



BAUTHENE EPU

2 Part Epoxy Modified Polyurethane Joint Sealant

DESCRIPTION

BAUTHENE EPU is a two component self leveling epoxy modified polyurethane resin based joint sealant.

BAUTHENE EPU is specifically designed to be used in heavily trafficked floor and stress relieving horizontal joints. It is based on a liquid polyurethane polymer which when mixed with the epoxy hardener, cures to form a tough, hard wearing seal.

BAUTHENE EPU has limited flexibility and can accommodate small amount of movement in expansion and contraction but high movement in compression. The sealant has excellent adhesion to concrete, stone, metals and other common building surfaces.

BAUTHENE EPU is suitable for use in horizontal areas and has a movement accommodation Factor (mAF) of $\pm 10\%$.

TYPICAL USES

For Sealing of movement and control joints in:

- Internal floor joints of heavy wheeled and trafficked areas

- Ideally suited for stress relieving areas like swimming pools, compression joints and prolonged water immersion areas
- Sealing of floor joints in car parking decks, warehouses
- Internal sanitary seals for public/secure areas
- Fixing of GRP liners in sewage tanks

ADVANTAGES

- Excellent adhesion to concrete and asphaltic substrates
- Fast curing
- Good resistance to chemicals and hydrocarbon fuels
- Good mechanical properties for heavy duty limited movement applications
- Self leveling- easy to apply
- Available in a wide range of colors
- Provides permanent and uniform water tight seal
- Suitable for use in wide joints
- Non-staining
- Non toxic. Can be used in potable water applications, swimming pools

BAUTHENE EPU complies with the requirements of:

BS 5212: Part 1, ASTM C 920, Type m, Grade P Class 12½, Use T.

TECHNICAL PROPERTIES

(The properties shown below were obtained under laboratory conditions).

Color	White
Density	1.25 ± 0.03 g/cc
Consistency	Free Flowing
Application Life	>60 minutes
Shore A Hardness	50-75
Elongation	>50%
Initial Cure	24 hours
Full Cure	7 days
Chemical resistance	pH 2.5 to 11.5, , Hydrocarbon fuels, Sea water & sulphuric acid
Cure rate	1 mm per day
Application temperature, [°C]	5 to 45 degrees C
Service temperature, [°C] -20 to 70	-20 TO 70 deg.C

APPLICATION INSTRUCTION

SURFACE PREPARATION

The joint surface must be clean, dry and free from oil, loose particles, cement laitance and other contaminants which may affect the adhesion. A thorough wire brushing, grinding, sand blasting or solvent cleaning may be required to expose a clean and sound substrate. The compressible joint filler shall be cut back to expose a uniform joint depth.

PRIMING

Primer should be applied to clean, dry surface prior to the installation of backer rod or bond breaking tape. BAUPRIME PS is recommended to be applied on porous substrates. For non-porous substrates such as steel or glass, use BAUPRIME NP for optimum adhesion.

The primer shall be applied by a brush in a thin coat application and shall be allowed to become tack free prior to the application of the sealant.

The joint edges shall be re-primed if the sealant installation is not carried out within 3 hours of application of the primer. For obtaining a clean and neat finish, masking tape shall be applied on both the edges of the groove before applying the primer

BACK-UP MATERIAL

A bond breaking backing rod shall be inserted into all movement joints to avoid a three sided adhesion. Use of a backing rod will ensure proper joint depth and at the same time facilitate the formation of an hour glass profile on the applied sealant. The backer rod will also provide resistance to sealant tooling pressure and help to attain proper wetting of the substrate when the sealant is being tooled. The backing rod being inserted into the joint shall be of a diameter which is at least 20% larger but not greater 33% of the joint width. This will ensure that the backer rod remains in compression and in place during sealant installation. For static and joints where the depth is not sufficient for the use of the backing rod, a bond breaking tape may be applied to prevent the three side adhesion.

Caution: Do not damage or poke holes in the backer rod during or after installation, since this may cause air bubbles in the sealant and affect its performance.

MIXING & APPLICATION

BAUTHENE EPU is supplied in pre-weighed two part packs, which requires on site mixing. Pour the hardener (Part B) into the base (Part A) pail and mix thoroughly with a slow speed drill (300-400 rpm) fitted to a flat bladed paddle for 1-2 minutes till a uniform colour and consistency is achieved.

DO NOT PART MIX. Since the base and the curing agent ratio controls the ultimate physical properties like adhesion, durability and strength, one complete kit has to be mixed at a time.

The side and base of the container shall be periodically scrapped with a scrapper to ensure that the curing agent is properly dispersed and blended in the mix.

Pour the mixed material directly into the joint from the pail. Initially fill 2/3rd of the sealant, tool properly allowing it to fill all the irregular areas inside the joint. The tooling will also allow the entrapped air to escape.

Then pour the balance 1/3rd material and further tool it to get a smooth surface finish. The material should be used completely within the specified pot life.

Once the sealant has been installed a suitable rounded tool soaked in soapy water can be used to achieve an hour glass profile.

Any masking tape applied should be removed immediately after the sealant is installed.

LIMITATIONS

BAUTHENE EPU is not recommended for:

Vertical joints

Movement joints having mAF >12½ %

Damp and contaminated surfaces

Over painting (paint compatibility with sealant shall be checked prior to painting)

Slope Gradient >10%

JOINT DESIGNS

Joints with cyclic movement should have a width to depth ratio of 2:1 to 1½:1. The joint depth shall not exceed the width

COVERAGE

Length of joints in meters filled per 1 Liter of BAUTHENE EPU

	Depth (mm)		Width (mm)		
	6	10	15	20	25
6	27.5	16.5			
10		10.0	6.5	5.0	
15			4.4	3.3	2.6
20				2.5	2.0
25					1.6

NOTE: Calculation based on theoretical coverage. Actual material consumption at site will vary depending on the wastage

PACKAGING: 4 Ltrs KITS.

STORAGE

Store under cover, out of direct sunlight, clear of the ground on pallets and protect from extreme temperatures. In tropical climate the product must be stored in air conditioned environment (<25°C).

Shelf life is 12 months when stored as above.

PRECAUTIONS

As with all construction chemicals products caution should always be exercised. Protective clothing such as gloves and goggles shall be worn.

Treat any splashes to the skin or eyes with fresh water immediately.

There are no known health hazards associated with BAUTHENE EPU

Clean all the tools with water after use. Hardened materials can be removed mechanically only. Allow the waste to cure. Seal it into a suitable container and bury in land fill, as per the local regulations.

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