

CIKOhard DSH

Monolithic dry shake floor hardener

Description

CIKOhard DSH is a dry shake floor hardener that provides a hard wearing surface for concrete floors. It forms a monolithic bond with fresh concrete. The monolithic part of applied CIKOhard DSH will minimize problems such as curling, shrinkage and cracking.

CIKOhard DSH is a blend of selected cement type, non-metallic aggregates, wetting agents and other additives that provide a surface much denser and stronger than concrete.

Properties

- Monolithic system.
- Increase in abrasion and impact resistance of floor concrete.
- Reduction in permeability of water and corrosive chemicals.
- Increases the durability of concrete floor.
- Antiskid finish.
- Available in wide range of colours.
- Suitable for all kinds of commercial and industrial floors
- Rust free, due to the incorporation of non-metallic aggregates.

Application area

CIKOhard DSH is suitable for all kinds of industrial and commercial floors subjected to heavy traffic. Considering its basic properties such as superior abrasion resistance and minimal dusting, CIKOhard DSH can be used in

- Loading bays/platforms and parking areas.
- Power and distillation plants
- Warehouses and car parks
- Workshops and garages
- Heavy duty industrial floors

Physical properties

Form	Powder
Colour	Cement Grey (standard)
Hardness (Aggregate)	7 on Mohs scale
Compressive strength	>40 N/mm ² (28 days)
Abrasion resistance	Minimum 4 times better than controlled concrete as per ASTM C944

Coverage

The recommended application rates are as follows.

Medium duty traffic	3 to 5kg/m ²
Heavy duty traffic	5 to 7kg/m ²

Application instructions

The designed base concrete should have a minimum cement content of 320kg/m³ and water-cement ratio around 0.42 to 0.55. CIKO range of admixtures can be used to reduce/maintain the required water-cement ratio.

Application method

The concrete should be placed and levelled as per standard practices. Application of CIKOhard DSH should start when the base concrete has stiffened to the point when the foot traffic leaves an impression of 5mm. Normally, this stage will be achieved in 1 to 2 hours depending on the ambient conditions and the type of concrete used [basically the type of admixture incorporated into the concrete mix].

CIKOhard DSH should be broadcasted evenly by hand at the rate of 3 to 5 kg for medium traffic and 5 to 7kg for heavy traffic.

It is always recommended to apply CIKOhard DSH in two layers. The first application should be done by broadcasting CIKOhard DSH uniformly over the wet concrete surface with 2/3rd of the required quantity. Finishing should be done with a wooden or power float. Immediately after floating the concrete surface, the second application should be carried out in cross

direction to the previous using the remaining 1/3rd material and must be well floated.

NOTE: Right judgement on the application time over wet concrete is very important to attain optimum performance of CIKOhard DSH.

Curing

The finished floor should be cured as per standard curing procedures. In case of membrane curing system, immediately after the final finish, CIKOcure AC can be applied on the surface and allow drying.

Packaging

CIKOhard DSH is available in 25kg moisture resistant bags.

Shelf life

CIKOhard DSH has a shelf life of 12 months if stored in accordance with CIKO instructions.

Storage

CIKOhard DSH should be stored under enclosed shaded area.

Precautions

- The air entrainment of the base concrete should not be more than 3%
- Do not use as a chemical resistant topping

Health & safety

Use standard dust mask to avoid inhalation of dust. Powder when wet or moist can cause burns to skin and eyes which should be protected during use. If comes in contact with eyes, flush with plenty of fresh water and seek medical advice.

Refer Material Safety Data Sheet for further details.

Technical Support

For further technical support, do not hesitate to contact CIKO team at any time as CIKO offers on and off site services to end users, specifier and contractors.

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- *Tile adhesives and grout*
- *Concrete repair materials*
- *Adhesives and bonding agent*
- *Protective coating*
- *Joint Sealants and Moulding compounds*
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