

COLD WEATHER WORKING

At Instarmac our priority is to ensure that you always have the information and support you need to help make the best use of our quality products. With the cold weather upon us again, please take a few minutes to read through our suggestions on storing, handling and preparing our materials throughout the winter. We are certain that this will help you choose the right products for each application, and will help an uninterrupted workflow through the next few months.

ULTRACRETE & ULTRASCAPE CEMENT BASED MATERIALS

All cementitious products are affected by temperature. The cooler it is, the slower the setting time. So in the winter months, why not try an upgrade to a high performance mortar? We provide a number of different grades and we would be happy to advise you on the best product to suit your project and to maintain speed of application. It's also important to protect all cement-based materials from wind, rain and moisture by storing them in dry, frost-free conditions. We recommend that you cover all products with a waterproof sheet and stack any bags or tubs, preferably on a pallet, to prevent contact with the sub-floor, which can often be cold and damp.

For wet weather conditions, when resinous products cannot be applied, we recommend the use of our high performance bedding mortar Envirobéd HA104®. It is specially formulated for bedding ductile ironwork and problem covers and frames, and has exceptional tensile, compressive and bond strengths. It is HAPAS approved by the BBA as part of our Manhole Reinstatement System.

ULTRACRETE COLD LAY ASPHALT CONCRETES

Although we manufacture our Instant Road Repair, Permanent Pothole Repair and Tough Patch® Rapid on

a 'just in time' basis, you may still experience a slight firming of the product in the winter months. This can be very easily remedied by applying slight pressure to the side of the bag, which will restore material to its normal consistency.

ULTRACRETE INSTALINE

Our thermoplastic line marker is ideal for reinstating road marking lines after maintenance work. However, due to the nature of its ingredients, the product is likely to be softer in warm temperatures and harder in colder temperatures. In the cold, Instaline will become more brittle and prone to cracking if dropped or handled roughly. Care should be taken, especially when in transit. You can avoid this by storing thermoplastic material in a warm place before use.

Should you have any questions on any specific product from our range, and the way it is affected by the weather, please contact us on +44 (0) 1827 254402 and we will be happy to advise you.



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