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To: ARDEX Sales Professionals,
Sales Managers

From: ARDEX Technical Department

ARDEX K 301 – Recommended Primer

Since its introduction three years ago, ARDEX K 301 has enjoyed a successful track record of installations that proceed with either ARDEX P 71 or ARDEX EP 2000 as the priming system. While both primers are suitable for the installation of ARDEX K 301, it has come to our attention that the saturated surface dry (SSD) condition that is required with the use of ARDEX P 71 is generally not achieved. This is attributable to the confusion that exists as to what a true SSD condition is. The results lead to dissatisfaction with the appearance of the ARDEX K 301 surface due to discoloring or pinholes as well as possible over or under watering. For these reasons, we are amending our recommendation for the priming system for ARDEX K 301.

This will confirm that, where ARDEX K 301 is to be installed, the required priming system will be ARDEX EP 2000 with sand broadcast to refusal. As a faster alternative for priming only, ARDEX MC RAPID with sand broadcast is also permitted. The use of ARDEX EP 2000 and ARDEX MC RAPID as priming systems is much more straightforward and unquestionably produces a more consistent installation, which is beneficial for the installer and the end user. This change is being made to ensure continued success with ARDEX K 301 installations.

Should you have any questions on this information, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact the Technical Service Department here at our home office in Pittsburgh.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth Pevarnik", is positioned above the printed name.

Seth Pevarnik
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