

# Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer

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- | Specialised crystalline system for waterproofing pile caps
- | Penetrates in depth capillaries within concrete
- | BS8102:2009 compliant to all graded environments
- | Easy to use: just add water

## Description

Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer is a grey cementitious compound containing Portland cement, specially treated quartz sand and a compound of active chemicals. When applied to a concrete surface, the active chemicals react with the free lime and moisture within the concrete to form in depth, insoluble crystals which fill and block all capillaries, fissures, pores and minor cracks within the concrete. This effectively makes the concrete watertight for the lifetime of the structure. The 25 kilo Pile Cap Sealer buckets are supplied in powder form.

## Application

Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer is a specialised formulation for use within ground pile caps. The system can be used in basements as described in BS8102:2009 for:

1. Grade 1 – car parking
2. Grade 2 – plant rooms, garages and workshops
3. Grade 3 – residential (living areas) and commercial applications

## Pile Cap system components

- | Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer
- | Visqueen VX90 Waterstop – for 90o internal angles and seal around pipe penetrations including pile caps
- | Visqueen Waterstop Mastic – secures VX Waterstops in vertical and pile cap applications

## Storage and Handling

Store unopened in a warm - above 5oC - and dry environment. Shelf life 24 months. Protect eyes and skin from contact. Freshly mixed Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer is alkaline, the use of suitable gloves and eye protection is recommended. A full MSDS is available at [www.visqueenbuilding.co.uk](http://www.visqueenbuilding.co.uk)

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## GENERAL

All construction should conform to the Building Regulations, Codes of Practice and British Standards in current use at the time the building is being constructed. In particular it is recommended that reference is made to BS 8102: 2009.

The confining concrete must be placed within 5 days of installation of the waterstop profile.

## PREPARATION and POST APPLICATION

The surface **MUST** present an open capillary structure to allow penetration of the crystalline chemicals.

24 hours prior to application surfaces must be porous and wet - sprinkle with water where required.

Ensure the product is well ventilated for at least 3 days. Protect the coating against excessive fast evaporation in hot conditions or drying winds by mist spraying regularly.

## Mixing ratio and application information

Please do not pour the water into the powder. The powder is added into a bucket of water at the ratios stated below.

Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer should be mixed with water at the following ratio by volume:

- 4 parts Visqueen Pile Cap
- 1 part clean water

For Example, one 25 kilo tub of Pile Cap Sealer requires c.6 litres of water,

It is important not to mix more material than can be applied within 30 minutes at 20°C, or less in hot temperatures.

Pour the required amount of water into a clean bucket and add the powder slowly, **mechanically** mixing to a smooth lump-free consistency. If the mixed materials becomes stiff, do not re-mix with water, but discard and prepare fresh material.

## Pile cap sealing – High Risk

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1. Clean surface by means of jet wash, grit blasting or scabbling.
2. Apply Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer to the full area of the pile cap including 100mm vertically by:  
Mechanically mix Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer at an approximate ratio of 4:1 with clean water by volume by adding the **powder into the water**.  
Coverage rate is 1.5kg/m<sup>2</sup> to obtain a 3-5mm thickness. This can be achieved by applying one coat or two (2 x 0.75 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). The second coat should be applied whilst the first coat is still green.  
1 tub of Pile Cap Sealer covers c. 16m<sup>2</sup>
3. Roll out Visqueen Pre Applied Membrane to the base of the ground pile cap. Do not cover the pile cap with the membrane.
4. Ensure the product is well ventilated for at least 3 days. Protect the coating against excessive fast evaporation in hot conditions or drying winds by mist spraying regularly.
5. Apply Visqueen Waterstop Mastic to the vertical and horizontal as per detail.
6. Place Visqueen VX90 Waterstop securely and press firmly around the full circumference of the pile cap. Butt joint and knead lengths together to form a continuous layer.

## SPECIFICATION SUPPORT

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## Usage information

In order to obtain the required quantity of Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer we have compiled below a usage guideline.

1 tub of Pile Cap Sealer covers c.16m<sup>2</sup> therefore one 25 kilo tub of Visqueen Pile Cap Sealer will waterproof the following amount of piles:

300mm diameter pile caps: 100 piles  
 450mm diameter pile caps: 66 piles  
 500mm diameter pile caps: 47 piles  
 600mm diameter pile caps: 35 piles

Please note the above usage rates are for guideline purposes only and are based on the exact coverage rates. Please allow for some wastage.

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES

### Technical Information

Colour	cement grey	
Hydrostatic water	> 7 bars	
Sealer/Water mix ratio	4	1
Coverage rate kg/m <sup>2</sup>	1.5	
Packaging	25 kilo tub	

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