

# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

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For guidance on fire sealing ventilation ducts, please refer to Protecta FR Damper's Technical Data Sheet.

#### **GENERAL PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

Protecta\* FR Acrylic is a high specification formulation designed to prevent the spread of fire, smoke and gases through openings in fire rated walls and floors. FR Acrylic should be applied over suitable backing materials to ensure correct width to depth ratio, and to reduce shrinkage of the joint during hardening.

#### **GENERAL GUIDE**

Minimum separations and limitations: Services (single) can be sealed as specified in the detailed drawings. Minimum separation between services and the edge of the seal within each aperture should be 10mm to allow for correct fitting of backing and seal depth. Minimum separation between apertures should be at least 30mm, except in timber constructions where apertures can be placed linear (horizontally in walls) with no required separation. For larger joint dimensions or apertures other than described in the detailed drawings, Protecta\* FR Board or EX Mortar should be used. In areas with a high degree of humidity and/or in joints with excessive movement, Protecta\* FR IPT should be used.

Supporting constructions: Flexible walls must have a minimum thickness of 75mm and comprise steel studs or timber studs\* lined on both faces with minimum 1 layer of 12.5mm thick boards. Timber walls must have a minimum thickness of 100mm and comprise solid wood or cross-laminated timber. Rigid walls must have a minimum thickness of 75mm and comprise concrete, aerated concrete or masonry, with a minimum density of 650 kg/m³. Rigid floors must have a minimum thickness of 150mm (except composite floors) and comprise aerated concrete or concrete with a minimum density of 650 kg/m³. Timber floors must have a minimum thickness of 150mm and comprise solid wood or cross-laminated timber. The supporting construction must be classified in accordance with EN 13501-2 for the required fire resistance period.

\*) Timber studs: no part of the penetration seal may be closer than 100mm to a stud, and minimum 100mm of insulation of class A1 or A2 according to EN 13501-1 must be provided within the cavity between the penetration seal and the stud. In linear seals, there is no minimum distance and insulation required.



#### INSTALLATION

- Before installing Protecta\* FR Acrylic, ensure that the surface of all service penetrations and surrounding construction is free from all loose contaminants, dust and grease.
- Where Protecta® FR Acrylic is to be installed against surfaces that cannot tolerate direct contact; appropriate surface preparation should be made (contact Polyseam for guidance in these cases). For paints sensitive to sealing compounds, priming with a PVA primer is recommended.
- 3. As Protecta\* FR Acrylic is water based, in cases where corrosion protection is a problem; some metals may require a barrier between the sealant and the metal surface prior to this installation.
- 4. When installing the sealant in gypsum boards, the exposed edges of the board can be wetted with water, or Protecta\* FR Acrylic diluted with water to prime the surfaces, helping adhesion and preventing excessive joint shrinkage.
- 5. When installing Protecta\* FR Acrylic in hollow floor slabs or boards, fire seals specified as single sided should be installed from the soffit side of the floor assuming there is sufficient thickness of concrete below the void to follow the installation guide. Where this is not the case, tubular voids should be filled with stone wool, normally the same thickness as the depth of the floor slab. Alternatively, simply fire seal on both sides.
- When installing any backing material, cut this slightly oversize and insert into the gap ensuring a tight friction fit. Ensure correct depth is achieved.
- 7. Fill the gap or joint with Protecta® FR Acrylic to the required depth. Refer to the drawings on following pages 2 to 37 for guidance on joint design/dimensions. If installation does not have to meet any specific fire specification, it is recommended that a width to depth ratio of 2:1 is utilized, with a minimum depth of 12mm of sealant.
- 8. Apply the sealant generously to prevent air bubbles. Finish the bead with a moist spatula, pallet knife or brush.
- Protecta\* FR Acrylic can be over-painted with most emulsion or alkyd (gloss) paints.







































































