# AquaArm IC

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Crystalline Waterproofing Coating



## **Product Description**

AquaArm IC is a state-of the art one component, penetrating crystalline material for waterproofing and protecting new or old structurally sound concrete. It resists strong hydrostatic pressure. AquaArm IC is powered by advanced crystalline technology which chemically reacts with moisture and free lime to reduce the water absorption of the resultant cement matrix within the concrete. This is a result of the formation of nano-scale crystals by the active catalysts present in the capillary system. This sustains a durable waterproof effect in the concrete, thereby blocking the passage of water. This reaction will continue to take place anytime water is present for the life of the concrete structure where by making the AquaArm IC a truly permanent and integral waterproofing solution. The AquaArm IC nano-crystals will also grow in and along static hairline crack sealing them and preventing further incoming water.

#### Uses

- Exterior and interior waterproofing in Below grade structures i.e. Basement Raft & retaining wall, lift pits, foundations, retaining walls.
- Water Tanks, Waste Tanks, STPs, Manholes

#### **Features and Benefits**

- Penetrates the capillaries deep in concrete.
- Continually active.
- Can be applied to damp substrates.
- Chloride free.
- Resists high levels of hydrostatic pressure.
- Can be applied in both positive & negative side.
- Carbonisation barrier.
- Self heal cracks up to 0.4 mm.
- Easy to use needs only water for mixing
- Protects concrete against fresh water, salt water, waste water & aggressive ground water

## **Application Methodology**

### **Step no 1: Surface Preparation**

The substrate must be sound, clean and have an open capillary structure. The surface must be porous and permit a good surface adhesion so that the chemicals can penetrate well into the concrete. Horizontal areas should have a rough surface. Smooth surfaces must be mechanically abraded in order to achieve good penetration.

All adhesion inhibiting substances such as dirt, cement laitance, mould oil, hardeners, loose components, paint etc. must be removed, by water jetting or other mechanical methods.

Eradicate all ridges, gravel pockets and other damaged areas. Defective construction joints and visible cracks (non-dynamic) above 0.4 mm should be chased out 20 mm wide by 25 mm deep. Anchoring holes should be roughened.

Repair damaged areas with the repair mortar ReArm Repair Mortar ReArm RNHS or AquaArm IM dependent on area of application.

Pre-Wetting all surfaces to be waterproofed with clean water is mandatory. Repeated wetting produces saturation, which stops the absorption of the substrate whilst at the same time promoting the growth of crystals deep in the pores of the substrate. When applying AquaArm IC the substrate should be matt damp and not wet. Avoid the formation of puddles.

#### Step no 2: Product Preparation & Mixing

Pour 6.75 to 8.0 litres of clean (cool) water (depending upon the temperature) into a clean mixing bucket and mechanically stir (drill mixer at approx 500 - 700 rpm) until a lump free, homogenous brushable consistency is achieved.

Only mix as much material that can be used within 30 to 60 minutes. After a maturing time of min. 3 minutes, stir through once again.

Substrate/ Application temp: +5°C to +30°C. Lower Temperatures extend, higher temperatures reduce the curing time.

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A. Dry-sprinkle and power-trowel or wooden float application:

A trial dry-shake application is highly recommended prior to the actual application. • Standard application for concrete with design strength up to 4000 psi (27.6 MPa): When the concrete to be treated starts to reach initial set, the specified amount of AquaArm-IC is dry distributed, by hand, using a sieve, or similar device, onto the concrete surface. It is then trowelled in until coverage is uniform and the specified finish is achieved (smooth or brushed).

#### B. Mud Slabs / Split Slabs / Construction Joints

Apply AquaArm-IC in slurry or dry powder consistency to pre-watered concrete substrate, split slabs or construction joints immediately prior to casting the structural slab or wall.

#### C. Brush or spray application:

Note: Slab surfaces must have a rough wood float or broom finish. • Apply AquArm-IC in slurry consistency in the specified quantity, in two coats.

#### **VERTICAL SURFACES & CONSTRUCTION JOINTS**

Brush application: • Apply two coats of AquaArm-IC, in the specified quantity, in a slurry consistency with a masonry brush. Brush on the material evenly and work it well into the surface. Apply second coat while the first coat is still tacky ("green").

#### **Technical Data**

Basis	Sand/cement, inorganic
Bulk density	1.1 kg/litre
Colour	Cement Grey
Pot life: (at +23° C / 60% RH)	30 minutes
Setting Time: (at +23° C / 60% RH)	45 minutes
VOC, g/L	0 g/L
Water impermeability (CRD-C 48-92)	No measurable leakage up to 460 ft i.e., 140 Mtr/14 bar negative or positive side

AquaArm IC confirms to BS 8102:2009 & IS 16471:2017, Type B Water Proofing product.



### Step no 4: Curing: and Protection

- A. Outdoor, or exposed treated areas:
- Keep damp (moist) for a period of 2 3 days for standard waterproofing applications, 7 days for potable water tanks. Start curing as soon as AquaArm-IC has hardened sufficiently so as not to be damaged by a fine water spray. Alternatively a dissipating resin curing agent in elevator pits, wastewater tanks, etc. can be used
- Protect exposed surfaces against direct sun, wind and frost by covering with plastic sheeting, burlap, or similar.
   Do not lay plastic sheeting directly on AquaArm-IC as air contact is required for proper curing.
- The freshly treated surfaces should be protected from rain for a minimum period of 24 hrs.
- Back filling can be carried out 36 hrs after completion of the AquaArm IC treatment. Protection boards are generally not required. Backfill material shall be moist and not contain rocks or larger aggregate.
- **B.** Indoor treated areas:
  - Self-curing in cool areas with high humidity.
- Keep moist for 2 3 days in areas with low humidity and 7 days for potable water tanks.
- Provide air circulation for minimum 24 hrs. following the AquaArm IC treatment in poorly ventilated areas and deep pits.

#### C. Water Tanks:

- Can be carefully filled after 3 days. Do not fill large tanks faster than 6½ feet per 24 hrs (2 m/24 hrs).
- After complete curing of AquaArm IC, potable water reservoirs should be thoroughly rinsed with potable water prior to being placed in service



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### Consumption

1.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup> in two coats.

The consumption will vary depending upon the substrate condition.

#### It can exposed

- To rain after approx. 24 hours
- To foot traffic after approx. 5 hours
- Backfilling the building trench after 3 days
- Filling containers after approx. 7 days.

## **Packaging**

25 kg bag

## Storage and Shelf Life

Dry, 6 months in the original unopened packaging. Use opened packaging promptly

#### **Annotation**

Protect areas not to be treated with AquaArm IC from its' effects. AquaArm IC cannot be used as an additive for concrete or renders i.e. it should not be mixed with such products.

- With concrete containing fly-ash it is possible that successive coats of AquaArm IC may discolor and there may be an impaired reaction. The fly-ash component according to ASTM C-618 type C may only be max. 30% of the binder. The minimum quantity of CaO in the fly-ash should not be below 15%. Please contact the technical department declaring the particular specification for concretes with type C fly-ash with low CaO content, type F or other pozzolanic concrete additives.
- The reaction between AquaArm IC and the free lime in the concrete can lead to minor efflorescence. This is not detrimental and can be removed with a brush.
- Different colorings are dependent on the differing dampness of the concrete.
- A sound substrate is a prerequisite for a durable bond between the substrate and the coating system.
   Friable areas and substances that inhibit bonding must be completely removed. High pressure water jetting (>400 bar), very high pressure water jetting (up to 2000 bar). The final treatment must be to clean by pressure washing.

- In water containers temperatures around +10°C to +15° C are to be expected. In order to guarantee complete hydration of the cement, keep the coating damp for an adequate length of time (constant relative humidity of > 80%) and protect against drying out. In general 7 days is sufficient. It is essential to avoid the formation of condensation or standing films of water during this time period. Where there is a danger of dropping below the dew point (condensation formation) install dehumidifiers until the mortar is cured. At no time should uncontrolled warm air be blown inside.
- AquaArm IC may need up to one month to achieve its maximum waterproofing properties. Influencing factors are ambient temperature, humidity, concrete composition etc.



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