

# MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501/502

## Surface applied capillary waterproofing system for concrete and mortar

### Description

The MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 501

Supplied as a powder and mixed to a **slurry** consistency with water. MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 502

Mixed to a **mortar** consistency with water, MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 501 on substrates including brickwork and badly leached concrete.

### 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
- Harbours
- Concrete pipes

#### WATER EXCLUDING

- Basements
- Tunnels
- Inspection pits
- Foundations
- Retaining walls
- Lift shafts
- Construction joints
- Sea defence walls
- Bridge decks
- Jetties
- Pontoons

### Packaging

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501/502 are supplied in 25kg sacks.

### Composition

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501 and 502 grades consist of a blend of moisture activated chemicals, high grade silica aggregates and selected cements.

### Action

Moisture and free lime present in the substrate react with the active chemicals in MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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 vapour, enabling the structure to breathe.



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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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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 crystallisation into the concrete structure. After the crystallisation process has successfully waterproofed the structure, the MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501/502 active chemicals remain dormant in the concrete. Any later contact with water will reactivate the sealing process.

## **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<sup>®</sup> 501 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<sup>®</sup> 501 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<sup>®</sup> 501/502 can be applied immediately after the formwork has been removed, as the water curing process required for MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 502 on a MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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, mould oil or any previous surface treatment that will impair adhesion of the MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 501 treatment.



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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<sup>®</sup> 501 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<sup>®</sup> 501/502 – not in reverse order.

## **MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501**

Mix 1 part of water to 2.25 – 2.5 parts of MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> powder by volume.

## **MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 502**

Mix sufficient water to achieve the desired consistency. Do not add additional water after initial mixing.

Mix only sufficient MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> that can be used in 20 minutes.

## **Application:**

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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 (dependant 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<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 501 and when tacky, fill the cavity with MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 505 mortar and allow to cure. 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<sup>®</sup> 502. When the mortar has set, complete the waterproofing, lapping slurry coats of MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 505 technical datasheet prior to use.

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 502 render should always be applied to a tacky bonding slurry of 501 grade.

## **Curing:**

The MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 501/502 system technology. Protect from weathering, sun, frost and wind for a similar minimum period.



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Tanks and other water retaining structures may be filled 24 hours after final MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501/502 application as crystal growth is accelerated by water pressure.

## Coverage

Two coat slurry application:

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501: 1kg per m<sup>2</sup> per coat.

Application of render coat:

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 502: 10kg per m<sup>2</sup> at 4.5mm thick

Dry shake application:

UNMIXED MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 501/502 SYSTEM CRYSTALLINE WATERPROOFING

All areas indicated shall be waterproofed by the MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501/502 system as manufactured by BASF, or similar approved, to the following specification:

## Composition

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

## Colour

Powder – grey

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

Unmixed material: 1kg / m<sup>2</sup>

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501: 1kg / m<sup>2</sup> per coat, min. two coats

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 502: 10kg / m<sup>2</sup> at 4.5 mm thick

## Storage

Store out of direct sunlight, clear of the ground on pallets protected from rainfall. Avoid excessive compaction.

Failure to comply with the recommended storage conditions may result in premature deterioration of the product or packaging. For specific storage advice consult BASF'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.

MASTERSEAL<sup>®</sup> 501/502 should be handled to minimise dust formation during mixing. Use a light mask if excessive dust is unavoidable. For further information refer tot he material safety datasheet.



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## Note

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

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

## Quality and care

All products originating from BASF's Dubai, UAE facility are manufactured under a management system independently certified to conform to the requirements of the quality, environmental and occupational health & safety standards ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.

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