

Devcon® R-Flex™

Description:

Self-levelling liquid urethane that in minutes turns into a non-sag putty for repairing gouges, tears, and holes and coats clips for heavy weight SBR conveyor belt.

Intended Use:

- Repair holes, gouges, and tears in SBR conveyor belt
- Rebuild worn rubber top ply of SBR belts protecting surface from abrasion and impact from aggregate

Product features:

High adhesion to SBR belts creating "surface pull" to polymer
Excellent flexibility and abrasion resistance
Self-levelling liquid that develops into a non-sagging putty
Belt back into service in 1 1/2 hours

Typical Physical Properties:

Technical data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

Coverage per 680 g kit:	0.1060 cm² @ 6.5 mm thick
Pot-Life @ 23°C:	1 - 4 min semi-liquid; 4 - 10 min self-levelling non-sag gel
Pot Life @ 43°C:	1 - 3 min semi-liquid; 3 - 5 min self-levelling non-sag gel
Mix Ratio	88 resin : 12 curing agent

Cured 7 days @ 24°C

% Solids by Volume	94%
Abrasion Resistance	270 mg loss per/1,000 rev
Adhesion @ 24 hours	11.3 N.mm. surface rubber pull
Adhesion @ 7 days	18.9 N.mm. surface rubber pull
Colour	Black
Cured Hardness	87 Shore A
Dielectric Strength	350 volts/0.25 mm
Functional Cure	90 minutes
Maximum Elongation	421%
Maximum Operating Temperature	Dry: 82°C; Wet: 48.9°C
Specific Volume	673 mL per 680 g
Tear Resistance	66.0 N.mm.
Tensile Strength	256 N.mm.

Surface Preparation:
Surface Prep: Abrading/Cleaning

1. Clean the belt with Devcon® Surface Cleaner by applying ONLY onto a rag and then cleaning the area. DO NOT POUR directly onto the belt.
2. Attach abrasive wheel to a 100 mm grinder [minimum 10,000 RPM]. Roughen belt releasing contaminants and grit.
3. Using grinder, roughen belt until dull bluish-grey colour. Ensure top layer of belt is roughened, leaving a fine dusting of residue, brush off residue.

NOTE: Be sure not to grind down to the belts woven fabric this will weaken the belt.

4. Take a dry rag and wipe off any ground particles. Making the repair dust free.
5. Repeat Step 4 until no black streaks appear on rag. DO NOT apply any solvent cleaners directly to the belt.
6. Ideal application temperature is above 12.8°C.

Surface Conditioner Mix Instructions (NOTE: Devcon® Surface Conditioner must be used prior to applying Devcon® RFlex™)

- Open bag, remove Surface Conditioner bottles; Part A and Part B.
- Unscrew spout cap from Part B bottle and remove aluminium seal. Screw spout cap back on Part B bottle.
- Take Part A bottle and unscrew dauber top.
- Flip up the spout cap on Part B bottle to pour liquid into Part A bottle. Screw dauber top onto Part A bottle.
- Shake bottle for 30 seconds to mix Surface Conditioner.
- Remove clear cap from dauber top. Turn upside down and press dauber firmly on repair area.
- Thinly spread Surface Conditioner around entire repair area. It will evaporate quickly leaving slight change in colour on surface.
- Wait 3 minutes to ensure surface is dry before applying repair compound.

Mixing Instructions:

Metal Surfaces

- Thoroughly clean area to be repaired. Remove any oil, grease or dirt. Roughen metal surface by grinding with a coarse wheel. To prime the surface apply a coat of Devcon® FL-10 Primer and allow to dry tack-free for 15 minutes.

R-Flex™ Mix Instructions

- Make sure surface is roughened and surface conditioner was applied over 3 minutes before applying repair compound.
- Remove plastic jar and open lid.
- Pour curing agent from pouch into resin jar.
- Using wooden paddle, stir contents thoroughly for 1.5 minutes – scraping sides and bottom of jar to activate curing mechanism. Take care to avoid air excessive air entrapment.
- Pour completely mixed R-Flex™ onto the roughened belt.
- Spread with spatula over entire desired repair area.
- After 3 minutes R-Flex™ will be able to be applied to a sloping surface without sagging [@6 mm thick] as the product is polymerising quickly.
- R-Flex™ will continue to "self-level" in seconds up to 8 minutes after you started your mixing. After that time, the material will not self-level.

Application Instructions:

Holes:

- For holes, use duct tape underneath belt to bridge hole. Be sure to prime repair area 15-20 cm" back from the hole.
- Follow surface abrading/cleaning section thoroughly.
- After mixing Devcon® R-Flex™ and applying to repair area, make sure you fill void 15-20 cm around the hole to create additional strength.

Gouges or Tears:

- For tears, if the tear is over 20 – 25 cm take alligator clip and lock the tear on either end of the tear to mechanically stop the belt from continuing to rip.
- Take an abrasive wheel 100 mm grinder and at the tear undercut the rubber at an angle in a "V" configuration opening up the tear to expose more surface area for the repair compound to attach to. Place a strip of duct tape underneath the tear sealing off the area so no repair compound leaks through during the repair.
- If using alligator metal clips, coat the clips with Devcon® FL-10 Primer and allow to dry for 3 minutes.
- Follow surface abrading/cleaning section thoroughly.
- After mixing Devcon® R-Flex™ [and applying to repair area, push the material into the "V" opening you created. The material will self-level in that area. Coat the clips with a thin layer of material.

Coating Hinged or Solid Plate Fasteners:

- When coating plated clips, abrade a 20-cm area from the clip to the belt on both sides of the clip. If clip was skived and below surface only go back 10 cm.
- Follow surface abrading/cleaning section thoroughly.
- Coat the solid or pin clips with Devcon® FL-10 Metal Primer and allow to dry for 3 minutes.
- Spread R-Flex™ on clips at a minimum thickness of 3 mm (this helps to bridge the elongation that occurs when belt is subjected to pressure of wiper and traveling across the head pulley).

Storage:

Store in a cool dry place.

Chemical Resistance:

Chemical resistance is calculated with a 7 day, room temp. cure (30 days immersion) @ 75° C

1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Poor	Isopropanol	Poor
Aluminum Sulfate 10%	Very good	Phosphoric 10%	Fair
Hydrochloric 10%	Very good	Sodium Hydroxide 50%	Very good
Hydrochloric 36%	Very good	Sodium Hypochlorite	Very good

Precautions:

Please refer to appropriate safety data sheet (SDS) prior to using this product.

For technical assistance, please call 1800-063-511 FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY

Warranty:

Devcon will replace any material found to be defective. Because the storage, handling and application of this material is beyond our control, we can accept no liability for the results obtained.

Disclaimer:

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