

Winter the time for waterproofing of roofs

Before the summer rains start, now is the time to tackle essential roof waterproofing tasks, says a.b.e. Construction Chemicals, manufacturers of a wide range of waterproofing systems.

Eirene Smuts, Brand Coordinator for a.b.e. Construction Chemicals, says super laycryl and bituseal plastic are two roof waterproofing products with performance endorsed by the passage of time.

"Super laycryl, a product a.b.e. has successfully produced for the South African market for 70 years, is a renowned professional liquid waterproofing compound, available in red, grey, charcoal, burgundy, white, green, and terracotta.



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It is ideal for waterproofing most non-trafficable roofing areas including flashings, parapet walling, and flat roofs. It can also be used for the sealing of joints, overlaps and roofing screws on corrugated roofs," Smuts stated.

Full instructions on the easy application of super laycryl are included on the packaging. The product is available in one, five, and 20 litre containers from local hardware stores.

"a.b.e.'s bituseal plastic is a general purpose bitumen mastic for roof waterproofing. Also easy to apply, this is a heavy-duty sealer and repair compound that can be used to seal most roofing defects, sheeting overlaps, valleys, gutters, downpipes and enlarged screw holes. It has been widely used to repair roof cracks, flashings, cracked roof tiles and to patch repair tanks."

Bituseal plastic is available in black, and in containers of 500ml, one, and five litres. "It is recommended that a coating of silvakote, a.b.e.'s bitumen-based aluminium paint, be applied over the bituseal plastic, three to four weeks afterwards, to provide additional UV protection," she added.

Bituseal plastic may be applied by trowel, putty knife, or gloved hand. It can be used in conjunction with a.b.e. membrane, which has to be imbedded in the still wet mastic film and then over coated with bituseal plastic.