ARDEX CD FINE™
Concrete Dressing

Portland cement-based concrete surface treatment
Resurface worn and spalled concrete to provide a “new concrete” finish
Easy to apply
Hardens quickly
Freeze-thaw resistant
Suitable for foot and rubber tire traffic on commercial and residential applications
Use for interior and exterior floors and walls
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**Description and Usage**

ARDEX CD FINE™ is a Portland cement-based concrete resurfacing compound modified with high-performance polymers for exceptional bond strength. Use ARDEX CD FINE over the surface of existing concrete to produce a new wear layer, as well as to fill in small surface defects such as spalls and gouges. Ideal for sidewalks, patios, plazas, courtyards, walkways, driveways, parking garages, pool decks and most vertical concrete surfaces. When mixed with water, the result is a creamy, smooth, slurry consistency that can be applied by trowel, squeegee or hopper gun. Once applied, ARDEX CD FINE can be broom textured before it sets for a reduced-slip surface.

**Substrate Preparation**

All concrete substrates must be structurally sound, solid, thoroughly clean and free of any form release, sealers or paints, patching compounds, dust, dirt, oils and any other contaminant that could act as a bond breaker. If necessary, mechanically clean the floor down to sound, solid concrete by shot blasting, sandblasting, scarifying or grinding. High-pressure (5000 psi) power washing may also be used to remove contaminants and weak surfaces, though the concrete must then be allowed to dry thoroughly before proceeding. Overwatered, frozen or otherwise weak concrete surfaces must also be cleaned down to sound, solid concrete by mechanical methods. Acid etching, adhesive removers, solvents and sweeping compounds are not acceptable means of cleaning the substrate. The use of sanding equipment is not an effective method to remove curing and sealing compounds. Clean debris out of expansion joints and tape or mask the joints off to prevent ARDEX CD FINE from filling the joint. Use a lawn edger to clean around the walk or driveway, as well as around planter boxes and landscaped areas. Substrates must be dry for a successful installation. Substrate and ambient temperatures must be a minimum of 50°F (10°C) for the installation of ARDEX products. For further information, please refer to the ARDEX Substrate Preparation Brochure.

**Cracks**

ARDEX recommends the use of a two part epoxy crack and joint filler such as ARDEX ARDISEAL™ 2C SEMI-RIGID EPOXY JOINT SEALANT or similar. Use the epoxy to fill non-moving (dormant) cracks in existing concrete surfaces. Cracks greater than a hairline in width (1/32") must be filled with ARDEX ARDISEAL 2C or similar in strict accordance with the installation instructions provided by the epoxy manufacturer. The filling of dormant cracks as described above is recommended to help prevent the cracks from showing through the dressing. However, should movement occur, cracks will reappear.

Please also be advised that in no case should expansion joints, isolation joints or moving cracks be filled with these epoxies. All moving joints and cracks must be honored up through the ARDEX CD FINE by installing a flexible sealing compound specifically designed for use in moving joints, such as ARDEX ARDISEAL™ RAPID FAST SETTING FLEXIBLE JOINT SEALANT or similar.

**Recommended Tools**

Mixing buckets, margin trowel, steel trowel, fine or medium-bristle finishing broom, 3" paintbrush (for edging), squeegee, hopper gun (where required), ARDEX T-2 Ring Mixing Paddle and a 1/2" heavy-duty drill (12 mm, min. 650 rpm).

**Mixing And Application**

For one 20 lb (9 kg) bag of ARDEX CD FINE, use 2 1/2 quarts (2.4 liters) of clean water. Pour the water in the mixing container first, and then add the ARDEX CD FINE. To mix smaller quantities by hand, use 2.75 parts powder to 1 part of water by volume. Do not overwater! Use a margin trowel and mix vigorously for 2 to 3 minutes. For best results, mix with an ARDEX T-2 Ring Mixing Paddle and 1/2" heavy-duty drill. Mix thoroughly to obtain a lump-free consistency.

The pot life of ARDEX CD FINE is approximately 30 minutes at 70°F (21°C). If the product begins to set in the bucket within this time, remix before using. Do not add more water! In warm weather, use cold water to extend the working time.

Pour the mix onto an area of concrete and flat trowel, squeegee or broom it onto the surface while applying enough pressure to ensure good dressing-to-concrete contact. Maintain a “wet edge” during installation to help minimize natural color variations that can occur between sections. Immediately apply a light broom-finish to achieve the desired texture, working in areas small enough to permit finishing without walking on the freshly installed dressing. ARDEX CD FINE has a working time of approximately 10 to 15 minutes, depending on jobsite conditions.

On vertical surfaces such as walls or stair faces, trowel, brush or spray the dressing using a hopper gun directly onto the prepared area. Smooth or brush the material to the desired finish.
Reflective Cracking
ARDEX CD FINE is formulated as a highly durable non-structural wear surface. As such, it is important to note that no one can predict with 100% accuracy the appearance of cracking in a non-structural topping. While there can be several causes for cracking, it must first be understood that the installation of a thin layer of non-structural topping is not capable of restraining movement in the structural slab, which could lead to reflective cracking. Areas most likely to telegraph include existing cracks in the floor, control joints (saw-cuts) and cracks off of the corners. Cracks may telegraph up into the surface in any area that exhibits movement.

Notes
The pot life of ARDEX CD FINE is approximately 30 minutes at 70°F (21°C), while the working time is approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Pot life and working time will vary with ambient temperatures.

Always install an adequate number of properly located test areas, including the sealer and any desired colorants, to determine the suitability and aesthetic value of the products for the intended use. As sealers vary, always contact and rely upon the sealer manufacturer for specific directives regarding intended end use of the product.

ARDEX CD FINE is intended for resurfacing interior and exterior concrete in residential and commercial applications subject to foot and rubber-wheeled traffic. ARDEX CD FINE is not intended for industrial uses such as heavy manufacturing or areas with heavy truck traffic. Do not use in fountains, inside swimming pools or any areas that will be permanently submerged.

Never mix with cement or additives other than ARDEX approved products. Observe the basic rules of concrete work. Do not install below 50°F (10°C) surface and air temperatures. Install quickly if substrate is warm and follow warm weather instructions available from the ARDEX Technical Service Department.

Precautions
ARDEX CD FINE contains Portland cement and sand aggregate. Avoid eye and skin contact. Mix in a well ventilated area and avoid breathing powder or dust. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. Carefully read and follow all cautions and warnings on the product label.
Technical Data According to ARDEX Quality Standards

All data based on a mixing ratio of 2.75 parts powder to 1 part water by volume at 70°F (21°C)

Mixing Ratio: 2 1/2 quarts (2.4 L) of water per one 20 lb bag; for smaller batches, mix 2.75 parts powder to 1 part water by volume

Material Requirements: 100 to 120 sq. ft. per bag at 1/32” (9.2 to 11.1 m² per bag at 0.79 mm) 50 to 60 sq. ft. per bag at 1/16” (4.6 to 5.6 m² per bag at 1.5 mm) Application methods and the texture of the concrete being coated will affect these rates.

Compressive Strength: 4000 (281 kg/cm²) psi at 28 days (ASTM C109/mod – Air cure only)

Pot Life: 30 minutes

Working Time: Approx. 10 to 15 minutes

Walkable: When coating is thoroughly dry

Install Coating: Waterborne: When hard (approx. 2 hours)

Rubber-wheeled traffic: Consult sealer manufacturer

VOC: 0 g/L, calculated SCAQMD 1168

Packaging: 20 lb/9 kg net weight

Storage: Store in a cool dry area. Do not leave bags exposed to sun.

Shelf Life: One year if unopened

Warranty: ARDEX Engineered Cements Standard Limited Warranty applies.

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