



## RAINCHECK

### Raincheck and Raincheck Plus solvent-based water-repellants for masonry

#### 1. DESCRIPTION

**Raincheck** is a colourless, water-repellant for masonry based on UV resistant siloxane resins. Its resistance to alkalis is greater than that of standard methyl silicone resins. However, when substrates with a PH of 10.5 or greater are to be treated, **Raincheck Plus** should be used. **Raincheck** and **Raincheck Plus** are applied in exactly the same manner, therefore all instructions in this data sheet also apply if **Raincheck Plus** is to be used. **Raincheck** can be used on old and new buildings to protect against penetrating damp and to keep masonry clean. **Raincheck** will not block the pores in masonry, so water vapour is able to escape (thus preventing the “spalling” associated with less advanced products).

#### 2. BEFORE APPLICATION

Wooden and metal windows/door frames and glass surfaces should be covered up before treatment, since removal of silicone resin splashes after drying can be very time-consuming. Splashes should be removed as soon as possible using soapy water or a solvent. Due to the fast-curing rate of **Raincheck**, splashes will be extremely difficult to remove even after just a few hours.

Plants should be protected by covering with plastic sheeting.

Ideally, **Raincheck** should be applied when no rainfall is expected for a period of at least 24hrs, however, a significant degree of water-repellency will be obtained immediately after treatment.

#### 3. PREPARATION OF THE SUBSTRATE

For the treatment to be successful, it is essential to check all joint and roof connections. Major cracks in the brickwork should be filled in. Hairline cracks up to 0.3mm can be “bridged” by **Raincheck**. If re-pointing is necessary, the mortar should be allowed to age for 2-3 weeks before treatment.

Dirty surfaces should be cleaned before impregnation using any proprietary acid or alkaline brick cleaner. DO NOT USE DETERGENTS. Steam cleaning or grit blasting are also suitable. Rust, tar, and bitumen stains must also be removed with a non-detergent cleaner prior to treatment.

#### 4. DILUTION

**Raincheck** is supplied ready for use.

#### 5. APPLICATION

##### Brush or Lambswool Roller

This method is recommended if the areas to be covered are small or if the wall has a large number of windows. Special care should be taken to ensure that sufficient **Raincheck** is applied (1 litre per 3.5 square metres per coat), since the success or failure of the treatment depends on this factor. At least two coats should be applied wet on wet.

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## Coarse Spray (Flood Coating)

This method is recommended when treating large areas, **Raincheck** being applied by means of a knapsack sprayer or piston pump and spray lance. Spray pressure should be kept as low as possible – the solution should be seen to flow in a stream from the spray lance rather than form a spray mist. Application should start at the highest point working from side to side allowing a “run-down” of 6 – 12”. If treatment is halted, it is advisable to make a light chalk mark to indicate where treatment was halted.

It is important that the coating is uniform and that sufficient **Raincheck** is applied. It is, therefore, advisable to flood coat twice on most surfaces, **Raincheck** being applied wet-on-wet. On poorly absorbent surfaces one coat of **Raincheck** will usually suffice.

## 6. DISPOSAL

In accordance with local requirements

## 7. STORAGE

**Raincheck** and **Raincheck Plus** can be stored for up to 12 months in containers at temperatures not exceeding 30° C.

## 8. COVERAGE

1 litre dilute product per 3.5 square metres per coat.

## 9. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Safety data sheets –available on request

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