Crack Isolation Base is a dry blend, polymer-modified, portland cement-based material specifically formulated as a base coat for embedding mesh in the Omega Crack Isolation System. It is available in Crack Isolation Base 20 (Coarse).

### Features

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### Basic Uses

Crack Isolation Base is a base coat for embedding mesh in the Omega Crack Isolation System. It may be used as a leveling or patching material over approved substrates.

**NOTE:** Not for use with EIF Systems.

### Area of Use

Crack Isolation Base may be applied over the following substrates:

1. One coat stucco
2. Brown coat
3. Masonry
4. Poured-in-place and/or tilt-up concrete

### Optional Product Upgrades/Enhancements

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<td>OmegaCure</td>
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Application Instructions

Surface Preparation
All surfaces to receive application must be properly cured, clean and free of debris, dirt, dust, efflorescence, grease, oils, curing agents, and cleaning solutions. Ensure that all surfaces are smooth and free of any irregularities. Repair all cracks with the appropriate patching material for the existing substrate. It may be necessary just prior to application to dampen all surfaces that are to receive the Crack Isolation Base with clean, potable water.

Mixing
1. Add approximately 3qt (2.8L) of clean, potable water, per 50lbs of Crack Isolation Base to an empty, 5 gallon pail.
2. Add Crack Isolation Base to the water while mixing.
3. Mix for a minimum of 3 minutes.
4. Stop mixing and allow the material to set for 5 minutes.
5. Material may be retempered once adding only enough water to reach the desired consistency.

NOTE: Crack Isolation Base may be mixed with a paddle type or plaster mixer following the above instructions.

Application
For Use in the Crack Isolation System
1. Apply the Crack Isolation Base to the substrate a minimum of 1/16" (1.6mm) thick.
2. Completely embed Crack Isolation Mesh or AkroFlex Mesh into this coat.

3. Trowel or float smooth, ensuring that no mesh is visible.

For Use as a Skim or Patching Coat
1. Apply the material to the properly prepared approved substrate. Do not exceed 1/4" thickness in one pass. A second coat can be applied after the first coat has reached its initial cure.
2. Application method will vary due to job conditions.

NOTE: When applying Omega ColorTek or other cement-based finishes over Crack Isolation Base, the use of a bonding agent or acrylic admix is required to ensure proper bond. The recommended volume of admix to be used is one to two quarts of Omega AkroLoc or two to three quarts of Omega Admix 500 per 90-lb sack of ColorTex. Omega BondCrete or AkroLoc are recommended bonders. See the applicable Omega data sheet for additional information.

Curing
Curing and/or drying time may vary due to climatic conditions. Drying should occur within 24 hours at an ambient and surface temperature of 70ºF (21ºC) and 55% R.H. When hot, dry, or windy conditions exist, protection should be provided. All freshly applied material must be protected from inclement weather until fully dry. Full adhesion strength should take one to four days. Full curing strength typically occurs in approximately 28 days.

Limitations

DO NOT apply product when the ambient and surface temperature is below 40ºF (4ºC).* The ambient and surface temperature must maintain the above requirements until fully dry (See CURING). Material that is allowed to freeze before fully drying may suffer irreparable damage.

DO NOT add any other materials to the mixture of the product without written approval from Omega Products International.

DO NOT deviate in the mixing or application procedures contained in this, or any other Product Data Sheets, without written approval from Omega Products International.

DO NOT apply Crack Isolation Base if there are contaminates on the receiving surface. Contaminates may include, but are not limited to, dust, debris, efflorescence, and/or oils.

DO NOT add any more water than prescribed.

DO NOT saturate the wall during preparation.

DO NOT leave Crack Isolation Base unfinished.

DO NOT use Crack Isolation Base as a base coat or an adhesive in EIFS applications.

NOTE: Failure to follow manufacturer’s written specifications could result in the following, but not limited to spalling, cracking, peeling, delamination, discoloration, wash off, and overall system failure.

To ensure proper hydration in cold weather applications (approximately 50ºF to 32ºF) use OmegaCure admix. Refer to OmegaCure data sheet for additional information.

Cleaning
Cleaning may be accomplished with water immediately after use.

Safety
Avoid contact with eyes or prolonged contact with skin. Wash thoroughly after handling. In case of eye contact, flush immediately with running water for at least 15 minutes. Consult a physician immediately. Do not take internally. Be sure to provide adequate ventilation in enclosed areas. Use of an approved respirator is recommended.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

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