

GUIDE SPECIFICATION  
**VAPORTIGHT COAT®-SG3**

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SURFACE APPLIED MOISTURE VAPOR MITIGATION SYSTEM

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

1.1 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Furnish all labor, materials, tools and equipment as necessary to perform installation of a surface (topically) applied moisture mitigation system (vapor retarder) on new and/or existing interior or exterior concrete slabs as shown on drawings and as specified in this section.
- B. Repairs and preparation of concrete floors.
- C. Related Sections: **(Specifier: Delete or add necessary Sections)**
  - 1. See section 033000 Cast-in-Place Concrete.
  - 2. See section 035416 Hydraulic Cement Underlayment.
  - 3. See section 096200 Specialty Flooring.
  - 4. See section 096400 Wood Flooring.
  - 5. See section 096500 Resilient Flooring.
  - 6. See section 096600 Terrazzo Flooring.
  - 7. See section 096700 Fluid-Applied Flooring.
  - 8. See section 096800 Carpeting.

1.2 REFERENCES

Note: Use current versions.

- A. ASTM F 1869 - Standard Test Method for Measuring Moisture Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete Subfloor Using Anhydrous Calcium Chloride.
- B. ASTM E 1907 – Standard Practices for Determining Moisture-Related Acceptability of Concrete Floors to Receive Moisture-Sensitive Finishes.
- C. ASTM E 96 - Standard Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials.
- D. ASTM D 4541 B - Pull-Off Strength of Coatings.
- E. ASTM F2170 – Relative Humidity in Concrete Floor Slabs Using in Situ Probes.
- F. ASTM F3010-13 – Standard Practice for Two-Component Resin Based Membrane-Forming Moisture Mitigation Systems for Use Under Resilient Floor Coverings

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. General:  
Submit manufacturer's certification that proposed materials, details and systems as indicated and specified fully comply with manufacturer's details and specifications. If any portion of

Contract Documents does not conform to manufacturer's standard recommendations, submit notification of portions of design that are at variance with manufacturer's specifications.

- B. Product Data:
  - 1. Submit manufacturer's literature, installation instructions and SDS (Safety Data Sheet) for each product.
  - 2. Test data: Submit independent testing laboratory data for product, evidencing:
    - a. up to 95% reduction of water vapor transmission (tested as per ASTM E 96-95).
    - b. product is insensitive to alkaline environment up to pH 14 (tested as per ASTM D 1308).
    - c. Compliance with ASTM F3010-13 (ASTM E 96 Perm Rating  $\leq$  0.10)

#### 1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer Qualifications:
  - 1. Company specializing in manufacturing products specified in this Section with minimum fifteen (15) years documented experience.
- B. Installer Qualifications:
  - 1. Acceptable to manufacturer with documented experience on at least 3 projects of similar nature in past 5 years and/or training provided by the product manufacturer.
- C. Warranty:
  - 1. Manufacturer's standard limited material warranty for un-tested slabs.
  - 2. Manufacturer's standard limited material warranty for tested slabs.
  - 3. Manufacturer's limited material warranty for certified applicator with filed pre-application checklist, necessary test core analysis on existing slabs and confirmation of the approval to proceed by manufacturer.
  - 4. Installer to provide standard installation warranty for workmanship.

#### 1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver and store in a dry, well ventilated area at minimum 45 deg F (8 deg C) and maximum 95 deg F (35 deg C).
- B. Deliver materials in manufacturer's unopened containers fully identified with brand, type, grade, class and all other qualifying information. Provide Safety Data Sheets for each product.

#### 1.6 SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- A. Coordinate floor sealing installation with other trades.
- B. Provide materials and accessories in timely manner so as not to delay Work.

#### 1.7 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Maintain surfaces to be sealed and surrounding air temperature at not less than 45 deg F (8 deg C).
- B. Exercise caution when temperatures exceed 95 deg F (35 deg C).

### **PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

#### 2.1 TOPICAL MOISTURE MITIGATION SYSTEM

- A. Approved Manufacturers: AQUAFIN, Inc. 505 Blue Ball Rd., #160, Elkton, MD, Phone (800) 394-1410 or (410) 392-2300; Fax (410) 392-2324; e-mail [info@aquafin.net](mailto:info@aquafin.net).
- B. Requests for substitutions will be considered only if submitted to the architect/engineer in writing and must include substantiation of product performance, 10 days prior to the original bid date.
- C. One-Coat Moisture Vapor Emission Reduction Control System (concrete floor sealer) for indoor and/or outdoor applications, consisting of a two-component, moisture tolerant, high density, low odor, chemically enhanced epoxy based product which must reduce vapor emissions (MVER) to  $\leq 3$  lbs./24 hrs\*1000 SF or  $\leq 75\%$  RH and be compatible with floor finishes and adhesives approved by the manufacturer.

Characteristics:

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| 1. Product:                             | VAPORTIGHT COAT®-SG3   |
| 2. Component-A and B:                   | Precise blend of clear epoxy liquid  |
| 3. Compressive Strength: (ASTM D-695)   | >11,000 psi (>80 Mpa)  |
| 4. Bond/Adhesion: (ASTM D-7234)         | >480 psi (>3.3 Mpa) at 28 days   |
| 5. Alkaline Resistance: (ASTM D-1308)   | up to pH 14  |
| 6. Permeance: (ASTM E-96)               | $\leq 0.01$ perms (grains/h-ft <sup>2</sup> -in.Hg)  |
| 7. VOC:                                 | 0 g/L  |
| 8. Cured for installation of flooring:  | 12 hrs at 73 deg F (23 deg C)  |
| 9. Average Critical Radiant Flux (CRF): | 1.00 W/cm <sup>2</sup> – Passed = non-flammable (ASTM E 648-03)                            |
| 10. Indoor Air quality Control:         | Passed: VOC (0 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) & formaldehyde emissions (<0.01 ppm) (DIN EN ISO 16000) |

- D. Primer for underlayment:  
AQUAFIN-SLU-PRIMER for porous and non-porous substrates for use on SG3.
- E. Hydraulic Cement-based Self-Leveling Underlayment: Select from one of the following products:
  - 1. AQUAFIN-LEVEL-HF
  - 2. AQUAFIN-LEVEL-One-EZ
- F. Water shall be clean, potable, and sufficiently cool.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine all construction substrates and conditions under which concrete floor sealer material (SG3) is to be installed. Do not proceed with the concrete floor sealer installation until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected.
- B. Assure before application that surfaces to be treated do not contain any kind of sealer (sodium, potassium, etc.), chlorides, oil, grease, dirt, curing compounds, or any substance that might act as a bond breaker.
- C. Existing slabs with unknown history or slabs with previous coating failures: Provide concrete core analysis from independent lab for ION and IR analysis, recommended by SG3 manufacturer. Do not proceed until manufacturer has analyzed test results.

- D. Anhydrous Calcium Chloride Testing as per ASTM F-1869, and/or RH as per ASTM F2170 and/or concrete core analysis.
  - 1. Before installation of concrete floor sealer (SG3): use tests carried out by Architect/Engineer during study phase, and confirm by testing through installer or independent laboratory.

### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Protect adjacent surfaces not designated to receive SG3 concrete floor sealer.
- B. Substrate/surface preparation:
  - 1. Remove existing floor coverings, coatings and adhesives down to bare concrete, curing compounds, efflorescence, dust, grease, laitance, etc. with steel shot blasting, abrasive (sand) blasting or grinding using a diamond cup blade. Acid etching is not allowed.
  - 2. Assure that all slabs have concrete surface profile ICRI CSP 3 - 5 for mechanical bond. Smooth surfaces are not acceptable, they must be steel shot blasted.
  - 3. Burn off reinforcing fibers and collect and vacuum remains.
  - 4. Repair defective areas such as honeycombs, cracks or other defects with a suitable repairing or manufacturer recommended mortar or crack mending resin for non-movement cracks and joints.
  - 5. Treat saw cut and expansion joints as per manufacturer's application guideline.
  - 6. Install cementitious underlayment, leveling mortars, flash patching, on top of surface applied concrete floor sealer (SG3).
  - 7. Contact manufacturer for recommendations for areas where a separation screed is required.
  - 8. Treat oil contaminated areas as per manufacturer's recommendations.
  - 9. Carefully rinse or pre-dampen several times all the surfaces to be treated with clean water, leave no standing water.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Mix concrete floor sealer (SG3) material in proportions recommended by manufacturer's printed instructions.
- B. Apply concrete floor sealer (SG3) material in quantities as per manufacturer's specifications and recommendations.
  - 1. Apply SG3 in one coat at 100 SF/gal = 240 SF/2.4 gal kit (~16 mils DFT).
  - 2. Apply using roller or notched squeegee to the still moist substrate, and carefully scrub it into the pores with a long handled scrub brush. Follow with a roller to achieve a uniform coverage.
- C. Contact manufacturer if a sand broadcast is desired. Walk over fresh/wet SG3 using shoes with attached spikes.

### 3.3 FIELD QUALITY CONTROL

- A. It is not necessary to re-test the substrate for moisture emissions prior to installing the coating or floor covering.

3.4 ACCEPTANCE

- A. Remove left over materials and any foreign material resulting from the work from the site.
- B. Clean adjacent surfaces and materials. Protect the underlayment from abuse by other trades with plywood, Masonite or other suitable protection materials.

END OF SECTION

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