

Application Tips for Winter Work Technical Bulletin

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Cooler, wetter weather affects most of the country during the fall and winter months. This weather requires that special attention be given to storage, mixing, application, and curing conditions for products to ensure trouble free installation. Follow the precautions given in the literature for all applications. Important requirements to observe during cooler and wetter weather are:

TEMPERATURE

Parex products must be protected from freezing during storage.

Mixing of material must be done at 40 degrees F or above. Materials must be applied at a temperature of at least 40 degrees F. Although bag products do not require heated storage they should have a unit temperature of 40 degrees F when the mixing begins. This may require protected or heated storage the night prior to mixing for each day's allotment of bagged products, as well as cement.

Ambient and surface temperatures must be 40 degrees F or above during application and drying time and must remain so for 24 hours or longer if needed, until materials are cured. Apply the products only to unfrozen, clean and dry surfaces. Temporary heat may be used to maintain the temperature. Tenting to contain temporary heat must allow ventilation to let moisture escape so that the curing process can continue.

HUMIDITY

Higher humidity will lengthen curing times of the products beyond 24 hours, up to several days, especially at very cool temperatures. Our products cure by evaporation. When the relative humidity approaches 100%, the curing process will stop until the humidity begins to fall.

Appropriate protection should be provided to prevent damage from rain, or other weather conditions, which may harm material, which has not fully hardened.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information.

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