



# a.b.e.<sup>®</sup> Construction Chemicals epidermix 396

## EPOXY PASTE GROUTING COMPOUND

### DESCRIPTION

Two-component, thixotropic modified epoxy paste.

### USES

As a grouting medium, either as supplied or converted into a mortar, for fixing dowel bars, bolts or other steel overhead or horizontally into concrete or rock. As a fast-setting non-flow adhesive. Grouting vertically downwards use **epidermix 395**.

### ADVANTAGES

- Will not drain from hole, including overhead
- Stronger than surrounding concrete and steel.

#### PROPERTIES OF WET MATERIAL

Mixing ratio	Do not split kit
Density	1.14 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
<b>Colour:</b>	
Base	White
Activator	Dark Amber
Mixed	Light cream
Flash point	> 100°C
Dilution	Do not dilute
Consistency	Thixotropic paste
Shelf life	2 years from date of manufacture
Storage conditions	Store under cover in cool place
Packaging	500ml
Fire resistance	Non flammable

### SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces must be clean, sound and dry.

Cast concrete must be free of all laitance, dust and foreign matter. Drilled concrete must be free of dust and debris and if wet-drilled must be dry and free of all traces of slurry. Any

glaze caused by core drilling must be removed by mechanical roughening to ensure good bonding between the adhesive and the concrete rock surface. Close-fitting burrs attached to a long shaft mounted in a power drill will aid in this respect. Smooth steel should be abrasive blast cleaned and must be free of scale, rust and oily material. Deformed and threaded bars should be oil and grease free and preferably free of rust and scale.

### BONDING/PRIMING

Self priming.

### MIXING

Mix both containers individually and ideally use a can opener to remove the lip of the containers. Transfer complete contents of both containers to a large clean board or plate, setting up the components side by side and not one on top of the other. Do not combine the components until other aspects of the job are ready. When ready to mix, combine the ingredients together and blend, using at least two trowels or spatula, until the compound is completely mixed. If a mortar is required, add an equivalent volume of silica grit and continue mixing until a homogeneous material is obtained.

#### PROPERTIES OF CURED MATERIAL

Maximum service temp	70°C
Compressive strength @ 25°C	90 MPa @ 7 days
Solvent resistance	Resists: aliphatic solvents, vegetable and mineral oils and greases, petroleum fuels
Water resistance	Excellent
Tensile strength @ 25°C	21 MPa @ 7 days
Toxicity	Non-toxic

## COVERAGE

Grouting with **epidermix 396** – Quantity Calculations:

The quantity of grouting material can be calculated from the formula:

$$\frac{0,8 (D + d) (D - d)HN}{1000} = \text{liters of grout required}$$

where:

D = diameter of hole in cm

d = diameter of bar in cm

H = depth of hole in cm

N = number of holes

If the dimensions are taken in centimeters, dividing the answer by 1 000 will give the number of liters of grout required, at a 2:1 filling ratio, half of this volume of **epidermix** will be needed. At 1:1 filling ratio, three quarters of this volume of **epidermix** will be needed. These figures make no allowance for site wastage of material.

Provided deformed or threaded steel, either mild or high tensile, is embedded at least 15 diameters it can be expected that any failure of the assembly will be due to tensile rupture of the steel. Thus **epidermix** grouting allows the steel to develop its full design strength. Regarding the ratio of hole to rod diameter it has been shown that the ultimate coverage bond stress is at its highest at a ratio of 1,3. This reduces as the ratio increased to 1,67 thereafter remaining constant. By increasing the ratio from 1,3 to 1,5 the ultimate average bond stress is decreased some 15%. At a ratio of 1,67 the ultimate average bond stress has decreased some 20%.

## APPLICATION

If grouting horizontally or overhead, a mastic gun is required with a length of plastic tubing of sufficient diameter to fit tightly over the gun's nozzle. The tube must be long enough to reach the back of the hole.

Fill the gun with the mixed epoxy compound or mortar and pump material into the back of the hole, slowly withdrawing the tube until sufficient material has been deposited to fill the hole once the bar has been introduced.

The bar should be introduced with a rotary motion to ensure wetting of both bar and concrete, if it is important that the bar is truly horizontal a jig or template must be used until the com-pound has set.

## PROPERTIES DURING APPLICATION

Application by	Trowel or mastic gun				
Volume solids	100%				
Pot life	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C	35°C
500ml	80 min	60 min	40 min	30 min	20 min
1L	60 min	45 min	30 min	22 min	15 min
Application temp range	10°C to 40°C Temperature of metal to be grouted should not exceed 25°C at time of grouting. If application temperature is above 30°C consult. <b>a.b.e.</b> 's Technical Department for special precautions				
Maximum application rate	Do not grout unfilled <b>epidermix 396</b> into a hole larger than 1,5 times bar diameter. When grouting with filled <b>epidermix 396</b> annulus width should be kept as small as possible.				
Application rate	If mixed, unfilled <b>epidermix 396</b> will be sufficient for: 1L annulus volume. 1L mixed <b>epidermix 396</b> filled with dry silica grit will be sufficient for 1,3L annulus volume filled at a loading of 1:1. these figures do not allow for any wastage, which can run as high as 20 – 25%.				
Fire resistance	Non-flammable				
Equipment clean-up	<b>abe</b> ® super brush cleaner				
Colour	Light				

## CLEANING

Clean with **abe**® super brush cleaner, before the epoxy has set, after which rinse well with clean water.



## PROTECTION ON COMPLETION

Against traffic and spillage until cured.

## TEMPERATURE AND RELATIVE HUMIDITY

See "Properties of wet material", "Cured material", and "During application".

## MODEL SPECIFICATION

Two component, low creep, structural epoxy paste grouting compound for fixing starter bars and bolts horizontally or vertically up.

The grouting compound shall be **epidermix 396**, a two component, thixotropic structural epoxy compound applied in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations, **a.b.e.® Construction Chemicals**.

## PACKAGING

**epidermix 396** is supplied in 500ml metal containers.

## HANDLING & STORAGE

This product has a shelf life of 24 months if kept in a dry cool place in the original packaging. In more extreme conditions this period might be shortened.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Wet **epidermix 396** is toxic but non flammable. Always ventilate the working area well during application and drying. Always wear gloves and eye protection when working with the material and avoid excessive inhalation and skin contact. If material is splashed in the eye, wash with copious quantities of clean water and seek medical attention. Cured **epidermix 396** is inert and harmless.

When transporting liquids and semi liquids by aircraft, ask for material safety data sheet.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

This data sheet is issued as a guide to the use of the product(s) concerned. Whilst **a.b.e.® Construction Chemicals** endeavors to ensure that any advice, recommendation, specification or information is accurate and correct, the company cannot - because **a.b.e.®** has no direct or continuous control over where and how **a.b.e.®** products are applied - accept any liability either directly or indirectly arising from the use of **a.b.e.®** products, whether or not in accordance with any advice, specification, recommendation, or information given by the company.

## 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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