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## Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 5

### WYKAMOL CHEMICAL DAMP-PROOFING SYSTEMS

### WYKAMOL REPLASTERING SPECIFICATIONS

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to Wykamol Replastering Specifications, a range of replastering products for use on existing internal walls following the installation of a chemical damp-proof course (dpc) system.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

#### CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Resistance to salt transfer** — the products will provide an effective barrier against salt transfer (see section 6).

**Durability** — the products will have a durability equivalent to traditional plastering (see section 8).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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## Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, the use of Wykamol Replastering Specifications in an existing building is not subject to the national Building Regulations.

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

### Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.1 and 3.2) of this Certificate.

## Additional Information

### NHBC Standards 2022

In the opinion of the BBA, Wykamol Replastering Specifications, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 9.2 *Wall and ceiling finishes*.

## Technical Specification

### 1 Description

Wykamol Replastering Specifications are a range of replastering products for use on internal walls, comprising:

- Wykamol Renovation Plaster — a pre-mixed, cement-based, lightweight plaster containing perlite aggregate and water-repellent additives; this is the preferred replastering system where there is a likelihood of condensation
- Renderproof — a salt-retardant additive for use in sand/cement replastering mixes.

### 2 Manufacture

2.1 The products are manufactured in controlled batch-blending processes.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of the Wykamol Group Ltd has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by Garek Assured (Certificate 0711/1104/116G).

### 3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The packaging and shelf-life of the products (when stored in cool dry conditions) are given in Table 1.

*Table 1 Packaging and shelf-life*

Product	Packaging	Shelf-life (months)
Wykamol Renovation Plaster	20 kg paper sacks	6
Renderproof	1, 5 and 25 litres	24

3.2 The Certificate holder has taken the responsibility of classifying and labelling the products under the *CLP Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 on the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures*. Users must refer to the relevant Safety Data Sheet(s).

## Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Wykamol Replastering Specifications.

## Design Considerations

### 4 Use

4.1 Wykamol Replastering Specifications are satisfactory for use as internal plaster applied to walls of all types of masonry where there has been rising damp and a remedial dpc treatment has been conducted.

4.2 Wykamol Renovation Plaster and the sand/cement/additive mixes are applied at a thickness of 10 mm using the normal procedures defined in BS EN 13914-2 : 2016, and finished using 2 mm of proprietary finishing plaster.

4.3 The plasters have good resistance to mechanical damage.

4.4 Normal methods for fixing and chasing can be used, but the surface should be restored using Wykamol Renovation Plaster or sand/cement/additive mix.

### 5 Practicability of installation

Following the installation of a dpc system, replastering is necessary to prevent damage to subsequent redecoration. To avoid split responsibility, this should be conducted by the dpc system installer or its agent.

### 6 Resistance to salt transfer

Where rising damp has created a high salt content in walls and an effective chemical dpc remedial treatment has been conducted, and where other sources of water ingress do not exist, Wykamol Replastering Specifications will provide an effective barrier against salt transfer.

### 7 Maintenance

As the products are always covered with a suitable finishing coat (see section 10.8), maintenance is not normally required but any damage can be repaired by re-applying the products.

### 8 Durability

The durability of Wykamol Replastering Specifications is equivalent to traditional plastering to BS 8481 : 2006 and BS EN 13914-2 : 2016.

### 9 General

9.1 A remedial chemical damp-proofing treatment (see the appropriate Product Sheet) is conducted in accordance with BS 6576 : 2005 and the Property Care Association COP 09/09 *Code of Practice for Installation of Remedial Damp-proof Courses in Masonry Walls*.

9.2 Installation of Wykamol Replastering Specifications are carried out in accordance with BS 6576 : 2005.

9.3 The standard of installation must comply with BS 8481 : 2006 and BS EN 13914-2 : 2016.

9.4 Replastering can commence after a minimum period of 14 days from installation of the remedial dpc.

9.5 If the background is impermeable and offers little suction (e.g. where rising damp has occurred in the mortar joints) the joints are raked out to provide a mechanical key and/or SBR Latex bonding primer is applied to the surface and the wall is replastered immediately.

### 10 Procedure

#### Wykamol Renovation Plaster

10.1 The plaster is mixed with clean water in clean containers, by hand or mechanically, to a normal plastering consistency. Over-mixing is to be avoided, and hand-mixing is preferably conducted in a trough using a hoe or plasterer's drag.

10.2 The plaster is applied generally in accordance with BS 8481 : 2006 and BS EN 13914-2 : 2016 to achieve a thickness of between 10 and 15 mm, and the surface is lightly scratched. The plaster is applied no lower than the level of the dpc. If necessary, a batten is used to achieve this.

10.3 If the maximum thickness of the required backing coat is to exceed 15 mm, a scratch or dubbing-out coat is necessary to achieve a level surface. Each coat must not exceed 15 mm, be well scratched, and allowed to dry before the application of the subsequent coat.

10.4 Normally, Wykamol Renovation Plaster sets in seven hours.

#### Additives

10.5 The rendering mixes described below are based on:

- Portland cement — to BS EN 197-1 : 2011
- aggregate — clean, sharp, washed sand, free of salt, and suitably graded for plastering to BS EN 13139 : 2013
- water — potable.

10.6 Renderproof is used in 3:1 sand/cement mixes using gauging water consisting of one part Renderproof to 24 parts water<sup>(1)</sup>.

10.7 The additive mix is applied at a thickness of 10 mm. After the first set of this mix is taken up, the surface must be combed or scratched to provide a mechanical key. Where necessary, a second coat is applied, the mix proportions and additive used at the same rate as for the first coat. This coat must also be combed or scratched to provide a key.

#### Finishing coats

10.8 After allowing the back coat to set and dry for at least 24 hours, the finishing plaster<sup>(1)</sup> is applied at a thickness of approximately 1.5 to 3 mm. In very wet conditions the drying time may be longer and the finishing plaster must not be applied until it is dry.

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## Precautions

10.9 The following general information should also be observed:

- the amount of gauging water in the undercoats should be a minimum consistent with reasonable application
- undercoats based on gypsum must never be used in this type of application
- it is recommended that the undercoats be scrape finished to minimise the risk of cracking
- a strong mix is never applied over a weak mix or backing
- where scratch coats are to be left as a finish, a high-quality wood float finish may be used. However, it is preferable to scrape the finish to a textured surface
- finishing plaster is not recommended if the surface is to be tiled.

## Dry-lining methods

10.10 In certain circumstances replastering of walls following chemical dpc insertion is not feasible, e.g. on extremely friable wall surfaces or uneven wall profiles. Where dry lining is to be carried out this must be in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Care should be taken to ensure that gypsum-based adhesives are not used in 'dot and dab' applications directly onto the wall surface. Timber used as battens must be pre-treated and all cut ends re-treated on site. Ventilation must be provided behind the system until the walls have dried out, to reduce the possibility of condensation within the void.

10.11 On walls which are persistently damp owing to the presence of high concentrations of hygroscopic salts, normal dry-lining methods are unsuitable. However, in such cases reinstatement can proceed in conjunction with a BBA-approved ventilated dry lining system, based on a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) membrane which provides a vapour impermeable surface suitable for conventional plastering and/or dry-lining techniques.

## Technical Investigations

### 11 Tests

Tests were conducted on Wykamol Renovation Plaster, and the results assessed, to determine:

- resistance to background water
- effect of salts.

### 12 Investigations

12.1 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

12.2 A re-evaluation was made of existing data and investigations on which previous Certificates were based.

## Bibliography

BS 6576 : 2005 +A1 : 2012 *Code of practice for diagnosis of rising damp in walls of buildings and installation of chemical damp-proof courses*

BS 8481 : 2006 *Design, preparation and application of internal gypsum, cement, cement and lime plastering systems — Specification*

BS EN 197-1 : 2011 *Cement — Composition, specifications and conformity criteria for common cements*

BS EN 13139 : 2013 *Aggregates for mortar*

BS EN 13914-2 : 2016 *Design, preparation and application of external rendering and internal plastering*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

Property Care Association COP 09/09 *Code of Practice for Installation of Remedial Damp-proof Courses in Masonry Walls*

### 13 Conditions

#### 13.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
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