

# Renderoc MB50



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High performance medium-build concrete reinstatement mortar

## Uses

For the reinstatement of reinforced concrete where low permeability characteristics are required and where high compressive strength is an important consideration. Renderoc MB50 has been engineered for the repair of columns and beams but, because of its medium fresh wet density, is also suitable for soffits and other overhead repair work. The mortar can also be used for small, localised patch repairs.

Where compatibility with lower strength concrete is required, but low permeability and high-build characteristics are important, Renderoc HB40 or Renderoc HB25 should be used.

## Advantages

- Medium-build applications possible while maintaining higher compressive strengths — fewer cold joints
- Acrylic polymer-modification provides extremely low permeability
- Aggregate reactivity controlled in accordance with DTp Specification for Highways Works Clause 1704.6 (1998)
- Equivalent sodium oxide content restricted to less than 3 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- Exceptional system of shrinkage compensation provides long-term dimensional stability
- One component, pre-bagged to overcome site-batched variations
- Contains no chloride admixtures
- Renderoc Galvashield XP compatible

## Standards compliance

Renderoc MB50 has been formulated to comply with DTp Specification BD27/86 Clause 6.

## Description

Renderoc MB50 concrete reinstatement mortar is supplied as a ready to use blend of dry powders which requires only the site addition of clean water to produce a highly consistent, medium-weight repair mortar. It gives good handling characteristics while minimising water demand. The low water requirement ensures good strength gain and long-term durability.

Where strengths below 30 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and/or higher builds are required, Renderoc HB25 should be used.

## Properties

The following results were obtained at a water : powder ratio of 0.15 and a temperature of 20°C unless otherwise stated.

Test method	Typical result
<b>Compressive strength</b> (BS 4551: 1980 Pt 2: 1980 — dry cure):	
	32 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 3 days
	41 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 7 days
	50 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 28 days
<b>Flexural strength</b> (BS 6319 Pt 3: 1990):	
	8.2 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 28 days
<b>Tensile strength</b> (BS 6319 Pt 7: 1985):	
	3.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 28 days
<b>Drying shrinkage</b> 20°C/RH55%:	
	< 300 microstrain @ 7 days
<b>Coefficient of thermal expansion:</b>	
	11.3 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> /°C
<b>Setting time (BS 4551 Pt 14: 1980) —</b>	
<b>Initial set:</b>	3 hours
<b>Final set:</b>	5 hours
<b>Fresh wet density:</b>	
	Approximately 1998 kg/m <sup>3</sup> dependent on actual consistency used
<b>Chemical resistance:</b>	
	The low permeability of Renderoc MB50 severely retards chemical attack in aggressive environments. The cured mortar is highly impermeable to acid gases, water-borne chloride ions, and oxygen

## Application instructions

### Preparation

Saw cut or cut back the extremities of the repair locations to a depth of at least 10 mm to avoid feather-edging and to provide a square edge. Break out the complete repair area to a minimum depth of 10 mm up to the sawn edge.

Clean the surface and remove any contamination. Where breaking out is not required, roughen the surface and remove any laitance by light scabbling or abrasive-blasting.

Oil and grease deposits should be removed by steam cleaning, detergent scrubbing or the use of a proprietary degreaser. The effectiveness of decontamination should then be assessed by a pull-off test.



Expose fully any corroded steel in the repair area and remove all loose scale and corrosion deposits. Steel should be cleaned to a bright condition paying particular attention to the back of exposed steel bars. Abrasive-blasting is recommended for this process.

Where corrosion has occurred due to the presence of chlorides, the steel should be high-pressure washed with clean water immediately after abrasive-blasting to remove corrosion products from pits and imperfections within its surface.

### **Reinforcing steel priming**

Apply one full coat of Nitoprime Zincrich and allow to dry before continuing. If any doubt exists about having achieved an unbroken coating, a second application should be made and, again, allowed to dry before continuing.

### **Substrate priming**

The substrate should be saturated surface dry immediately before the application of the primer i.e. it should be thoroughly saturated with clean water and any residual surface water removed prior to applying one coat of Nitobond HAR primer and scrubbing it well into the surface. Under severe drying conditions repeated soaking may be necessary to ensure the substrate is still saturated at the time of application of the primer. Renderoc MB50 can be applied as soon as the primer becomes tacky. If the Nitobond HAR is too wet, overhead and vertical build up of the Renderoc MB50 mortar may be difficult.

In exceptional circumstances, e.g. where a substrate/repair barrier is required or where the substrate is wet or likely to remain permanently damp, Nitobond EP bonding aid should be used. Contact the local Fosroc office for further information.

### **Mixing**

Care should be taken to ensure that Renderoc MB50 is thoroughly mixed. A forced-action mixer is essential. Mixing in a suitably sized drum using an approved Renderoc Spiral Paddle in a slow speed (400/500 rpm) heavy-duty drill is acceptable for the occasional one-bag mix. Free-fall mixers must not be used. Mixing of part bags should never be attempted.

For normal applications, place 3.60 to 3.80 litres of drinking quality water into the mixer and, with the machine in operation, add one full 25 kg bag of Renderoc MB50 and mix for a minimum of 3 minutes to a maximum of 5 minutes until fully homogeneous. Note that the powder must always be added to the water.

### **Mixing warning**

As with other 'one pack' repair mortars, Renderoc MB50 may exhibit satisfactory handling characteristics even though inadequately mixed. This will result in a significantly lower level of performance or possible failure.

Mixing instructions must be strictly adhered to with particular emphasis on the quantity of water used and the time of the mixing operation.

### **Application**

Exposed steel reinforcing bars should be firmly secured to avoid movement during the application process as this will affect mortar compaction, build and bond.

Apply the mixed Renderoc MB50 to the prepared substrate by gloved hand or trowel. Thoroughly compact the mortar on to the primed substrate and around the exposed reinforcement. Renderoc MB50 can be applied in sections up to 25 mm thickness in vertical locations and up to 15 mm thickness in overhead locations in a single application and without the use of formwork. Thicker sections should be built-up in layers but are sometimes possible in a single application dependent on the actual configuration of the repair area and the volume of exposed reinforcing steel.

If sagging occurs during application, the Renderoc MB50 should be completely removed and reapplied at a reduced thickness on to the correctly reprimed substrate.

Note: the minimum applied thickness of Renderoc MB50 is 10 mm.

### **Build-up**

Additional build-up can be achieved by application of multiple layers. The final thickness is dependent on the material consistency and substrate profile.

The surface of the intermediate layers should be comb scratch-keyed and cured with Nitobond AR. Repriming with Nitobond HAR and a further application of Renderoc MB50 may proceed as soon as this layer has set.

### **Finishing**

Renderoc MB50 is finished by striking off with a straight edge and closing with a steel float. Wooden or plastic floats, or damp sponges may be used to achieve the desired surface texture.

The completed surface should not be overworked.

### Low temperature working

In cold conditions down to 5°C, the use of warm mixing water (up to 30°C) is advisable to accelerate strength development. Normal precautions for winter working with cementitious materials should then be adopted. The material should not be applied when the substrate and/or air temperature is 5°C and falling. At 5°C static temperature or at 5°C and rising, the application may proceed.

### High temperature working

At ambient temperatures above 35°C, the material should be stored in the shade and cool water used for mixing.

### Curing

Renderoc MB50 is a cement-based repair mortar. In common with all cementitious materials, it must be cured immediately after finishing in accordance with good concrete practice. The use of Nitobond AR, sprayed on to the surface of the finished mortar in a continuous film, is recommended.

Large areas should be cured as trowelling progresses (0.5 m<sup>2</sup> at a time) without waiting for completion of the entire area.

In fast drying conditions, supplementary curing with polythene sheeting taped down at the edges must be used. In cold conditions, the finished repair must be protected from freezing.

### Overcoating with protective decorative finishes

To limit the advance of chlorides and carbon dioxide, Fosroc recommend the use of the Dekguard\* range of protective, anti-carbonation coatings. These products provide a decorative and uniform appearance as well as protecting areas of the structure which might otherwise be at risk from the environment. Dekguard products may be applied over the repair area without prior removal of the Nitobond AR curing membrane. Other curing membranes must be removed prior to the application of Dekguard products.

### Cleaning

Nitobond HAR, Nitobond AR and Renderoc MB50 should be removed from tools, equipment and mixers with clean water immediately after use. Cured material can only be removed mechanically.

Equipment used with Nitoprime Zincrich and Nitobond EP should be cleaned with Fosroc Solvent 102\*.

### Limitations

Renderoc MB50 should not be used when the temperature is below 5°C and falling. Do not mix part bags. Due to the relatively mediumweight nature of Renderoc MB50, the product should not be used in areas subjected to traffic (in these circumstances, Renderoc S should be considered). Neither should it be exposed to moving water during application. Exposure to heavy rainfall prior to the final set may result in surface scour. If any doubts arise concerning temperature or substrate conditions, consult the local Fosroc office.

### Estimating

#### Supply

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<b>Renderoc MB50:</b>	25 kg bags
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#### Coverage and yield

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<b>Renderoc MB50:</b>	Approximately 14.3 litres / 25 kg bag (approximately 1.4 m <sup>2</sup> at 10 mm thickness)
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Notes: the actual yield per bag of Renderoc MB50 will depend on the consistency used.

### Storage

#### Shelf life

All products have a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry store in the original, unopened bags or packs.

#### Storage conditions

Store in dry conditions in the original, unopened bags or packs. If stored at high temperatures and/or high humidity conditions the shelf life may be reduced to 4 to 6 months.

### Precautions

#### Health and safety

Renderoc MB50 contains cement powders that, when mixed or become damp, release alkalis that can be harmful to the skin. During use, avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin and eyes. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, eye protection and dust mask. The use of barrier creams provides additional skin protection. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice. In case of contact with skin, rinse with plenty of clean water, then cleanse with soap and water.



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## Fire

Renderoc MB50 is non-flammable.

For further information, refer to the Product Safety Data Sheet.

\* See separate data sheet.



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