



## Sealants

*bitumen based products*

### **BITULASTIC BITUFLEX**

*hot poured Bitumen-rubber joint sealing compound*



**Dangerous Goods when hot**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

**Bitulastic Bituflex** is a hot poured Bitumen-rubber joint sealing compound. The product is formulated to provide the Road Making and Building Industries with a long term performance joint and crack filler for corrective maintenance to cracking in asphalt and concrete roads and as a joint sealant in concrete slabs and expansion joints.

With 100% solids by volume and applied at a temperature range of 180° C to 195° C,

**Bituflex** produces optimum sealant properties in 5 minutes after application.

**Bituflex** will retain its flexibility and recovery properties during repeated joint expansions and contractions over a wide temperature range.

#### **SPECIFICATION**

TEST METHOD	CONDITIONS	SPECIFICATIONS
<b>AS2341.12 Determination of Penetration dmm</b>	@ 25 °C, 100 grams, 5 Seconds.	30-45 DMM
AS2341.18 Determination of Softening Point	Glycerine Bath	98°C minimum
AG:PT/T122 Torsional Recovery	25°C, 10secs rotation 30secs recovery	50% minimum
AS2341.11 Elongation	25 °C	300% min

#### **USES**

Expansion joints and cracks in roadways, factory floors, airport runways, water retaining structures and roof decks.

Accepted for use RMS Specification 3263 Elastomeric Joint Sealant for Roads.

#### **JOINT DIMENSIONS**

Width: Minimum 5 mm – Maximum 50 mm

Depth Minimum 15 mm – Maximum 50 mm

In general a wide shallow joint should be preferred to a narrow deep joint. Width/Depth ratios of 1:1 to 2:1 are preferable. Cracks of course, tend not to be uniform in depth or width and may be filled with **Bitulastic Bituflex**.

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## PROPERTIES

**ADHESION:** All concrete joints should be primed with Hot Pour Primer

**COLOUR:** Black

**DENSITY:** Approximately 1 kg per Litre

<b>CHEMICAL RESISTANCE:</b>	Excellent-	Acids and Alkalies, Water, Salt Water
	Good-	Methylated Spirits, Road Traffic, Heavy Uses
	Fair to Good-	Ultra Violet, Greases
	Poor-	Mineral and Vegetable Oils

Bitulastic Bituflex can be used in potable (drinking) water reservoirs imparting no taint (taste). Bitulastic Bituflex is not soluble in water.

**MAXIMUM SLOPE OF JOINT:** 1:2

**PACKAGING:** Bitulastic Bituflex is supplied in 20kg kegs.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

**Preparation:** Joints (old and new) should be dry and clean. Care should be taken to ensure that any joint filler already in the joint is not damaged or could cause the new material to not adhere correctly. The performance of the seal is largely dependent upon the thoroughness of joint preparation and type of primer used (if any). The joint must be cleaned of all sealing compound if damaged, dust, scale, grit, loose stones and surface debris. Proper cleaning of joints should be done by way of compressed air in the joint itself in order to remove debris and dust. Surface dust will not allow the new sealant to adhere to joint walls and will cause the material to peel away.

**Please Note:** When applied to asphalt road cracks as crack filler. **NO** priming is required prior to the application of sealant.

**Priming of Joints:** Concrete – Brush or spray HOT POUR PRIMER into the joint at the rate of 10 square meters per litre. Drying time is approximately 20 minutes depending on ambient temperatures at time of application.

**Application of Sealant:** *Bitulastic Bituflex* should be poured at 180c to 200c to ensure proper adhesion.

For concrete joints - sealant should be kept below existing surface elevations.

For asphalt joints - sealant should be applied to create an overband of 25mm on both sides of crack to ensure voids are filled in and around the crack.

For roof decking - sealant should be squeegeed to corners and up walls to ensure complete seal of decking.

## HEATING:

There are a number of different types of heating vessels used to melt down the sealant. An indirectly fired heating kettle should be used with intermittent stirring.

Avoid repeated cycling through heating and cooling down as this will detract from the sealants properties.

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Do not allow the sealant to get too hot, because it may burn the polymers out of the sealant causing the material to become stiff and unusable. Temperature greater than 195°C is not necessary and will quickly degrade the elastic properties of the sealant. Excessive temperatures greater than 200°C will not only destroy the sealant's properties but may also result in a fire.

Heating Oil Transfer Systems should be used on large projects for easier applications.

## Safety

### **Class 9 Dangerous Goods when hot**

Refer to Safety Data sheets before use.

Transport, use and store at the lowest temperature possible.

Eliminate all potential ignition sources during application.

Avoid breathing vapours.

Avoid contact with skin.

Always wear appropriate PPE including heat protection when used hot.

DO NOT allow product or washings to enter stormwater or sewer systems.

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