

# Wickes Water Seal

# **EXTERIOR MASONRY PROTECTOR**

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YOUR SMART ADVANTAGES	
– Prevents water penetration	
– Protects against rain, damp and frost	
<ul> <li>For use on porous, vertical exterior surfaces such as concrete, brick and stonework</li> </ul>	

#### USES

Wickes Water Seal is a transparent waterproof sealer. It can be applied to most vertical exterior unpainted porous surfaces such as brick, cement renderings and certain types of stonework. Its waterproofing resins penetrate these surfaces and become an integral part of the material. Wickes Water Seal is microporous, so helps protect against rain penetration, but allows the material to breathe. It is easily applied by brush, roller or spray gun. It can be overpainted with Wickes masonry Paint. Allow at least 6 months after application of Wickes Water Seal before painting. Some surfaces may darken very slightly, so always carry out a test on a small area before full application.

PRODUCT CHARACTE	RISTICS
Colour	Clear
Form	Solvent based liquid
Specific Gravity	0.8 approx.
Composition	Polyoxo aluminium stearate based
Product Code	30813212 5 litres x 2
Storage/Shelf Life	Store and transport securely in an upright position. Ensure the cap is fully closed. Store for up to 18 months from date of manufacture in original, unopened packaging in cool, dry conditions within the temperature range +5°C to +25°C and out of direct

	sunlight. Protect from frost.
TYPICAL PERFORMAN	NCE DATA (Approx.)
Application Temperature	+5°C to +25°C
Coverage	Approx. 16m² if one coat is applied (depending on substrate, application technique and performance requirements)
Drying Times	3 to 4 hours approx.  Waterproof after 24 hours approx.  (depending on weather conditions and ambient temperatures)
Cleaning	Clean tools and equipment with white spirit immediately after use

## **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

IMPORTANT: Before using Wickes Water Seal, refer to the relevant Health & Safety Data Sheet, available at www.bostik.com/uk.

### **PREPARATION**

- The surfaces to be treated must be clean, dry and free from sand, grit, dirt, moss, algae, mould release agents, decorative paints and any other surface contamination. Remove with a wire brush. Bitumen must be totally removed, otherwise it would run on contact with Wickes Water Seal.
- Defective joints in brick and stonework must be repointed to ensure maximum protection from applying Wickes Water Seal.
- Fungal growths and mould should be removed using a suitable masonry sterilising solution, before applying Wickes Water Seal.
- 4. Detergents should not be used as they nullify the water-repellent properties of Wickes Water Seal.

- 5. It is essential that the wall is completely dry and porous at the time of application. Allow walls 48 hours to dry in good weather conditions. Work must only be carried out during dry weather conditions.
- New cement based surfaces, mortar and brickwork must be allowed to cure for at least 2 months before application.
- 7. Always cover windows & window frames and protect surrounding areas with plastic sheeting prior to application, and ensure there is good ventilation.
- 8. Always test on a small inconspicuous area first and allow to fully dry before proceeding to full application. The test area should be examined after 24 hours to safeguard against any unwanted changes of appearance to surfaces.

Note: Wickes Water Seal will not seal and reduce penetration of water into open textured concrete blocks.

#### APPLICATION

- 9. Do not use Wickes Water Seal indoors or to waterproof ponds or pools. Do not thin or dilute.
- 10. Shake well before use.
- 11. Wickes Water Seal must only be applied to dry exterior walls, which are above ground level.
- 12. Apply Wickes Water Seal generously over the entire surface using a large soft brush or low-pressure spray with a coarse nozzle.
- 13. Start at the top and work down. Allow at least 24 hours for full waterproofing to develop. Protect freshly applied Wickes Water Seal from rain and frost until dry.
- 14. Wickes Water Seal is designed to be the outer-most coating of a wall, therefore cement paints and renders must be applied before the water-repellent. It is however, possible to paint a treated area with solvent, oil and emulsion based paints, if Wickes Water Seal has been allowed to dry thoroughly and weathered for at least 6 months. Always test a small area first for paint compatibility before applying to the whole area.
- 15. One coat is usually sufficient, but on very absorbent surfaces, a second coat may be required. Apply the second coat before the first has dried (approx. 2 hours).
- 16. Protect the surface from rain and frost until dry.

### **CLEANING**

- 17. Clean tools and equipment with white spirit immediately after use.
- 18. Any over-spray must be removed with white spirit whilst wet. Splashes on glass or metal parts must be removed immediately.
- 19. Dried product and product splashed onto porous surfaces is difficult to remove.

#### **PRECAUTIONS IN USE**

For exterior use only. Due to the solvent content, do not use indoors or in enclosed areas. Animals and children must be kept away from the treatment area during application and until the area is completely dry and free of any residual product.

Do not apply to floors, this product is designed for application to external walls only. Do not apply in very cold or wet conditions.

Wickes Water Seal is not intended as a damp-proof membrane, or for use in below ground waterproofing applications. Do not use on structures which hold potable water, for hydrostatic water, or as a dust proofer for walls or floors.

This product must not be used for waterproofing ponds or pools. Also, take care to prevent run-off getting into nearby pools or ponds. Do not use around swimming pools.

The product works by lining the capillaries of the substrate. To allow this to happen, the substrate must dry and porous. If it is applied to wet or non-porous substrates either by design or accidentally it will dry to leave a white deposit, which is very difficult to remove.

For any application not covered, please contact Technical Services on +44 (0)1785 272625 or visit www.bostik.com/uk for advice.

Recommendations and suggestions are for guidance only, since conditions of use are completely beyond our control.

For health and safety instruction, first aid measures and spillage and disposal instructions, see separate Health and Safety Data Sheet for Wickes Water Seal, available at www.bostik.com/uk.

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