



The Chemical Company

PRODUCT DATA

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Cementitious  
Waterproofing

# THOROSEAL®

Waterproof cement-based coating  
for concrete and masonry

### Description

Thoroseal® is a Portland-cement-based coating for concrete and masonry that resists both positive and negative hydrostatic pressure. Polymer-modified with Acryl 60®, Thoroseal® creates a low-maintenance and highly durable waterproof barrier.

### Yield

225 ft²/50 lb (20.9 m²/22.7 kg) bag as a base coat at 1/16" (1.6 mm) dry-film thickness.

450 ft²/50 lb (41.8 m²/22.7 kg) bag as a topcoat at 1/32" (0.8 mm) dry-film thickness.

Coverage will vary depending on surface texture and porosity.

### Packaging

THOROSEAL®

10 lb (4.5 kg) cans for Thoroseal® white and standard gray only

30 lb (13.6 kg) polyethylene-lined bags for Thoroseal® white and standard gray only

50 lb (22.7 kg) polyethylene-lined bags for Thoroseal® white, standard gray, all landscape colors and custom colors

60 lb (27.2 kg) pails for Thoroseal® white, standard gray, landscape colors, and custom colors

ACRYL 60®

1 quart (0.9 L) bottles

1 gallon (3.8 L) bottles

5 gallon (18.9 L) pails

30 gallon (113 L) drums

55 gallon (208 L) drums

### Features

- Waterproof
- Resistant to both positive and negative hydrostatic pressure
- Breathable
- Compatible with high-performance coatings
- Aesthetically beneficial
- Aesthetically superior

### Benefits

- Protects building interiors from dampness and moisture damage
- Suitable for use below grade interior and exterior and in water-treatment construction
- Allows interior moisture to escape without damaging coating
- Accepts a wide range of architectural coatings and textured finishes
- Hides minor surface defects and blemishes in architectural concrete
- Available in 10 landscape colors and in custom colors (with minimum order quantities)

### Color

White and standard gray (this color is not uniform)

Custom and landscape colors are available for 5,000 lbs (2,268 kg) minimum order.

Ten landscape colors : bone, dijon, French vanilla, good earth, light khaki, Thoro® gray, Navajo white, parchment, pearl gray, and putty tan

### Shelf Life

1 year when properly stored

### Storage

Transport and store in unopened containers and keep in a clean, dry condition protected from rain, dew and humidity. Do not stack bags more than 2 pallets high. If dry onsite storage of bags is unavailable or if project is located in a very wet, humid climate zone, then specify Thoroseal® packaged in 60 lb (27.2 kg) metal pails. Store Acryl 60® in similar conditions. Do not allow Acryl 60® to freeze.

### Where to Use

#### APPLICATION

- Alternative to mechanical finishing or rubbing of concrete
- Waterproofing basement and retaining walls
- Foundations
- Bridges and tunnels
- Water cisterns

#### LOCATION

- Vertical and light-pedestrian horizontal surfaces
- Interior and exterior
- Above and below grade

#### SUBSTRATE

- Cast-in-place and precast concrete
- Block, brick and porous stone



## Technical Data

### Composition

Thoroseal® contains cement, graded sand, and proprietary additives.

### Test Data

PROPERTY	RESULTS	TEST METHODS
<b>Initial Set</b> , min, at 70° F (21° C), 50% rh	10	Lab Method
<b>Final Set</b> , at 70° F (21° C), 50% rh	90	Lab Method
<b>Density</b> , (cured), lbs/ft <sup>3</sup> (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	129 (2,080)	Lab Method
<b>Positive resistance to hydrostatic pressure</b> , hrs, at 200 psi (1.4 MPa), 461 head ft, air cured at 70° F (21° C), 50% rh	752 No leakage, no softening	CRD C 48, modified
<b>Negative resistance to hydrostatic pressure</b> , hrs, at 200 psi (1.4 MPa), 461 head ft, air cured at 70° F (21° C), 50% rh	664 Limited dampness	CRD C 48, modified
<b>Water absorption</b> , %, boiling water submersion at 24 hours	3.6	ASTM C 67 (Section 7.3)
<b>Compressive strength</b> , psi (MPa) 7 days 28 days	4,200 (29) 6,030 (42)	ASTM C 109
<b>Flexural strength</b> , psi (MPa) 7 days 28 days	360 (2.5) 1,027 (7)	ASTM C 348
<b>Tensile strength</b> , psi (MPa) 7 days 28 days	250 (2) 440 (3)	ASTM C 190
<b>Modulus of elasticity</b> , psi (MPa) 28 days	2.72 x 10 <sup>6</sup> (1.87 x 10 <sup>6</sup> )	ASTM C 469
<b>Artificial weathering</b> , hrs Xenon Arc Carbon Arc	5,000 = No failure 500 = No failure	ASTM G 26 ASTM G 23
<b>Adhesion strength</b> , psi (MPa)	418 (2.9)	Test by tensile bond
<b>Artificial weathering</b> ,	No cracking, loss of adhesion, checking, or other defect	Atlas Type DMC weatherometer
<b>Freeze/thaw resistance</b> , 200 cycles	No change	ASTM C 666 (Procedure B)
<b>Salt spray resistance</b> , 300 hours	No defect	ASTM B 117
<b>Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)</b> , in (mm)	1/16 (1.6) Equivalent to 3/4" (19 mm) new concrete	Lab Method Diffusion
<b>Permeance</b> , perms (metric permeability)	12 (0.10698) 18 x 10 <sup>3</sup> resistance	ASTM E 96 (water-vapor transmission) Swedish standard SS-02-15-82

**Test Data, continued**

PROPERTY	RESULTS	TEST METHODS
<b>Wind-driven rain, hrs</b>	8 = excellent	Fed. Spec. TT-P-0035 (Para 4.4.7)
<b>Coefficient of thermal expansion,</b> in/in/° F (mm/mm/° C), at 28 days	$6.99 \times 10^{-6}$ ( $5 \times 10^{-7}$ )	ASTM C 531
<b>Impact strength</b> (Gardener impact tester)	No chipping	Fed. Spec. TT-P-0035 (Cement paints para. 3.4.8)
<b>Hardness, (Barber Coleman Impressor)</b> Requirement min = 30, max = 60		Fed. Spec. TT-P-0035 (para 4.4.9)
7 days	35	
14 days	47	
21 days	52	
<b>Abrasion resistance,</b> 3,000 L sand	Passed	Fed. Spec. TT-P-141B
<b>Reflectance</b>		ASTM D 2244 using Hunterlab D-25 meter
Gray Thoroseal®	64.2	
White Thoroseal®	88.1	
<b>Fungus resistance,</b> at 21 days	No growth; meets all requirements	Fed. Spec. TT-P-29B
<b>Surface burning characteristics</b>		ASTM E 84
Flame Spread	0	
Smoke developed	5	
<b>Fire Propagation</b>	Index = 1.5	BS476: Part 6:1981
Flame spread	Class 1	BS476: Part 7:1971

Test results are averages obtained under laboratory conditions. Reasonable variations can be expected.

**How to Apply****Surface Preparation**

1. Surface preparation is extremely important for proper adhesion. Substrates must be sound and free of dust, dirt, laitance, paints, oils, grease, curing compounds or any other contaminants. Verify substrate has properly cured. Concrete should obtain 80% of design strength, typically achieved within 3 – 14 days. If efflorescence is present, mechanically remove it before proceeding. For extreme cases where this is not adequate, contact Technical Service.
2. Patch all holes and cracks before installation.
3. Relieve hydrostatic pressure in concrete block with weep holes.
4. Roughen or brush blast extremely smooth surfaces such as precast and cast-in-place concrete to ensure good mechanical adhesion of Thoroseal®.

**Mixing**

1. Mix Thoroseal® with a mixing liquid consisting of a blend of Acryl 60® diluted with water. Maximum dilution ratio is 1 part Acryl 60® to 3 parts water. Approximately 6 quarts of mixing liquid is needed per 50 lbs of Thoroseal® powder. Up to 2 additional quarts of mixing liquid may be added when using as a rubbing compound.
2. For best results, mechanically mix Thoroseal® with a slow-speed drill and mixing paddle. Gradually add the powder to the mixing liquid while drill is running.
3. When properly blended, Thoroseal® will have the lump-free consistency of smooth, heavy batter.
4. Allow the Thoroseal® and Acryl 60® mixture to rest undisturbed for a minimum of 10 minutes to fully wet out all the powder. Then remix the wet mixture and apply. A small amount of mixing liquid can be added to this remixing.
5. Pot life is 60 – 90 minutes at 70° F (21° C). At high temperatures and low relative humidity, pot life can be significantly less.

**Application**

1. Apply Thoroseal® with a Thoro® brush or broom or equivalent stiff fiber brush or by textured spray equipment. Spray applications of the first coat require back brushing or brooming to properly fill voids and achieve uniformity.
2. Completely dampen the substrate with water before application starts. Do not saturate the substrate, but keep it cool and damp throughout the application.
3. It is essential to work first coat thoroughly into the substrate to completely fill and cover all voids, holes and nonmoving cracks. Finish with a horizontal stroke for an even coat.
4. Allow to cure 24 hours, then apply the second coat and finish with a vertical stroke. Above grade, the second coat can be replaced with a Thoro® high-build architectural coating to achieve better color uniformity.
5. On block or masonry walls, allow 5 – 7 days before applying second coat to eliminate joint read through.

### Specific Applications

Above-grade interior or exterior applications in positive pressure situations (direct contact with rain or standing water with a low head of pressure)

1. A 50 lb (22.7 kg) bag of Thoroseal® will provide the following coverage at the designated material usage.

Recommended coverage:

- First Coat: 2 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (1.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) = 225 ft<sup>2</sup>/50 lb bag (20.9 m<sup>2</sup>/22.7 kg bag)
- Second Coat: 1 lb/yd<sup>2</sup> (0.54 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) = 450 ft<sup>2</sup>/50 lb bag (41.8 m<sup>2</sup>/22.7 kg bag)
- Total: 3 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (1.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), cured nominal thickness of 1/16" (1.6 mm).

Coverage will vary depending on surface texture and porosity.

2. A 3 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (1.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) application rate does not eliminate surface irregularities such as struck mortar joints. To hide surface irregularities, spray and back-brush a base coat of Thoroseal® at 2 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (1.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and allow it to cure for 5 – 7 days. Then spray apply and back trowel a topcoat of Thoroseal® Plaster Mix (see Form No. 1019908) at an application rate of 9 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (4.9 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

#### BELOW-GRADE INTERIOR APPLICATIONS

1. The standard application is 3 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (1.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>).

2. For high hydrostatic pressure conditions (over 15 psi [0.10 MPa]), increase application rate to 4 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (2.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and waterproof from the positive side wherever possible.

#### BELOW-GRADE EXTERIOR APPLICATIONS

1. Use Thoroseal® Foundation Coating (see Form No. 1019907) For high hydrostatic pressure conditions (over 15 psi [0.10 MPa]), apply a base coat of Thoroseal® Foundation Coating at 2 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (1.1 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and allow to cure for 5 – 7 days.

2. Then apply a topcoat of Thoroseal® Plaster Mix at 12 lbs/yd<sup>2</sup> (6.5 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). A steel trowel finish is recommended.

3. For both below-grade interior and below-grade exterior applications where water might move between vertical walls and slab or footer, it is recommended to cut out and place a Waterplug® cove at the wall and floor junction prior to the application of the Thoroseal® base coat.

4. Thoroseal® can be covered with extruded polystyrene insulation board during the second coat application. The board must be fully coated with Thoroseal® and embedded into the still-wet coating already in place on the walls. Exercise care when placing the coated board because it should not be moved or slipped. Once placed, do not move the board. After curing, prepare the above-grade portions of the boards by roughening or removing the surface skin and then coating with Thoroseal® to protect them from UV light degradation.

#### WATERPROOFING POTABLE WATER TANKS OR RESERVOIRS

1. Install Thoroseal® as directed in the general Application instructions.

2. After Thoroseal® has fully cured, wash down the Thoroseal® surface with saline solution (salt brine, 1 lb salt per 1 gallon water).

3. Leave saline solution on the entire Thoroseal® surface for at least 24 hours.

4. Rinse off saline solution completely. If needed, reapply saline solution until final rinse water is completely clean and clear.

#### Color Uniformity

With any cementitious product, such as Thoroseal®, it may be difficult to achieve color uniformity due to weather and substrate variability. For this reason, it may be necessary to apply a topcoat of a Thoro® architectural coating.

#### Clean Up

Promptly clean hands and all tools with warm water while product is still wet. Cured material may only be removed mechanically.

#### For Best Performance

- Thoroseal® must be modified with Acryl 60® to achieve the properties listed in the technical data section.
- Do not apply to substrates with active water leaks or moving cracks; patch all leaking static cracks and holes with Waterplug®. Repair any other nonmoving cracks or voids with the appropriate Thoro® repair product and repair all moving cracks or voids with appropriate sealant.
- Maintain or place expansion and control joints as necessary.

- Do not apply in rain or when rain is expected within 24 hours. Do not apply above 90° F (32° C) or below 40° F (4° C) or when temperatures are expected to fall below 40° F (4° C) within 24 hours. For hot and cold temperature applications, store Thoroseal®, Acryl 60® and water at 50° F (10° C) to 70° F (21° C) before use.
- Hot substrates will effect working time and material strength.
- Variations between inside and outside temperatures may result in condensation on below-grade walls treated with Thoroseal®. This can be alleviated by assuring that adequate ventilation exists.
- Windy, dry or hot conditions may require rewetting of Thoroseal® during cure and the use of polyethylene barriers.
- Before specifying Thoroseal® for water-retaining structures, conduct tests to determine water quality. Thoroseal® is not intended for continuous contact with acid or sulfate-containing water. Very soft water will have an adverse effect on Thoroseal®.
- Service temperatures: immersion, up to 140° F (60° C); cleaning water, up to 200° F (93° C); dry air, up to 220° F (104° C).
- On all projects, it is recommended that a sample be prepared on site and approved prior to the commencement of the work. The site sample should confirm the color, texture and workmanship required until the job is finished and accepted. Retain the sample until final approval is secured.
- Allow Thoroseal® to cure 7 – 10 days before immersion in water.
- Make certain the most current versions of product data sheet and MSDS are being used; call Customer Service (1-800-433-9517) to verify the most current version.
- Proper application is the responsibility of the user. Field visits by BASF personnel are for the purpose of making technical recommendations only and not for supervising or providing quality control on the jobsite.

## Health and Safety

THOROSEAL®

### Warning!

Thoroseal® contains Portland cement; silica, crystalline quartz; iron oxide; magnesium oxide; limestone; gypsum; calcium hydroxide; calcium oxide and anhydrite.

### Risks

Product is alkaline on contact with water and may cause injury to skin or eyes. Ingestion or inhalation of dust may cause irritation. Contains small amount of free respirable quartz which has been listed as a suspected human carcinogen by NTP and IARC. Repeated or prolonged overexposure to free respirable quartz may cause silicosis or other serious and delayed lung injury.

### Precautions

KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. Prevent inhalation of dust. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container closed when not in use. DO NOT take internally. Use only with adequate ventilation. Use impervious gloves, eye protection and if the TLV is exceeded or used in a poorly ventilated area, use NIOSH/ MSHA approved respiratory protection in accordance with applicable federal, state and local regulations.

### First Aid

In case of eye contact, flush thoroughly with water for at least 15 minutes. In case of skin contact, wash affected areas with soap and water. If irritation persists, SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION. Remove and wash contaminated clothing. If inhalation causes physical discomfort, remove to fresh air. If discomfort persists or any breathing difficulty occurs or if swallowed, SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.

Refer to Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for further information.

### Proposition 65

This product contains material listed by the state of California as known to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.

### VOC Content

0 lbs/gal or 0 g/L, less water and exempt solvents.

**For medical emergencies only,  
call ChemTrec (1-800-424-9300).**

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