



Product Information

BD CLASSIC 3798

100% Solids Epoxy Novolac Coating

Description

BDC 3798 is a Novolac epoxy system designed for extreme chemical environments, such as 98% Sulfuric Acid.

Uses

BDC 3798 Novolac epoxy is used for containment areas, industrial seamless floors in manufacturing plants, mechanical rooms, warehouses, tank linings, where a high level of chemical and solvent resistance is required. BDC 3798 epoxy (with aggregate) can also be used as a mortar for overlays or repairs for concrete.

Advantages

- Low Viscosity
- 100% Solids
- Chemical Resistant, 98% Sulfuric Acid
- High Strength
- Low Odor
- High-Build
- Superior Adhesion

Coverage

Coverage will vary depending on condition of surface and desired thickness.

As a Primer:

300-400 sf per gallon after thinning 10% with acetone.

As a Coating:

100-300 sf per gallon

For Epoxy Mortar:

1 gallon of epoxy mixed with 5 gallons of sand will yield approximately 3 to 4 gallons of mortar.

Packaging

- 1 1/2 gallon kits
- 15 gallon kits

Colors

Clear, Gray, White, and Black

Inspection

Concrete must be clean, dry, and free of grease, paint, oil, dust, curing agents, or any foreign material that will prevent proper adhesion. The concrete should be at least 2500 psi and feel like 30-grit sandpaper. The concrete should be porous and be able to absorb water. A minimum of 28 days cured is required on all concrete. Relative humidity in the concrete floor slab should be below 80% (per ASTM F-2170).

Before starting flooring work, test existing concrete slab to make sure there is no efflorescence or high levels of alkalinity. Alkalinity refers to a high pH reading which means the floor is not neutral. A high alkaline environment can cause salts to creep up through the cement called efflorescence. These salts have a tendency to prevent or destroy the bonding of coatings to the concrete. The most common form of testing is the use of a wide-range pH paper or tape. Make sure the floors pH reading ranges between 5-9 to ensure adhesion. The testing of concrete for alkalinity can show the amount of alkalinity only at the time the test is ran, and cannot be used to predict long-term conditions.

Calcium chloride tests should be conducted to determine if the

concrete is sufficiently dry for an epoxy flooring installation. The calcium chloride tests should be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of ASTM F 1869, *Standard Test Method for Measuring Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete Subfloor Using Anhydrous Calcium Chloride*. When running a calcium chloride test, it is important to remove any grease, oil, curing agents, etc. so accurate readings can be obtained. A rate of 4.5lbs/1000 ft²/24hr period or less is an acceptable amount of vapor pressure for an epoxy flooring installation. If the reading ranges from 4.5lbs to 15lbs, a moisture barrier system such as our BDC Vapor Seal can be installed to reduce the emissions.

Failing to adhere to these strict guidelines can result in product delamination, discoloration, blistering, or all together failure of the coating system. Testing is the responsibility of the applicator. B.D. Classic bears no responsibility for failures due to any of the above conditions.

Surface Preparation

Over Concrete Surfaces: Shotblasting is the preferred method for preparing the concrete. In some cases you may prepare by acid etching, floor scrubbing with a nylogrit brush and waterblasting to achieve a clean and uniform surface that feels like 50 grit sandpaper. If acid etching is done, be sure to properly etch and then adequately neutralize by scrubbing and rinsing several times followed by power washing. Prepare the surface so that the product will soak in and properly bond.

Over existing Epoxy: Sand the surface with a floor buffer and 50 grit sand paper, remove debris and wipe with denatured alcohol just before new application.

Mixing

As a Coating: Premix each component separately. Mix 2 parts A with 1 part B, by volume, into a clean container. Mix thoroughly with a low speed (400-600 rpm) drill motor for 3-4 minutes. Make sure to scrap the sides and bottom of the container during mixing. The product may be thinned with acetone in which case it must be applied thinly enough to allow solvent to escape (minimum 300 sf per gallon). After mixing is completed, remove from container within 5 minutes as epoxy will begin to generate heat. Spread immediately onto the floor, as product is spread out you will have longer working time (10-15 minutes at 70 degrees).

For an Epoxy Mortar: Mix 2 to 5 parts of a washed and kiln dried aggregate, by volume, to 1 part of mixed BDC 3798 and mix until uniform in consistency.

Application

Primer: Prime the surface using BDC 1200 (Read individual product information sheet). The 3798 may also be used as a primer when thinned 10% with acetone. Primer coat should be applied thinly and worked into the surface to help seal avoid pin holes.

As a Coating: Apply BDC 3798 within 24 hours after the primer coat. Immediately after mixing, spread a strip of the batch onto the surface along the edges where it will be "cut in" using a brush. Pour the remaining material near the "cut in" area and spread evenly using a trowel or squeegee and back roll using a 1/4" nap non-shedding roller. A notched trowel or squeegee will help regulate the thickness and a porcupine roller will help to release trapped air and minimize bubbles. Depending on the look, thickness, chemical and abrasion resistance desired, 1 to 2

coats may be applied. A non-skid surface can be achieved by broadcasting and/or back rolling a washed and kiln dried aggregate into the coating.

For an epoxy mortar: Prime the area with a neat (no sand added) batch of BDC 1200, 11 series or 14 series primer. Within 24 hours, apply the prepared mortar using a trowel.

Limitations

- Do not apply at temperatures below 50°F or above 95°F.
- After mixing completely (3-4 minutes remove from mixing container and apply to floor)
- Do not apply over concrete with Moisture Vapor Emissions above 4.5lbs/1000 ft²/24hr period

- For interior use only unless protected by an UV resistant coating.
- Concrete must be cured for a minimum of 28 days.
- Solvents added to thin such as acetone will make product combustible or flammable in which case be aware of sparks or open flame.
- If solvent is added, the products must be applied thinly to allow the solvent to escape or proper curing will occur.

Clean Up

Uncured material can be removed with a solvent. Cured material can only be removed mechanically.

DRY TIME	5 HOURS @77°F
PENCIL HARDNESS	4H
IMPACT RESISTANCE	35/12
DIRECT/REVERSE	
ABRASION RESISTANCE	0.03
1000 CYCLES, WT LOSS GRAMS	
CHEMICAL RESISTANCE	MONTHS TO FAILURE
SULFRIC ACID	>12
10%	>12
30%	>12
50%	>12
98%	>12
HYDROCHLORIC ACID	
10%	>12
20%	>12
36%	<1
NITRIC ACID	
10%	>12
20%	>12
CHROMIC ACID	
10%	<3
PHOSPHORIC ACID	
10%	>12
30%	>12
AMMONIA	
30%	>12
ETHANOL, 100%	>12
METHANOL	10 DAYS
CELLOSOLVE	>12
ACETONE	>12
MEK	10 DAYS
TRICHLOROETHYLENE	<1
TOLUENE	>12
JP-4 JET FUEL	>12