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Technical and Material Safety Data Sheet

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THE LAB SMARTSEAL

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Product Family: Sealers (Penetrating Masonry and Surface Sealer)

Typical System Guidance

Typical masonry protection system:

1 Surface cleaning using **THE LAB BIO-WASH**
2 Allow surface to dry completely
3 Apply **THE LAB SMARTSEAL** to seal and protect the substrate

Additional coats may be applied where increased sealing performance is required.

Product Description

THE LAB SMARTSEAL is a penetrating acrylic sealer designed to protect and seal porous mineral surfaces such as concrete, plaster, brick and masonry substrates. The product penetrates the surface structure of the substrate to form a protective barrier that reduces water penetration while maintaining the natural appearance of the surface.

SMARTSEAL enhances the durability of masonry substrates by reducing moisture absorption and protecting against weathering and environmental degradation. The sealer also assists in stabilising porous surfaces and improving the performance and longevity of decorative or protective coatings applied over the substrate.

The product is particularly suitable for contractors requiring a clear penetrating sealer that improves substrate protection without significantly altering the appearance of the surface.

Technical Data Summary

Product Type	Masonry sealer
Colour	Clear
Finish	Natural / Low sheen
Binder Type	Acrylic
Volume Solids	+/- 20 %
Specific Gravity	+/- 1.00 kg/L
Application Method	Brush / Roller / Spray
Touch Dry	+/- 30 minutes
Recoat Time	+/- 2 hours
Coverage	+/- 8 – 12 m²/L
Recommended WFT	+/- 120 microns
Recommended DFT	+/- 85 microns
Surface Temperature Limits	10 – 13 °C
Relative Humidity Limits	< 50°C
Clean Up	Water
VOC Content	Low VOC typical of water-based acrylic coatings
Shelf Life	+/- 12 months when stored under correct conditions.

These values are typical laboratory results and serve as a guide only. Practical coverage will vary depending on surface profile, porosity and application method.

Intended Uses

SMARTSEAL is intended for sealing and protecting porous masonry surfaces including:

- Concrete surfaces
- Cement plaster
- Face brick and masonry
- Paving blocks
- Concrete walls and structures
- Cementitious surfaces

The product may be used as a protective sealer or as a preparatory sealer before the application of decorative coatings. Not recommended for permanently submerged surfaces or areas subject to continuous water exposure.

Principal Characteristics

- Penetrating surface sealer
- Reduces water absorption in porous substrates
- Protects masonry against weathering
- Enhances durability of coated surfaces
- Clear finish maintains natural appearance

• Easy application by brush, roller or spray
• Water-based environmentally friendly formulation

Surface Preparation

All surfaces must be clean, dry and free from dust, grease, oil and contaminants.

Remove any loose or unstable material before application. Surfaces should be cleaned using **THE LAB BIO-WASH** where necessary to remove dirt and contaminants.

Allow surfaces to dry completely before application of the sealer.

Application Guidelines

SMARTSEAL may be applied by brush, roller or airless spray equipment.

Apply a minimum of two coats to achieve uniform coverage and durability.

Prior to application, always follow these basic product checks:

• Inspect packaging and ensure containers are sealed, undamaged and within shelf-life
• Open product and visually inspect for abnormalities, contamination, skinning or separation
• Stir product thoroughly before and during use where required
• For multi-component products, ensure correct mixing ratios and induction periods are followed
• Confirm substrate condition, moisture levels and environmental conditions are suitable
• Conduct a small test patch to confirm adhesion, appearance and compatibility prior to full application

Do not apply coatings when:

• Ambient temperature is below 10°C
• Rain is imminent
• Surfaces are wet or contaminated

Ensure recommended spreading rates are maintained to achieve correct film thickness. Allow adequate drying time between coats.

Storage

Store in original sealed containers in a cool, dry and well ventilated environment.

Protect the product from freezing and extreme temperatures.

Shelf life is approximately **12 months** when stored under correct conditions.

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Material Safety Data

SECTION 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE/PREPARATION
CAS no. : N/A
EC no. : N/A
UN No. : 1263 SAPMA: 4-H-C
In emergency contact: The Lab Chemicals & Coatings @ 0845071767

SECTION 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS
EC Classification: Not classified as hazardous
No significant quantity of classified hazardous substances present.
(CL/RL = Controlled/Recommended level 'S' = Skin annotation)

SECTION 3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION
SAPMA Health Rating: 4-MINIMAL - No great risk to health
Inhalation: Avoid exposure to vapours, fumes and mists.
Skin: No hazard expected if used in moderation.
Eyes: No direct hazard is expected but possible contact with any chemical must always be avoided.
Ingestion: Irritating and nauseating.
No carcinogenic, mutagenic or genetic effects established
May have short term environmental effects. Contain, monitor & remove.

SECTION 4. FIRST AID MEASURES
Inhalation: Move to fresh air.
Skin: Always wash after handling chemical substances.
Eyes: In case of any contact and discomfort rinse well with water and seek medical advice.
Ingestion: Wash mouth with plenty of water. Do NOT induce vomiting. Seek medical attention.

SECTION 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES
Dried residues - combustible with toxic fumes.
No direct explosion hazard expected.

SECTION 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES - SEE ALSO SECTIONS 5, 8, 13
Contain & collect. Keep out of drains and sewers

SECTION 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE
Store separately from any reactive substances - oxidisers in particular.

SECTION 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION
SAPMA Rating: 4-H-C PPE: Eye protection
Inhalation: In case of insufficient ventilation, use suitable respiratory protection.
Skin: Use only as directed.
Eyes: Avoid direct contact. Never touch eyes with dirty hands or gloves.
Ingestion: Observe the rules for hygiene. Wash before eating, drinking or smoking.

SECTION 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES
Chemical class: Non-hazardous material Description: Viscous liquid Smell: Pungent
FlashPoint (C): N/A

SECTION 10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY
Stable under normal conditions
Inert - no reaction with fire-fighting water

SECTION 11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION
No carcinogenic, mutagenic or genetic effects established

SECTION 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION
May have short term environmental effects. Contain, monitor & remove.

SECTION 13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION
Use reputable waste disposal contractors. Exercise caution in disposal of used containers.

SECTION 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION
Not classified as dangerous for transport

SECTION 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION
EC no. : N/A
EC Classification: Not classified as hazardous
S2 - Keep out of reach of children. (Retail sales items)

SECTION 16. OTHER INFORMATION
IN CASE OF ANY DISCOMFORT ALWAYS SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE.

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