# **Class R2 Fairing Coat and Thin Screed Render**

## **Product Overview**

Cosmetic quality fairing coat and thin screed render for levelling concrete surfaces and filling blow holes, honeycombing and other surface defects.

## **Description**

**MONOLEVEL FC** is a single component, polymer modified, fibre reinforced cementitious repair mortar with high adhesive properties for use as a thin screed or filler to provide a fair-faced finish. It protects from the ingress of water and resists freeze/thaw damage.

## Uses

Suitable for repair methods 3.1, 3.3, 7.1, 7.2 as defined by BS EN 1504-3.

## **Advantages**

- Incorporates the latest cement chemistry, microsilica, fibre and styrene acrylic copolymer technology.
- Simply mixed with clean water, part bags can be mixed.
- Can be applied using bag-rubbing techniques to a feather edge or by float typically up to 6mm.
- Suitable for wet spray application over larger areas.
- Bond strength exceeds tensile strength of concrete to ensure monolithic performance of the repair.
- Dense matrix provides high diffusion resistance to moisture, acid gases and chloride ions.
- Economic mortar, no substrate or inter-layer priming.
- Suitable as an exposed external finish without further protection or coating.
- Easily overcoated with specialist membranes to provide an aesthetic finish.

## Compliance

- UKCA & CE marked in accordance with EN 1504-3.
- Highways Standard Series 5700 (Concrete Repairs) and CS 462 (Repair & Management of Deteriorated Concrete Structures).
- Compliant with LU Standard 1-085 'Fire Safety Performance of Materials'

## **Application Instructions**

#### **Preparation**

Mechanically remove all damaged concrete or failed repairs back to a sound core.

The areas to be repaired must be free from all unsound material including laitance dust, oil, grease, corrosion by-products and organic growth.

Smooth surfaces should be roughened and reinforcement cleaned to bright steel using wet grit blasting techniques or equivalent approved methods. Power tools such as a needle gun, angle grinder or wire brush may be used on concrete which is not chloride contaminated.

The compressive strength of the parent concrete should be minimum 20 MPa.

The prepared substrate should be thoroughly soaked with clean water until uniformly saturated without any standing water.

#### **Treatment of Steel Reinforcement**

Treat exposed steel reinforcement with 2 x 1mm coats of **STEEL REINFORCEMENT PROTECTOR 841** applied by brush.

Note - When carrying out repairs in new construction, it is not necessary to fully expose any reinforcing bars.

## **Priming of Concrete**

**MONOLEVEL FC** does not generally require a primer. Highly porous substrates may be primed with a **POLYMER ADMIXTURE 850** slurry coat. The slurry coat should also be used when treating larger areas of waterproof concrete.

#### Mixing

**MONOLEVEL FC** should be mechanically mixed with a forced action pan mixer or in a clean drum using a slow speed drill and paddle. A normal concrete mixer is **NOT** suitable.

For normal applications, use between 3-4 litres of clean water per 25kg bag. For part bags, this equates to 5-6.5 volumes of powder to 1 volume of water. Mix for approximately 2-3 minutes, entraining as little air as possible. Use without delay.

Note - These instructions must be adhered to as Flexcrete will not be responsible for failure due to incorrect mixing.



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#### Placing

**MONOLEVEL FC** can be applied by palette knife to fill minor voids and surface defects. Over larger areas, work well into the prepared substrate using a wooden float, sponge or 'bag-rubbing' techniques.

When used as a fair faced finish, **MONOLEVEL FC** should be applied to the prepared substrate using a steel float to provide a smooth polymer rich surface finish. Work an initial thin layer into the surface to fill blow holes and minor defects prior to building up to a typical thickness of 3-6mm. Spray techniques may also be used.

Once the final layer has stabilised (typically 2-6 hours), remove trowel marks using a wooden float or damp sponge. This will produce a surface similar in texture to emery paper, which is ideal for the application of a surface coating.

## Curing

Normal concreting procedures must be adhered to. Protect from strong sunlight and drying winds with **CURE-SEAL WB**, polythene sheeting, damp hessian or similar.

## **Cleaning and Storage**

- All tools should be cleaned with water immediately after use.
- Materials can be stored for 12 months in dry, frost free conditions with unopened bags at 20°C.

## Packaging

• MONOLEVEL FC is supplied in 25kg bags.

#### **Yield and Coverage**

- 15.5 litres per 25kg.
- 25kg covers 15.5m<sup>2</sup> at 1mm thickness.

## Health and Safety

Safety Data Sheets are available on request.

## **Application Top Tips**

1. During early mixing, the material appears dry. **DO NOT** add extra water at this stage as full mixing produces a smooth consistency.

2. DO NOT WET OUT OR PRIME between layers.

3. If the mortar thickens, remix but **DO NOT ADD EXTRA WATER.** 

4. **DO NOT OVER TROWEL** when applied as a fairing coat otherwise blisters could form in the material, which must be removed.

5. Remove trowel marks using a wooden float or damp sponge once the surface has stabilised.

6. Can be overcoated with Flexcrete membranes to give a coloured, aesthetic finish.

7. Cold Weather Working (See separate Guide)

- ≥  $3^{\circ}$ C on a rising thermometer.
- > ≥5°C on a falling thermometer.

8. Hot Weather Working (See separate Guide)

- Store material in cool conditions to maximise working life.
- Shade applied material from strong sunlight.
- Spray apply a second mist coat of CURE-SEAL WB.
- If possible, avoid extreme temperatures by working at night.

The information herein is correct to the best of our knowledge, but it does not necessarily refer to the particular requirements of the customer. If the customer has any particular requirements it should make them known in writing to Flexcrete Technologies Limited, and obtain further advice accordingly.



## **Technical Data**

Property	Standard	EN 1504 R2 Requirement	Typical Result
Compressive Strength Development @20°C	EN 12190	≥ 15 MPa @28 Days	1 day 20 MPa 7 days 45 MPa 28 days 55 MPa
Adhesive Bond	EN 1542	≥ 0.8 MPa	3.3 MPa
Chloride Ion Content	EN 1015-17	≤ 0.05%	≤ 0.05%
Capillary Absorption	EN 13057	≤ 0.5 kg/(m <sup>2</sup> .h <sup>0.5</sup> )	0.047 kg/(m <sup>2</sup> .h <sup>0.5</sup> )
Freeze/Thaw Cycling	EN 13687-1	≥ 0.8 MPa	2.9 MPa
Tensile Strength	BS 6319: 7	-	2.7 MPa
Shrinkage	EN 12617-4	-	0.065% after 7 days
Mixed Density		-	1900kg/m <sup>3</sup> at 0.14 water:powder ratio
Mixed Colour		-	Concrete grey or Off-white
Min Application Thickness Max Application Thickness		-	Feather edge 6mm per layer
Min Application Temperature Max Application Temperature		-	5°C 40°C
Working Life (approx.)		-	30 minutes at 20°C
Reaction to Fire	EN 13501-1	-	A2 - s1, d0

The properties given above are obtained from laboratory tests: results obtained from on-site testing may vary according to site conditions.



