

Surface applied capillary waterproofing system for concrete and block work

## DESCRIPTION

The **MasterSeal 501/502** waterproofing system ensures the total and permanent solution to water leakage, ingress, or seepage in concrete structures or any cementitious substrate. The formation and development of insoluble crystals into water bearing capillaries and interstices effectively blocks the further passage of water and ensures permanent water tightness for the life of the structure.

#### MasterSeal 501

Supplied as a powder and mixed to a slurry consistency with water. **MasterSeal 501** is applied directly to concrete, blockwork or cement renders in areas where general waterproofing is required. In powder form, the product may be used as a dry shake on horizontal construction joints. **MasterSeal 501** has been tested according to BS 6920 conformity test for use in water up to 50°C.

#### MasterSeal 502

Mixed to a mortar consistency with water, **MasterSeal 502** is used as a screed on surfaces subject to foot traffic, as a render, for remedial patch repairs, to form fillets, and in conjunction with **MasterSeal 501** on substrates including brickwork and badly leached concrete.

## PACKAGING

MasterSeal 501/502 are supplied in 25kg sacks.

## COMPOSITION

**MasterSeal 501 and 502** grades consist of a blend of moisture activated chemicals, high grade silica aggregates and selected cements.

## **ADVANTAGES**

- Provides total and permanent waterproofing properties by becoming an integral part of the structure to which it is applied. Active ingredients will not delaminate, peel off or wear away.
- Protects concrete and reinforcement against corrosive waterborne substances.
- Crystalline action is reactivated by contact with water providing dormant additional protection.
- Effective against both positive and negative water pressure.
- Non-toxic or tainting.

## **TYPICAL APPLICATIONS**

- Water Retaining
- Water tanks / towers
- Reservoirs
- Swimming pools
- Water treatment works
- Dams
- Canals
- Harbors
- Concrete pipes
- TunnelsInspection pits

Water Excluding

Foundations

Basements

- Retaining walls
- Lift shafts
- Construction joints
- Sea defense walls
- Bridge decks
- Jetties
- Pontoons

## **ACTION**

Moisture and free lime present in the substrate react with the active chemicals in **MasterSeal 501/502** to create a continuous barrier of insoluble crystals. The crystal formation will penetrate deep into the capillary structure of the concrete, blocking capillaries and interstices from the passage of water, whilst permitting the transmission of air and water vapor, enabling the structure to breathe. Rate and penetration of crystalline development varies with the density and surface absorption of the concrete, but the crystals will penetrate to the depth to which water is present. Surface penetration sufficient to provide full waterproofing properties can be achieved after 5-7 days.

**MasterSeal 501/502** are equally effective against both negative and positive water or osmotic pressure and can be applied to the internal or external surface. Wherever possible however, **MasterSeal 501/502** should be applied to the surface with which the water is in direct contact. This will result in an accelerated rate of penetration and crystallization into the concrete structure. After the crystallization process has successfully waterproofed the structure, the **MasterSeal 501/502** active chemicals remain dormant in the concrete. Any later contact with water will reactivate the sealing process.





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## DIRECTION FOR USE NEW CONSTRUCTION:

The vast majority of leaking water retaining (or excluding) structures constructed of sound dense concrete, leak only at construction or day work joints. Costly remedial work can be avoided by the use of **MasterSeal 501/502** as a dry shake onto the horizontal surfaces of joints or as a slurry application on vertical surfaces.

In conditions of high water table MasterSeal 501/502 may be applied as a slurry or dry shake over blinding concrete immediately prior to casting the slab. This sandwich system will prevent ingress of ground water preventing deterioration, and dampness or flooding. Foundations should be treated on the external face wherever possible, as should the face of construction joints. **MasterSeal 501/502** can be applied immediately after the formwork has been removed, as the water curing process required for **MasterSeal 501/502** will also ensure full hydration of the concrete.

If the treatment is to be exposed and an aesthetically pleasing finish is required, the **MasterSeal 501/502** after curing, should receive a sand/cement render on which to apply the desired finish.

## **EXISTING STRUCTURES**

Structures subject to water leakage or ingress, must be carefully inspected to determine the cause. Any water present should be cleared away so that a thorough survey can be conducted. Static cracks over 1mm must be chased out, dampened down and repaired with MasterSeal 502 on a MasterSeal 501 coat. Dynamic cracks must be formed into watertight elastomeric movement joint.

## **SURFACE PREPARATION:**

In common with all surface treatments to concrete, the quality of substrate preparation directly affects the performance system. Surfaces to be treated must be free from dust, oil, grease, paint residual curing compound, mold oil or any previous surface treatment that will impair adhesion of the MasterSeal 501 treatment, or inhibit penetration of the chemicals or water into the surface.

These include polymer modified renders and those substrates treated with silicon or silane water repellents. Remove any laitance and provide an open pored, slightly rough surface sufficient to act as a mechanical key, essential for adequate adhesion of the **MasterSeal 501** treatment.

Areas of weak or honeycombed concrete must be repaired. Hollow, debonding renders must be removed and made good. Surfaces to be treated if not already wet, should be saturated for a period of 24 hours before first applications. **MasterSeal 502** system technology requires the presence of water for the active chemicals to migrate into the concrete. Crystalline development will usually extend to the depth of water penetration.

#### **MIXING:**

Always add water to MasterSeal 501/502 - not in reverse order.

#### MasterSeal 501

Mix 1 part of water to 2.25 - 2.5 parts of **MasterSeal** powder by volume.

#### MasterSeal 502

Mix sufficient water to achieve the desired consistency. Do not add additional water after initial mixing. Mix only sufficient MasterSeal® that can be used in 20 minutes.

## **APPLICATION:**

**MasterSeal 501** mixes are applied by brush or spray onto the dampened substrate. Apply the material in 2 coats at right angles, the second coat whilst the first is firm, but 'green' – usually 3-4 hours after first coat (dependent on temperature).

For old concrete, brickwork and granular concrete blocks, replace the second 501 coat with a render 5-10mm thick.

#### **PLUGGING LEAKS:**

Leaks and holes drilled to relieve water pressure may be sealed permanently using plugging compound **MasterSeal 505**. To plug leaks under pressure, chase out the area of the leak until water flow is free and insert a length of plastic hose. Seal around the plastic hose with plugging compound as above. Clean the cavity and apply a coat of MasterSeal 501and when tacky, fill the cavity with MasterSeal 505 mortar and allow to cure.



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When surrounding waterproofing is complete, withdraw the hose and plug the hole with plugging compound as above, using a gloved thumb to hold it in place until set (approximately 1 minute). Fill the remainder of the hole with **MasterSeal 502**. When the mortar has set, complete the waterproofing, lapping slurry coats of **MasterSeal 501** onto the concrete surrounding the hole. Holes under low pressure can be similarly sealed, but pipe insertion and removal is omitted. Refer to **MasterSeal 505** technical datasheet prior to use.

**MasterSeal 502** render should always be applied to a tacky bonding slurry of **MasterSeal 501** grade.

#### **CURING:**

The **MasterSeal 501/502** must be prevented from drying out too rapidly and should be kept damp for 5-7 days. Mist spraying with water and covering with polythene is effective when drying out would otherwise take place. Curing compounds are unsuitable for use with **MasterSeal 501/502** system technology. Protect from weathering, sun, frost and wind for a similar minimum period.

Tanks and other water retaining structures may be filled 24 hours after final **MasterSeal 501/502** application as crystal growth is accelerated by water pressure.

## **COVERAGE**

Two coat slurry application:

**MasterSeal 501**: 1kg per m<sup>2</sup> per coat. Application of render coat:

**MasterSeal 502**: 10kg per m<sup>2</sup> at 4.5mm thick Dry shake application:

Unmixed MasterSeal 501: 1kg per m<sup>2</sup>.

## **EQUIPMENT CARE**

Clean tools and equipment immediately after use. Use of plastic or rubber containers is recommended.

## SPECIFICATION CLAUSE

**MasterSeal 501/502** System Crystalline Waterproofing. All areas indicated shall be waterproofed by the **MasterSeal 501/502** system as manufactured by Master Builders Solutions, or similar approved, to the following specification:

#### Composition

Premixed powders consisting of selected Portland cement blended with a activating chemicals and high grade quartz.

#### Color

Powder - grey

The material shall be applied at the rates and in the manner recommended.

Unmixed material: 1kg / m<sup>2</sup> MasterSeal 501: 1kg / m<sup>2</sup> per coat, min. two coats MasterSeal 502: 10kg / m<sup>2</sup> at 4.5 mm

## STORAGE

Store out of direct sunlight, clear of the ground on pallets protected from rainfall. Avoid excessive compaction. Shelf life up to 6 month if stored as above

Failure to comply with the recommended storage conditions may result in premature deterioration of the product or packaging. For specific storage advice consult Master Builders Solutions's Technical Services Department.

#### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

As with all chemical products, care should be taken during use and storage to avoid contact with eyes, mouth, skin and foodstuffs. Treat splashes to eyes and skin immediately. If accidentally ingested, seek immediate medical attention. Reseal containers after use.



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**MasterSeal 501/502** should be handled to minimize dust formation during mixing. Use a light mask if excessive dust is unavoidable. For further information refer tot he material safety datasheet.

## NOTE

Field service, where provided, does not constitute supervisory responsibility. For additional information contact your local Master Builders Solutions representative.

Master Builders Solutions reserves the right to have the true cause of any difficulty determined by accepted test methods.

## **QUALITY AND CARE**

All Master Builders Solutions Products are manufactured under a management system independently certified to conform to the requirements of the quality, environmental and occupational health and safety standards of ISO 9001 and Master Builders Solutions ESHQ recommendations.

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