

PRODUCT NAME

Cem-Kote® Flex ST



ANSI/NSF Standard 61

Drinking Water System Components

Flexible Cementitious Waterproofing

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FEATURES

- **Approved ANSI/NSF Standard 61- Barrier Materials**
- Superior flexibility
- Bridges substrate crack up to 1/16 in - 1.6 mm
- Long term crack resistance
- Fast cure waterproofing
- Approved for potable water tanks (>10,000 USG-38m³)
- Superior freeze/thaw resistance
- Excellent salt scaling resistance
- Effective protection against acid rain
- Self-curing
- Continuous water immersion possible
- Superior negative/positive waterproofing
- Breathable
- Salt resistant
- Easy mixing & application = sprayable

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Basic Use

Cem-Kote Flex ST is designed for positive and negative waterproofing of concrete structures in new construction and restoration. It is suitable for potable water and waste water tanks, secondary containment structures, tunnels, concrete slabs, balconies and patios with light to medium traffic. In new construction where a superior flexibility is required (waste water treatment facilities), *Cem-Kote Flex ST* may be reinforced with *Reinforcing Fabric HD* throughout. In restoration, a strip of *Reinforcing Fabric NW* is used over the cracks to provide bridging.

Composition and Materials

Cem-Kote Flex ST is a highly flexible, fibre-reinforced, breathable, cementitious slurry, consisting of dry Component A and liquid Component B.



Limitations

Do not apply *Cem-Kote Flex ST* when the temperature is expected to be below 4°C(40°F) within 48 hours, or when rain is imminent. Follow Hot Weather concreting precautions when applying *Cem-Kote Flex ST* at temperatures exceeding 25°C (77°F) or under sunny and windy conditions. For low temperature exposures, use *Cem-Kote Flex Plus*.

Health and Safety

Cem-Kote Flex ST is non-toxic. Your skin might be sensitive to hydraulic cement, or the liquid additive. We recommend use of rubber gloves. Avoid contact with eyes and prolonged contact with skin. If contact occurs, flush immediately with water. Seek medical advice if irritation occurs. Harmful if digested. Keep product out of reach of children. **FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY.** Consult MSDS for additional information.

Color

Industrial Grey, Light Grey and White. Only Industrial Grey color is ANSI/NSF Standard 61 approved.

Packaging

CEM-KOTE FLEX ST Industrial Grey Premix Kit consists of dry component A packaged in 16 kg (35.3 lb.) bags and liquid component B, packaged in 4.8 L (1.3 U.S. gal.) plastic jugs. Light Grey and White in 5.24 L (1.38 USG). (Note: special formulations, depending on colour, contain varying amounts of Component B).

Yield

Cem-Kote Flex ST Industrial Grey yields 10.5 L (0.37 ft.³) and covers approximately 6.56 m² @ 1.6 mm (70.6 ft.² @ 63 mils) thickness per kit, applied in two (2) coats. The *Light Grey* or *White* material yields 11.0 L (0.39 ft.³) and covers 6.9 m² (74.0 ft.²). Formulations, with a higher volume of Component B, have a higher yield, depending on specific formulation. Note: When using *Reinforcing Fabric HD* throughout, a thicker layer of *Cem-Kote Flex ST* is required [1.8 mm (76 mils)] to cover the fabric completely - approx. coverage 5.83 m² (63 ft.²) per unit. The actual coverage will depend on surface roughness and the thickness applied. The applicator must carry out a sample application to determine the actual coverage for the given substrate and application thickness.

Storage and Transportation

Cem-Kote Flex ST, when stored on pallets in a dry, cool area, free from moisture and direct sunlight has a shelf-life of 12 months. The liquid Component B must not freeze. Packaged 40 kits per pallet.

TECHNICAL DATA

Ultimate Tensile Strain (ASTM D412 Mod.)	
at 20°C, non-reinforced	20%
at 20°C, reinforced	30%

Ultimate Tensile Stress (ASTM D412 Mod.) at 20°C, non-reinforced	0.82 MPa (120 psi)
at 20°C, reinforced	3.05 MPa (440 psi)
Crack Spanning (Gemite ISO TP 005) at 20°C, non-reinforced	0.5 mm (20 mils)
at 20°C, reinforced	1.6 mm (63 mils)
Water Vapor Permeance, (ASTM E96) wet cup 1.6 mm,	697 ng/Pa.s.m ² (12.8 perms)
Water Vapor Permeability, Engelfried-Klopfer Sd < 3 m	Sd = 0.265 m
Salt Scaling Resistance, (ASTM C672)	excellent
Hydraulic Impermeability TTP 1411 (negative side), 2 mm thickness	water head >38.4 m (>126 ft)

A high porosity concrete block, coated with *Cem-Kote Flex ST*, “burst” at 38.4 m (126 ft) water head pressure with *Cem-Kote Flex ST* showing no sign of wetness.

INSTALLATION

Follow Gemite’s most recent application procedures and details, to assure quality installation. The applicator must, prior to bid, confirm the detailing, use of the *Reinforcing Fabrics*, correct surface preparation & application procedures with Gemite’s Technical Service. The applicator must also arrange a pre-installation meeting with Gemite’s technical representative, General Contractor and the Site Engineer to review the installation procedure. The project specification supersedes the Gemite Guide Specification.

Surface Preparation

Remove all deteriorated and loose concrete, form release agents, oil, grease, laitance, dust, dirt and efflorescence by dry or wet sandblast, shotblast, or high pressure water, min. 5,000 psi (34.5 MPa), or 3,500 psi (24 MPa) with sand brought to the nozzle. Repair deeper areas using *Gem-Plast TC* or *Fibre-Patch OV*. The proper surface preparation is essential for a successful waterproofing and concrete repair using *Cem-Kote Flex ST*. Remove all loose rust from any exposed reinforcing steel and apply two coats of *Fibre-Prime* rustproofing.

Mixing

Thoroughly mix the liquid Component B prior to its use. Use paddle or helix mortar mixer, or heavy duty drill (400-600 RPM) with a mixing paddle. Pour approximately 80% of the Component B into a clean mixer and gradually add the dry Component A, while mixing, until a smooth and lump free mix is obtained. Lumps will form if the dry material is added suddenly into the liquid. Add the remaining liquid, while mixing, to achieve the consistency required for a given application. A small amount of water can be added, if required, at higher ambient temperatures.

Crack Treatment

All cracks must be treated using *Cem-Kote Flex ST* and *Reinforcing Fabric NW*. Pre-fill any open cracks larger than 2 mm (80 mils) with *Cem-Kote Flex ST*. Apply a thin coat of *Cem-Kote Flex ST*, 15-25 cm (6-10 in) wide, over the crack. Embed a strip of the *Reinforcing Fabric NW* into the wet *Cem-Kote Flex ST* & apply a 2nd coat to fully cover the *Reinforcing Fabric NW*.

Cove Installation

Install 1.5 -2 in (40-50 mm) “coves” in vertical and horizontal corners (all 90° angles) using *Fibre-Patch OV*. All the coves are also reinforced with the *Reinforcing Fabric HD*, well embedded and covered in *Cem-Kote Flex ST*. The installation of the cove as specified, including the proper embedding and covering *Reinforcing Fabric HD* is essential to avoid water leaks through the corners.

Application

Trowel or brush apply *Cem-Kote Flex ST* to a minimum thickness of 1.6 mm (63 mils) in two (2) coats to a saturated surface damp concrete. *Cem-Kote Flex ST* can be also spray applied using a hopper gun or positive displacement (moyno or carousel) pump, with a suitable plastering spray nozzle. The second coat must be applied into a wet first coat, as soon as the first coat allows the application and brushing of the second coat. The time between the coats will depend on temperature, relative humidity, surface porosity, sun, wind, etc. The delayed application of the second coat could result in de-bonding. If the first coat is left to dry overnight, clean the surface with water [10-14 MPa (1,500-2,000 psi)] and let dry prior to application of an additional coat. When spraying, brush each coat to eliminate all pinholes.

Reinforcing Fabric

In some new projects the *Reinforcing Fabric HD* may have to be used throughout. When using the *Reinforcing Fabric HD*, apply first a thin layer of *Cem-Kote Flex ST* by brushing or spraying. When spraying, brush each coat to eliminate all “pinholes”. Embed the *Reinforcing Fabric HD* into the first coat and follow with the second coat. The *Reinforcing Fabric HD* must be fully covered and must not protrude through the surface. The total minimum applied thickness of *Cem-Kote Flex ST*, including the *Reinforcing Fabric HD*, must be 2 mm (80 mils).

Curing

Cure *Cem-Kote Flex ST* by air drying for a minimum of 3 days prior to a continuous exposure to water. Protect fresh applications from rain, strong wind and intense sunlight for 12 hours. When working under tarps at freezing temperatures, use electrical heaters and “forced” venting. Avoid using propane heaters to prevent “carbonation” of the material.

Clean Up

All tools must be cleaned with water immediately after use. Cured material can only be removed mechanically.

AVAILABILITY AND COST

Cem-Kote Flex ST is available worldwide. Contact Gemite Products Inc. for the name of the Representative/Distributor nearest you and pricing information.

MAINTENANCE

None required.

WARRANTY

A limited twelve (12) month Material Replacement Warranty is available. For complete details contact Gemite’s Head Office.

TECHNICAL SERVICE

For technical advice, specification assistance and application advice, contact Gemite Technical Service at USA 888-443-6483 or Canada 905-672-2020.