



TRI-CREAM

A unique silicone emulsion cream for injection into brickwork etc. for the control of rising dampness. Tri-Cream can be used in all types of masonry without the use of high pressure equipment. The cream is delivered by hand pressure from a simple displacement pump and injector lance into a series of holes drilled into the mortar course. Migrating rapidly into the masonry pores, the injection cream reverts to a liquid phase and polysiloxanes are formed in situ.

Extensive field experience with this technology demonstrates that Tri-Cream will perform as well as any conventional liquid injection system against rising damp.

- Control of rising damp
- Fast, clean installation
- No high pressure injection pump required
- Virtually odourless, low hazard
- Precise dosing
- No pump cleaning required between jobs



Tri-Cream is supplied in 5 litre tubs and 1 litre cartridges.

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Preparation

Check and overhaul rainwater goods to ensure they are in good order and clean, repair or install drains to carry away surface water. If internal floors are below external ground level form trenches along the external face of the walls to at least 150mm below the proposed DPC level (where foundation depth allows). If this approach is not feasible the DPC must be placed 150mm above external ground level and the internal walls tanked below the DPC to prevent lateral migration of moisture/salts.

Remove skirtings, fixings and render/plaster to expose the line of the proposed DPC (mortar bed). Internal plaster which may be contaminated with hygroscopic salts should be 'cut-back' a minimum of 1m above the DPC line or 300mm above the highest signs of dampness/salts. Check flooring timbers for signs of fungal decay and recommend repair/replacement as appropriate. Ensure wall cavities are cleared of debris.

Drilling and Injection

Walls vary in thickness and type of construction so it is essential these factors are taken into account before deciding on an appropriate drilling pattern. Older properties may consist of several different styles of construction and the specification of drilling and injection should be varied accordingly. DPC height should always be at least 150mm above external ground level. In the case of solid floors, insert the DPC as close to floor level as possible. Vertical DPCs should be provided to connect horizontal DPCs where ground levels change and to isolate untreated wall areas (adjoining properties, garden walls, etc). In most cases solid brick walls may be drilled/injected from one side only.

For cavity walls each leaf may be dealt with as a separate 115mm thick wall. Alternatively, if preferred, drill through the selected mortar course, across the cavity, then drill the other leaf of brickwork to a depth of 90-100mm and inject in one continuous process. Always ensure that the cavity is clear before treatment. In random stone and rubble infill walls, as far as practically possible, follow the mortar course at the appropriate level. However, if the stone is of a porous type, it may be possible to vary the drilling location (mortar/stone) as long as the 2 mortar bed perpend are treated. In walls of greater than 350mm thickness it is recommended that drilling is undertaken from both sides at a corresponding height. In the case of drill holes becoming blocked these should be redrilled just prior to injection or a new hole drilled nearby to ensure that an adequate volume of Tri-Cream is introduced.

Drill Hole Size, Depth and Location

Drill 12mm diameter holes horizontally in the mortar bed at centres no greater than 120mm. The depth of hole required for various sizes of wall is shown in the table below. For walls of intermediate thickness the depth of holes should be pro rata. Where the masonry is irregular, ensure the horizontal drilling pattern targets the base of all perpend of the course selected.

Drill Hole Depth Required for Walls of Various Thickness:

Wall Thickness	115mm (4.5")	230mm (9")	345mm (13.5")	460mm (18")
Depth of hole	100mm	210mm	320mm	430mm

Tri-Cream Injection:

Fill the applicator unit with the Tri-Cream (approx. fill capacity 5.0ltr) and use the hand-pump to establish a positive pressure of approx. 1 bar (15lb/in²). Insert the lance of the Tri-Cream application gun into the full depth of the pre-drilled hole. Squeeze the gun trigger and back fill each hole fully with Tri-Cream to within 1cm of the surface. When treating cavity walls from one side make certain that the holes in each leaf are filled.

Application Rates*

Wall Thickness	115mm	230mm	345mm	460mm
Tri-Cream per 10m	0.9lt	1.9lt	2.9lt	3.9lt

*certain types of construction may result in higher retentions, e.g., up to twice the above figures in rubble filled walls. Some allowance should also be made for wastage (ca. 10%).

Finishing Works:

On external faces of walls drill holes can be re-pointed using a matched mortar or plugged with plastic caps of a suitable size and colour. On internal faces holes can be left open and plaster stopped short of the DPC.

Replastering:

It is advisable to leave walls injected with Tri-Cream to dry for as long as possible, and for at least 14 days, before removing excess salts and commencing re-plastering.



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