



FAQ's  
DRY FIX®/DRY FLEX®

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## **Frequently Asked Questions - DRY FIX® & DRY FLEX®**

Please refer to the [product pages](#) and product [data sheets](#), or [contact us](#) for further information.

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### **1. What is DRY FIX® for?**

DRY FIX® is a primer coat of epoxy resin which is absorbed into the substrate creating a permanent bond between the substrate and DRY FLEX® repair. It is not a wood hardener and it is important to remove all decayed timber before applying DRY FIX®. Use the matching DRY FIX® for the DRY FLEX® you are using. (eg DRY FIX® 4 with DRY FLEX® 4)

### **2. What are the differences between DRY FLEX® 1, 4, and 16?**

The numbers refer to approximate drying times in hours (at 20 degrees)  
DRY FLEX® 16 is ideal for larger projects where time is not a factor  
DRY FLEX® 4 is suitable for small and large repairs that need completing within a day.  
DRY FLEX® 1 is suitable for fast, small repairs from 5 - 10 mm in depth, for example emergency response maintenance.  
Further details can be found on the [products page](#).

### **3. Do you have to remove all the rot?**

All decay must be removed prior to application for the system to work properly. The moisture content of the remaining wood must be below 18%. A [Repair Care Wood Condition Meter](#) is available to check the moisture content.

### **4. How soon can you paint the repair?**



As soon as the DRY FLEX® is fully cured, it can be sanded and then painted or stained. The exact curing time of DRY FLEX® depends on the size of repair, application temperature and humidity and the curing time stated on the products is for guidance only.

**5. Can the resin be painted or stained?**

Yes, most paints and stains can be used over DRY FLEX®.

**6. Can you nail or screw the resin?**

Yes, you can. We recommend drilling a pilot hole first, in the same way you would with timber.

**7. Can you use the system in the bad weather?**

DRY FLEX® should be applied in dry weather and above freezing point. (above 10 degrees for DRY FLEX® 16).

**8. Are the products guaranteed?**

Yes, our products are guaranteed for 10 years, subject to conditions.

**9. Are the products safe to use?**

Epoxy resin products are classified as skin irritants. Avoid skin contact by wearing Nitrile gloves. When appropriate wear eye protection. Full details are available on the product data sheets.

**10. Is special training needed?**

A range of training options is available. Our short, cost effective training courses show the easiest ways to use the system and ensure that you get the best performance from it. A training DVD is also available.

**11. What tools do I need to do the work?**

Details can be found on each product page.

**12. Why is my DRY FLEX® not curing in the time stated on the tube?**

The exact curing time depends on the size of repair, application temperature and humidity and the curing time stated on the tubes is for guidance only.

**13. What size repairs can I do?**

DRY FLEX® 16 can be used up to 50mm deep in temperatures of 10-35°C. DRY FLEX® 4 can be used up to 20mm deep during warm weather (10 - 35°C) and 50mm in depth during



colder weather (0-10°C). DRY FLEX® 1 is suitable for repairs up to 10mm deep. There should always be a minimum depth of 5mm to ensure full flexibility in the cured repair.

**14. Can I apply a fine surface filler over DRY FLEX®?**

This should be avoided as these fillers have a limited life and can lift the paint prematurely. For best results use DRY FLEX® SF, a spot repair product formulated to bond to existing DRY FLEX and substrates.

**15. Can I use DRY FLEX® on listed or historic buildings?**

The DRY FLEX® system has been used extensively on many historic buildings. Please ask your local conservation officer to contact us if there are any queries.

**16. Can I use DRY FLEX® after its expiry date?**

We do not recommend you use any product after its expiry date.