



a.b.e.<sup>®</sup> Construction Chemicals  
**dura.<sup>®</sup>rep FR**  
 Fibre-Reinforced

**POLYMER MODIFIED, FIBRE-REINFORCED STRUCTURAL REPAIR MORTAR**

**DESCRIPTION**

Polymer-modified, fibre-reinforced, cement-based mortar, which is chloride-free, ready to use, non-shrink and of a single component.

**USES**

- Potable water retaining structures.
- Repairing voids and honeycombed areas.
- Also applied by gunning (wet or dry process).
- Bedding mortar for concrete planks i.e. seats at sports stadiums, suspended flooring.
- Water cooling towers.
- Harbour wharf repairs.

**ADVANTAGES**

- Ready to use.
- Easy to work.
- High ultimate strength.
- Resistant to frost and thawing salt.
- Chloride-free.
- Non-shrink.
- Good bonding to concrete.
- Increased abrasion resistance over plain rendering (4 - 6 times).
- Constant quality/performance (pre-blended).
- Non-toxic.

**SURFACE PREPARATION**

The substrate must be sound, firm and clean, free of oil, grease, loose particles and cement laitance, old layers of paint, or other contaminants. All edges to be repaired must be square cut to a minimum of 10 mm deep, perpendicular to the surface, followed by the removal of all unsound

material. When using compressed air for cleaning, the air must be clean and oil free.

Never feather edge the product. Absorbent substrates must be thoroughly wetted, to reduce suction, which causes shrinkage, resulting in loss of bond. This must be carried out at least 12 hours prior to the application of **dura.<sup>®</sup>rep FR**. The substrate is required to be well dampened, with no free water on the surface. All metal to be coated must be clean, mechanically sound and dry. Expose all corroded reinforcing steel and grit blast. A clean bright finish is required ensuring that all corrosion products are removed, particularly behind the steel. The anchor pattern should be approximately 40 to 60 microns from peak to valley. Prime before flash rusting occurs, see data sheet **dura.<sup>®</sup>rep FR** primer.

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES		
Compressive strengths – MPa - (ASTM C 109)		
24 hours	16	
3 days	25	
7 days	35	
28 days	> 45	
Shear bond strengths – MPa - (ASTM C 882) – using <b>epidermix 344</b> vs plain		
(C) = compression failure mode (B) = bond failure mode	<b>epidermix 344</b>	<b>Plain</b>
7 days	7 (B)	7 (B)
28 days	10 (C)	8 (B)

**BONDING/PRIMING**

Use **epidermix 344** wet to dry epoxy as a primer for structural applications where the bond strength must be equal or greater than the parent material. All exposed reinforcing bars must be primed by applying **dura.<sup>®</sup>rep FR** primer (see relevant data sheets).

## MIXING

Add approximately 2/3 of the required mixing water and while stirring, preferably mechanically, slowly add the powder and mix until lump free. Add the remainder of the water and mix for 3 to 4 minutes until the mortar is homogeneous and lump free. The plastic-thixotropic mortar can now be applied by trowel, spatula or float. The mortar can be made up to a stiffer consistency by using less water.

**Note:** High-speed mixing entraps an excessive amount of air and therefore should be avoided.

## COVERAGE

25 kg of **dura.®rep FR** powder mixed with 4,2 liters of water yields approximately 13 liters.

## APPLICATION

**dura.®rep FR** is used for repair and restoration of large horizontal areas and vertical surfaces, such as worn concrete road surfaces and bridges, as well as for repairing concrete, renderings, natural and artificial stone, and erosion damage to sewer tunnel structures. On vertical surfaces, **dura.®rep FR** is suitable for surface repairs, remoulding large breakaway at the edges (on pillars and chords). Rubber gloves should be worn because of the material's high cementitious content (alkaline). Application may be carried out in layers or applied up to 70 mm in one pass.

When striking off thick sections care should be taken in terms of timing as the material below may not have set sufficiently and due to its thixotropic properties hogging may occur (slumping) resulting in surface cracking.

## CLEANING

Clean tools with water before the mortar hardens. Hardened material can only be removed by mechanical means.

## PROTECTION ON COMPLETION

Like all cement based materials **dura.®rep FR** must be cured immediately, as soon as the surface will not be marred. This is carried out by applying, by brush or spray, a suitable curing compound like duracure SBC or as recommended by **a.b.e.® Construction Chemicals**. In rapid drying

conditions caused by high winds or direct sunlight additional precautions should be included like sealing with polythene sheeting having the edges taped down. This may include damp hessian behind the sheeting to prevent moisture loss. Similarly in cold conditions, the repaired area must be protected from freezing.

For additional protection properties, **dura.®rep FR** is fully compatible with the **dura.®cote** range of protective coatings.

## TEMPERATURE AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY

Surface and ambient temperature must be at least + 5°C and rising, ideally between 20°C and 30°C.

## MODEL SPECIFICATION

**Polymer-modified, fibre-filled, cementitious, structural repair mortar.**

The structural repair mortar will be **dura.®rep FR**, a single-component polymer-modified, fibre-filled cementitious mortar applied in accordance with the recommendations of **a.b.e.® Construction Chemicals**, including **dura.®rep FR** steel primer and **epidermix 344** wet to dry epoxy adhesive where necessary.

## PACKAGING

**dura.®rep FR** is supplied in 25 kg polyethylene lined paper bags.

## HANDLING & STORAGE

This product has a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry cool place in the original packaging. In more extreme conditions this period might be shortened.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

**dura.®rep FR** is alkaline and should not be allowed contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of dust during mixing by wearing dust masks. The use of gloves, eye protection and dust masks is advised. Immediately wash with water in the event of contact with skin. Splashes into eyes should also be washed immediately with plenty of clean water and medical advice sought thereafter.



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## IMPORTANT NOTE

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

Where other products are to be used in conjunction with this material, the relevant technical data sheets should be consulted to determine total requirements. **a.b.e.® Construction Chemicals** has a wealth of technical and practical experience built up over years in the company's pursuit of excellence in building and construction technology.



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