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# Evaluation of substrates & Substrate preparation



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# Evaluation of Substrates



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## Substrate Quality

- The concrete substrate must be sound and of sufficient compressive strength (minimum 25 N/mm<sup>2</sup>) with a minimum pull off strength of 1.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.
- The substrate must be clean, dry and free of all contaminants such as dirt, oil, grease, coatings and surface treatments, etc.
- If in doubt, apply a test area first.

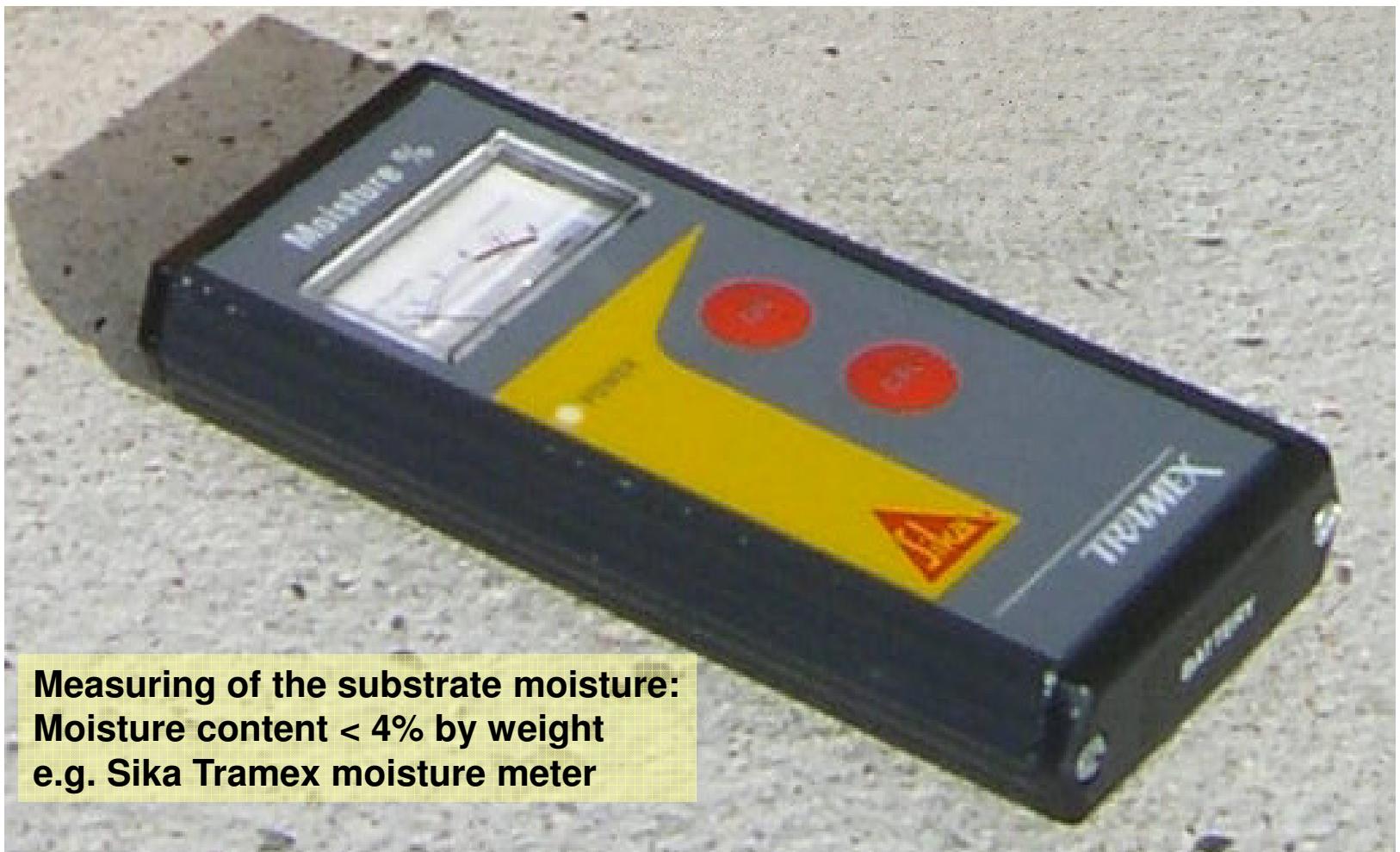


## Types of Substrates

- Concrete
- Vacuum concrete
- Steel fibre reinforced concrete
- Cement screed
- Anhydrite screed
- Magnesia screed
- Hot poured asphalt
- Synthetic resin screed
- Hard aggregate floor screed
- Tiles
- Existing old resin based coatings



## Measuring equipment for substrate humidity



Measuring of the substrate moisture:  
Moisture content < 4% by weight  
e.g. Sika Tramex moisture meter



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# Dew point table

Table for the determination of the dew point

Air temperature	Dew point temperatures in °C at a relative air moisture of					
+ °C	40 %	50 %	60 %	70 %	80 %	90 %
20	6,0	9,3	12,0	14,4	16,4	18,3
19	5,1	8,3	11,1	13,4	15,5	17,3
18	4,2	7,4	10,1	12,5	14,5	16,3
17	3,3	6,5	9,2	11,5	13,5	15,3
16	2,4	5,6	8,2	10,5	12,6	14,4
15	1,5	4,7	7,3	9,6	11,6	13,4
14	0,6	3,7	6,4	8,6	10,6	12,4
13	- 0,1	2,8	5,5	7,7	9,6	11,4
12	- 1,0	1,9	4,5	6,7	8,7	10,4
11	- 1,8	1,0	3,5	5,8	7,7	9,4
10	- 2,6	0,1	2,6	4,8	6,7	8,4
9	- 3,4	- 1,0	1,6	3,8	5,8	7,5
8	- 4,4	- 1,5	0,7	2,9	4,8	6,5
7	- 5,0	- 2,4	- 0,2	1,9	3,8	5,5
6	- 5,8	- 3,2	- 1,0	0,9	2,8	4,5
5	- 6,7	- 4,0	- 1,9	0,0	1,8	3,5

## Example:

at +10 °C air temperature and 80 % relative air moisture  
is the dew point at substrate temperatures of + 6,7 °C.

At substrate temperatures of less than  $6,7 + 3,0 = \underline{9,7}^{\circ}\text{C}$ ,  
it is not possible to apply coating systems.

## Pull-off test

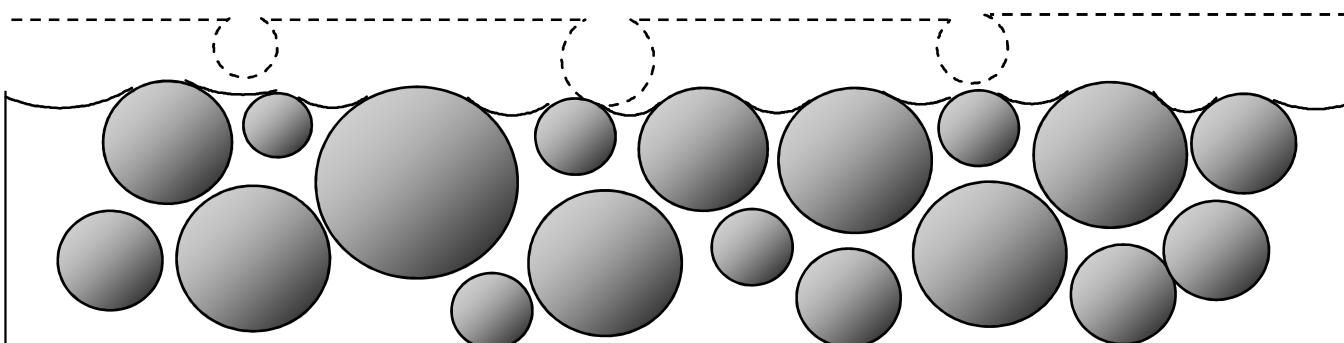
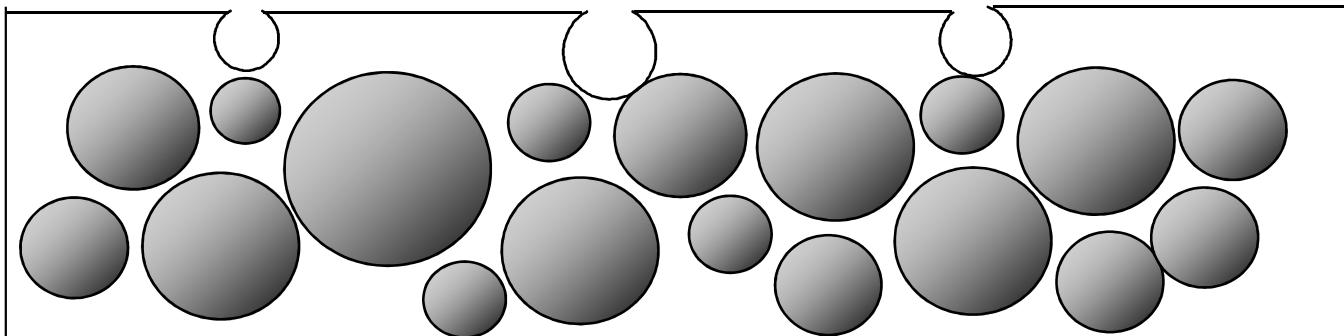
### Requirements

Substrate	Average value	Lowest single value
Concrete/Screeds	1.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Crack bridging coatings (1-part)	1.3 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	0.8 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Crack bridging coatings (2-part)	1.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Rigid coatings (1-part/2-part)	1.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>



## Surface preparation

*Substrate before preparation*



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# Shot blasting



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# How shot blasting works

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# **Shot blasting**



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**Dust free grinding**



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# **Grinding**



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**Thorough cleaning by vacuum**



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# The International Concrete Repair Institute (ICRI)

has defined nine different guidelines for proper surface preparation and has developed profile replica blocks to give a visual point of reference for the user.

Each profile carries a CSP number ranging from a base line of 1 (nearly flat) through 9 (very rough).

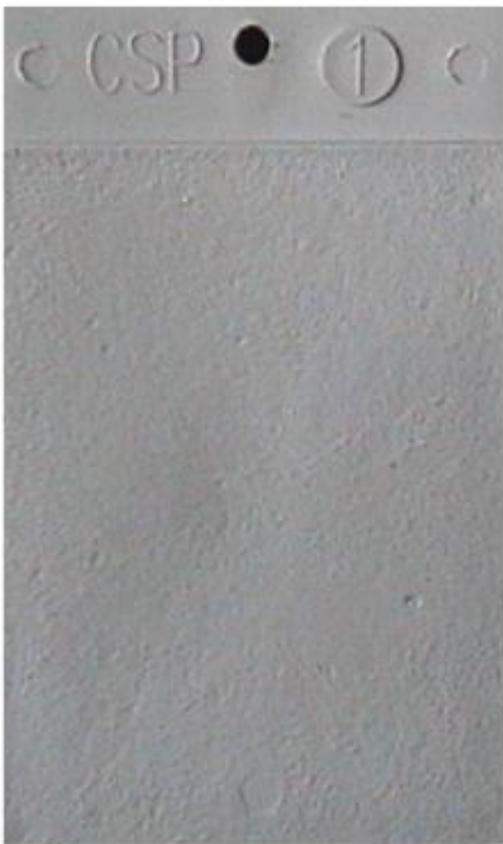


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## Concrete Surface Profiles (CSP)



CSP 1  
Acid Etched



CSP 2  
Grinding



CSP 3  
Light shot blast



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## Concrete Surface Profiles (CSP)



CSP 4  
Light Scarification



CSP 5  
Medium shot blast



CSP 6  
Medium scarification



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## Concrete Surface Profiles (CSP)



CSP 7  
Heavy Abrasive Blast



CSP 8  
Scabbled



CSP 9  
Heavy Scarification



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## Method Selector Flooring Type & CSP

FLOORING TYPE	CONCRETE SURFACE PROFILE								
	CSP 1	CSP 2	CPS 3	CSP 4	CSP 5	CSP 6	CSP 7	CSP 8	CSP 9
Sealer < 150 µm	Blue	White							
Thin Film 150-300 µm	Blue	White							
High Build 300-1000 µm	Blue	White							
Self Smoothing 2-3 mm	Blue	White							
Screeed Overlays 3-6 mm	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue	Blue



## Method Selector Preparation Method & CSP

PREPARATION METHODS	CONCRETE SURFACE PROFILE								
	CSP 1	CSP 2	CSP 3	CSP 4	CSP 5	CSP 6	CSP 7	CSP 8	CSP 9
Detergent scrubbing	█								
Low-pressure water cleaning	█								
Acid etching	█	█	█						
Grinding	█	█	█						
Abrasive (sand) blasting		█	█	█	█				
Steel shotblasting			█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Scarifying				█	█	█	█	█	█
High/ultra high-pressure water jetting					█	█	█	█	█
Scabbling						█	█	█	█
Flame blasting							█	█	



## Surface preparation

Coatings must have a sufficient bonding to the substrate, therefore no contaminations and other separating materials may exist.

The substrate must be able to take up the stresses, caused by the shrinkage of the coating during the reaction, as well as stresses which the coating can effect after application (mechanical load).

The substrate can meet these requirement first after corresponding surface preparation.

