

# Method Statement

## Decofill

### Section A : General Comments

#### High temperature working

It is suggested that, for temperatures above 35°C, the following guidelines are adopted as good working practice:

- (i) Store unmixed materials in a cool (preferably temperature controlled) environment, avoiding exposure to direct sunlight.
- (ii) Keep equipment cool, arranging shade protection if necessary. It is especially important to keep cool those surfaces of the equipment which will come into direct contact with the material itself.
- (iii) Try to avoid application during the hottest times of the day, arrange temporary shading as necessary.
- (iv) Make sufficient material, plant and labour available to ensure that application is a continuous process.

#### Equipment

It is suggested that the following list of equipment is adopted as a minimum requirement

<i>Protective clothing</i>	:	Protective overalls
	:	Good quality gloves, goggles and face mask
<i>Preparation equipment</i>	:	Fosroc Joint Cleaner
<i>Application equipment</i>	:	Joint shaping tool

#### Application - points of note

Fosroc operates a policy to encourage the use, where possible, of approved or licensed applicators. This ensures that repairs are completed satisfactorily so that the long term performance of the materials is assured.

## Section B : Application Method

### 1.0 Joint Preparation

Refer to the Joint width/depth ratio as per manufacturer's instructions in the technical data sheet.

- 1.1 The substrate to which Decofill is bonded must be clean, dry and sound.
- 1.2 Remove all dirt, surface laitance, residual joint former or other contamination from joint faces by power wire brushing, grinding or grit-blasting. Ensure usage of dry, oil-free compressed air for blowing all joints. Oil or grease can be removed using Fosroc Joint cleaner.

### 2.0 Priming

- 2.1 On very porous surfaces priming is advised. A suitable primer can be made by diluting and mixing thoroughly one part of Decofill acrylic sealant with two parts of water. Apply by brush and allow to dry

### 3.0 Application

- 3.1 Cut the conical tip of cartridge end thread. Screw on nozzle, cut the nozzle at 45° to required size and fit into a sealant gun. Extrude sealant directly into joint ensuring complete contact with joint faces.
- 3.2 Tool the sealant off within 15 minutes of application using a scraper or tooling stick dipped in clean plain water. Where a particularly neat finish is required, use masking tape along the joint edges. Remove immediately after tooling.
- 3.3 Painting and wallpapering -Decofill acrylic sealant can be painted or where necessary papered, allow at least one hour after finishing, with overnight drying times recommended to allow for any drying shrinkage.
- 3.4 For painting, use any conventional emulsion paint. Oil paints may also be used, provided the sealant has been fully cured. Note that paint or paper should not be applied over moving joints, as they will restrict movement with possible damage to the paint, paper or sealant.
- 3.5 Extrude the sealant firmly in to the joint. Tool flush within 5 minutes of application to ensure good contact between the sealant and the substrate.

### 4.0 Cleaning

- 4.1 Clean all equipment immediately after use with clean water.

## Section C : Approval and variations

This method statement is offered by Fosroc as a 'standard proposal' for the application of Decofill. It remains the responsibility of the Engineer to determine the correct method for any given application.

Where alternative methods are to be used, these must be submitted to Fosroc for approval, in writing, prior to commencement of any work. Fosroc will not accept responsibility or liability for variations to the above method statement under any other condition.