a topcoat, depending on your need.

THE CYCLO-ALIPHATIC BENEFIT:

A key technological advance for this epoxy has been the introduction of cyclo-aliphatic curing agents. The ring structure (the 'cyclo' part) provides more structural 'stretch' than the traditional straight chain curing agents. This provides for better wear and impact resistance.

USES:

- Used for industrial floors in manufacturing plants, mechanical rooms, warehouses, commercial kitchens, and residential garages.
- In combination with color quartz or paint chips it can be used to create a decorative floor coating. Used with aggregate it can also be used as a mortar for overlays or repairs for concrete.
- CA-FD is an excellent high build concrete sealer for interior use over many other types of coatings such Granicrete textures or over acid stained floors.
- It can be used as a primer by adding up to 1 quart of acetone per 1 ½ gallon kit and directly applying it to the concrete.

ADVANTAGES:

- Low Viscosity
- Meets USDA criteria
- 100% Solids
- Chemical Resistant
- High Strength
- Water Clear or Pigmented
- Durable yet Flexible
- Low Odor
- High-Build
- Superior Adhesion

COLORS:

Available in multiple colors. Refer to Granicrete's color chart.

COVERAGE:

Coverage will vary depending on condition of surface and desired thickness.

As a Primer:

200-300 sq. ft. per gallon
As a Coating:
200-300 sq. ft. per gallon
For Epoxy Mortar:
1 gallon of epoxy mixed with 5 gallons of sand will yield approximately 3 to 4 gallons of mortar.

PACKAGING:

1 1/2 gallon kits
15 gallon kits

INSPECTION:

Concrete must be clean, dry, and free of grease, paint, oil, dust, curing agents, or any foreign material that will prevent proper adhesion. The concrete should be at least 2500 psi and feel like 30-grit sandpaper. The concrete should be porous and be able to absorb water. A minimum of 28 days cured is required on all concrete. Relative humidity in the concrete floor slab should be below 80% (per ASTM F-2170).

Before starting flooring work, test existing concrete slab to make sure there is no efflorescence or high levels of alkalinity. Alkalinity refers to a high pH reading which means the floor is not neutral. A high alkaline environment can cause salts to creep up through the cement called efflorescence. These salts have a tendency to prevent or destroy the bonding of coatings to the concrete. The most common form of testing is the use of a wide-range pH paper or tape. Make sure the floors pH reading ranges between 5-9 to ensure adhesion. The testing of concrete for alkalinity can show the amount of alkalinity only at the time the test is ran, and cannot be used to predict long-term conditions.

Calcium chloride tests should be conducted to determine if the concrete is sufficiently dry for an epoxy flooring installation. The calcium chloride tests should be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of ASTM F 1869, *Standard Test Method for Measuring Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete Subfloor Using Anhydrous Calcium Chloride*. When running a calcium chloride test, it is important to remove any grease, oil, curing agents, etc. so accurate readings can be obtained. A rate of 4.5lbs/1000 ft²/24hr period or less is an acceptable amount of vapor pressure for an epoxy flooring installation. If the reading ranges from 4.5lbs to 15lbs, a moisture barrier system such as Granicrete MVEP can be installed to reduce the emissions.

Failing to adhere to these strict guidelines can result in product delamination, discoloration, blistering, or all together failure of the coating system. Testing is the responsibility of the applicator. Granicrete International bears no responsibility for failures due to any of the above conditions.

SURFACE PREPARATION:

Over Concrete Surfaces: Shotblasting is the preferred method for preparing the concrete. In some cases you may prepare by acid etching, floor scrubbing with a nylogrit brush and waterblasting to achieve a clean and uniform surface that feels like 50 grit sandpaper. If acid etching is done, be sure to properly etch and then adequately neutralize by scrubbing and rinsing several times followed by power washing. Prepare the surface so that the product will soak in and properly bond.

Over existing Epoxy: Sand the surface with a floor buffer and 50 grit sand paper, remove debris and wipe with denatured alcohol just before new application.

THINNING:

It can be used as a primer by adding up to 1 quart of acetone per 1 ½ gallon kit and directly applying it to the concrete.

MIXING:

As a Coating: Premix each component separately. Mix 2 parts A with 1 part B, by volume, into a clean container. Mix thoroughly with a low speed (400-600 rpm) drill motor for 3-4 minutes. Make sure to scrape the sides and bottom of the container during mixing. The product may be thinned with acetone in which case

it must be applied thinly enough to allow solvent to escape (minimum 300 sf per gallon). After mixing is completed, remove from container within 5 minutes as epoxy will begin to generate heat. Spread immediately onto the floor, as product is spread out you will have longer working time (10-15 minutes at 70 degrees).

For an Epoxy Mortar: Mix 2 to 5 parts of a washed and kiln dried aggregate, by volume, to 1 part of mixed CA-FD and mix until uniform in consistency.

APPLICATION:

Primer:

Option #1: Prime the surface by adding up to 1 quart of acetone per 1 ½ gallon kit and directly applying it to the concrete. Do not use solvents as they can cause outgassing. Read individual product information sheets. This primer coat should be applied thinly and worked into the surface to help avoid pinholes.

Option #2: Use Granicrete MP Primer per product specifications.

As a Coating: Apply CA-FD within 24 hours after the primer coat.

1. Immediately after mixing, spread a strip of the batch onto the surface along the edges where it will be cut in, using a brush or weenie roller.
2. Pour the remaining material near the cut in area and spread evenly using a trowel or squeegee and back roll using a 1/4 nap, non-shedding, or mohair roller. A notched trowel or squeegee will help regulate the thickness and a porcupine roller will help to release trapped air and minimize bubbles.
3. Depending on the look, thickness, chemical and abrasion resistance desired, 1 to 2 coats may be applied. A non-skid surface can be achieved by broadcasting and/or back rolling a washed and kiln dried aggregate into the coating.

For an epoxy mortar: Prime the area with a CA-FD cut with Acetone or Granicrete MVEP (no sand added). Within 24 hours, apply the prepared mortar using a trowel.

DRYING TIME:

Approximately 6 hours at 77°F.

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS:

Refer to MSDS before use.

SLIP AND FALL PRECAUTIONS:

A non-skid surface can be achieved by broadcasting and/or back rolling a washed and kiln dried aggregate into the coating.

LIMITATIONS:

- Do not apply at temperatures below 50°F or above 95°F.
- After mixing completely (3-4 minutes remove from mixing container and apply to floor)
- Do not apply over concrete with Moisture Vapor Emissions above 4.5lbs/1000 ft²/24hr period.
- For interior use only unless protected by an UV resistant coating.
- Concrete must be cured for a minimum of 28 days.
- Solvents added to thin such as acetone will make product combustible or flammable in which case be aware of sparks or open flame.
- If solvent is added, the products must be applied thinly to allow the solvent to escape or proper curing will to occur.

CLEAN UP:

Uncured material can be removed with a solvent. Cured material can only be removed mechanically.

TECHNICAL DATA:

Technical Data for Clear

Viscosity (ASTM-D-445-83, Brookfield, RVTD, Sprindler 4)	1030 cps
Gel time (Techne GT-4 Gelation Timer)	65 (150 mass/min)
Tensile Strength (ASTM-D-638-86)	7,250 psi
Tensile Modulus	385,000 psi
Tensile Elongation (ASTM-D-638-86)	5.5 %
Heat Deflection at 264 psi (ASTM-D-648) *	47 C
Shore D Hardness (ASTM-D-2240-86) *	81
Abrasion Resistance @ 1000 cycles Wt. Loss (gms)	0.0041
Mar Resistance (ASTM-D-5178-91)	1.30 kg
Pencil Hardness	2H
Impact, inches-lbs Direct/Reverse	14/1
Glass Transition Temperature (ASTM-D-3418-82)	124 F
Color (ASTM-D-1544-80)	>1 Gardner
Thin Film Set Times at 70 F (BK Drying Recorder)	8 hrs.
Flexural Strength (ASTM-D-790-88)	12,185psi
Flexural Modulus	445,00 psi
Cross Hatch Adhesion (0-Worst, 5-Best)	4
Compressive Strength @ yield (ASTM 695-85)	11,550psi
Compressive Modulus (ASTM 695-85)	370,000 psi
Glass Transition	46C
Chemical Composition	Modified Bisphenol A epoxy resin crosslinked with aliphatic and cycloaliphatic polyamines
VOC	0 g/l

*Properties determined after 7 days cure at 25 C°

REAGENT	Initial Hard.	After 3 hrs		After 24 hrs		After 3 days		After 7 days		After 28 days		After 90 days	
		% wt.	Hard	% wt.	Hard	% wt.	Hard	% wt.	Hard	% wt.	Hard	% wt.	Hard
10% Acetic Acid	82	0.7	80	2.1	72	4.01	69	6.13	62	10.15	63	15.4	46
10% Lactic Acid	82	0.38	80	1.19	79	2.31	78	3.48	77	5.71	74	8.78	59
Toluene	82	0.06	80	0.81	75	3.07	65	6.89	52	20.3	46	18.32	52
Xylene	82	0.01	78	0.04	77	0.36	75	1.29	70	4.65	72	15.39	57
Trichlorothane	82	0.05	77	0.4	77	2.31	74	3.54	68	13.74	65	-	-
Methanol	82	3.13	66	8.37	38	12.83	25	6.23	30	5.71	35	-	-
Ethanol	82	0.99	75	2.89	63	5.55	46	8.55	45	9.34	43	6.81	52
Butyl Cellosolve	82	0.37	76	1.47	73	3.83	66	6.34	63	12.42	53	-	-
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	82	6.41	63					DESTROYED					
Skydrol	82	0.11	77	0.46	77	1.26	74	2.18	74	3.67	75	6.03	56
70% Sulfuric Acid	82	0.22	83	0.11	82	0.15	81	0.21	81	0.16	81	-0.16	81
98% Sulfuric Acid	82	-15.6	80					DESTROYED					
Deionized Water	82	0.07	82	0.31	81	0.54	82	0.93	82	1.65	80	2.14	80
50% Sodium Hydroxide	82	0.06	82	-0.05	82	-0.04	82	-0.03	83	-0.06	83	-0.1	63
Bleach	82	0.09	83	0.28	83	0.52	83	0.83	82	1.28	81	1.67	72

This product is for use by Granicrete Independent applicators only. Wear Personal Protective Equipment. Read MSDS before using this product.

Manufacturer/Distributor Warranty: As neither the manufacturer nor the distributor has control over the actual installation of this product, the manufacturer and distributor disclaim any and all warranties expressed or implied regarding color shade, appearance, and product performance at and after opening product containers. Manufacturer and distributor recommendations and suggestions are made without guarantee. Conditions of installer and consumer use of this product are beyond the control of manufacturer and distributor. Manufacturer and distributor disclaim any liability incurred in connection with the use of this product or information contained herein.