# Technical Data Sheet

# K273 Underwater Use Epoxy Mortar System



# **DESCRIPTION:**

K273 epoxy is an economical highly filled heavy duty epoxy mortar designed for underwater application and also many other uses.

# **TYPICAL FEATURES | BENEFITS:**

- Simple 1:1 mix ratio.
- Two colours differentiate resin and hardener.
- User friendly.
- Very hard when cured
- Highly durable; high compressive strength
- Chemically resistant mortar

- Cure above +12°C.
- General purpose
- Hand mouldable
- Many uses, handy, paintable
- Easy mix recognition
- Underwater application

# **PERFORMANCE DATA:**

Properties		Values		
Minimum application temperature: Air		†12°C		
Flash point: ~ Resin		>140°C		
	~ Hardener		>140°C	
Tensile strength:		35 - 47.6 MPa		
Tensile shear strength:		9 - 10 MPa		
Compressive strength:		75 MPa		
Flexural strength:		17 - 18 MPa		
Modulus of elasticity:		2 x 10 <sup>3</sup> to 2.2 x 10 <sup>3</sup> MPa		
Coefficient of linear expansion:		(25-60) (mm/mm/°) x10-6		
Water absorption: ASTM D570: 10 days @25°C:		0.5 - 0.8% by weight		
Maximum operating temperature:		+65°C		
Potable Water Contact: -Suitable - Refer: Note 1 - Below Contact delay time with potable water after application.		Above *12°C minimum 24 hrs Below *12°C minimum 48 hrs		
Adhesion Properties to correctly prepared surface:	~ Concrete ~ Metal ~ Timbers ~ PVC ~ Polyethylene ~ Polypropylene		Excellent Excellent Excellent Excellent Poor Refer: Note #2. –Below Poor Refer: Note #2. –Below	
Appearance:	~ Resin ~ Hardener	Very thixotropic white mixture Very thixotropic black mixture		
SG kg/litre:	~ Resin ~ Hardener	1.85 1.85		
Density Kg/Litre -cured:		1.85		
Coverage:		Use as required: (0.001m³ = 1 Litre) e.g. 1 litre covers 1m² @ 1mm thick		
Pot Life: (Usable Life) Pot life is based on 100gram samples. Large quantities of mixed epoxy will generate heat and the pot life may be significantly reduced.		†12ºC− 50%RH †15ºC− 50%RH †20ºC− 50%RH	40 - 50 minutes 20 - 30 minutes 15 - 20 minutes	
Cure Time - Concrete Failure:		+18°C –50%RH	4 - 5 hours	
Clean up:		Wash hands with warm soapy water after any skin contact Solvent HA for tools.		
NZ Dangerous Goods Class:	~ K273	Refer: SDS		
Packaging:	~ K273 Kit ~ Other sizes	8 Litre TBA		
Shelf Life:		24 months from date of manufacture. (After this period consult with allnex).		

#### Note #1

**Potable water:** if the tank being mortared is for potable water use/storage. Take care to ensure the mix ratio is 1:1 and that the mortar is very uniformly mixed. Allow to cure and then wash and rinse out the tank prior to filling.

Suitable for potable water when mixed and cured correctly.

### Note #2.

For bonding around Polyethylene & Polypropylene pipes in tanks/troughs etc. use allnex LM3000 followed by the use of K102.

#### Note well

Once K273 is mixed the it develops a fast exothermic reaction.

The product should be mixed and applied immediately.

Overworking the material will cause it to become sticky.

# **RECOMMENDED USES:**

- Grouting bolts into concrete: Horizontal & Vertical.
- Bonding pipes, concrete and PVC. Bends in concrete pipes.
- Re-forming edges; stair nosing's, usable overhead.
- Patching floor holes.
- Underwater application / repairs

- Fixing pipes | concrete.
- Fixing floors, tanks, concrete blocks, kerbs.
- Filling holes, forming plinths.
- Chemically resistant mortar.

## **NOT RECOMMENDED:**

- Application below +12°C air temperature.
- Bonding Polypropylene and Polyethylene.

- Application to incorrectly prepared surfaces.
- Application to unsound substrates

# **HEALTH & SAFETY:** Refer safety data sheets (SDS).

- Wear gloves wherever possible.
- Wash hands with warm, soapy water after any skin contact.
- Re-seal all containers tightly.

## **SURFACE PREPARATION:**

The surface to be filled/repaired must be clean and sound.

Remove all dust, dirt, oil, scale, laitance, paint or any other contaminates.

Concrete: Acid etch | Shot blast | Diamond grind | Needle gun.

Metals: Degrease with Acetone > Abrade with medium grit abrasive paper > Degrease with Acetone again.

Timber: Prepare by way of mechanical sanding using 80 grit paper. Bolt Grouting: Blow hole clear with clean, dry oil free compressed air.

Spalled Concrete Control Joints: Diamond cut the spalled edges so that the face is vertical. Vacuum clean. > Fill > Recut

## Note

K80 is best for Spalled Concrete Control Joints

# **MIXING RATIO**

# K273 Mixing Ratio - By weight

# K273 Mixing Ratio - By volume

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Element	Value	Element	Value
Resin	1 part	Resin	1 part
Hardener	1 part	Hardener	1 part

# Refer: Cautions Section

The mix ratio must not be altered.

The mix ratio is the only acceptable formula.

Adding more hardener will make the mix softer and it will be uncured.

Increased hardener levels will result in a weaker product.

## **MIXING METHOD:**

Carefully mix the product according to the stated mix ratio. Mix until uniform and no streakiness is evident. (Uniform grey colour) May be hand mixed and moulded.

Mixing is often easiest with spade on the floor.

# **APPLICATION METHOD:**

Hand moulded | Trowel | Spade.

Apply into place and smooth. - Non sag.

May be wetted with water to get a smooth glass like surface. - Excessive use of water will weaken the product.

#### Note

The installation of this product is speciality work and consideration should be given to the use of a competent installer.

### **CAUTION:**

K273 is a two part epoxy that is mixed in a one-to-one ratio. Only this ratio will produce a hard, non-softening product. Adding more hardener (with the aim of making the product cure faster) will not work and will only result in making the product softer. The more hardener that is added, then the softer it will become. No matter how long it is left, it will never harden.

Only the stated mix ratio will work and exhibit the stated performance data.

## Note well

The consequences of having soft K273 due to poor mixing may be far reaching and costly to repair.

This is a job that must be done once, and done right. Many people do not understand the consequences.

One to one ratio mixing means just exactly that.

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#### Note

K273 is very tough and hard but it is not flexible. It will fill non-moving joints but will not bridge actively moving joints.

### **OTHER EPOXIES AVAILABLE:**

- K36 Clear Laminating Resin.
- K78 Crack Repair.
- K80 Pourable Grout.
- K83 Machinable Epoxy Grout
- K102 High Viscosity Mortar.
- K106 Structural 24 hour Adhesive.
- K125 Concrete Repair Paste.
- K130 Control Joint Filler.

- K138- High Strength, Structural Heat Resistant Adhesive.
- K214 General Purpose Adhesive
- K219- Structural 5 Minute Adhesive.
- K273- Underwater Cure Mortar.
- K2005 High Peel Strength Structural Adhesive.
- Fairing Cream Sandable Smoothing Paste.
- Truestik EA Flexible Adhesive Multipurpose.

# **EPOXY SELECTION:**

Refer: Epoxy Selection Chart.

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