



## Krystol® Waterstop System

Dampproofing Construction Joints

### DESCRIPTION

The Krystol Waterstop System is used to permanently waterproof concrete construction joints. It is installed in place of other less reliable joint systems and allows for flexible scheduling and easy inspection. The Krystol Waterstop System uses Krystol crystalline technology which reacts with water and un-hydrated cement particles to grow insoluble needle-shaped crystals that fill capillaries, micro cracks and pores of concrete to reduce permeability and stop water.

The following application instructions are used to dampproof horizontal and vertical construction joints NOT subject to hydrostatic pressure using the Krystol Waterstop Treatment.

### LIMITATIONS

Krystol Waterstop System is effective for rigid structures only and may not reliably seal joints that experience variable loading or repeated movement. Consult a Kryton representative for project specific recommendations. Use typical cold weather practices if applying in cold climatic conditions. Installation during heavy rain must be avoided.

This procedure is not suitable for joints subject to high hydrostatic pressure.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

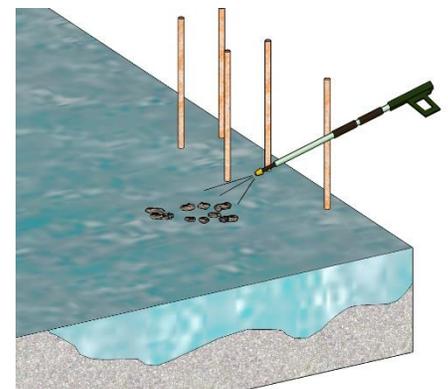
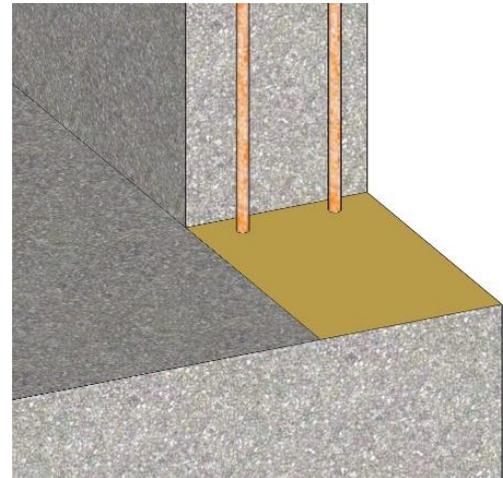
Read and follow the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for these products (available at [www.Kryton.com](http://www.Kryton.com)). For professional use only. These products become highly caustic when mixed with water or perspiration. Avoid contact with skin or eyes. Avoid breathing dust. Wear long sleeves, safety goggles and impervious gloves.

### STEP 1: SURFACE PREPARATION

1. Concrete / Shotcrete surfaces to receive the Krystol Waterstop System must be sound, clean and free of dirt, oil, and other elements which may interfere with bonding. Use a chipping hammer or scabbler to remove loose aggregate and level rough or uneven joints.

**TIP:** Removing loose or protruding concrete and aggregate, and cleaning debris or overspray while concrete / shotcrete is in a plastic state will minimize need to do after it is in a hardened state.

2. Prepare joints by high-pressure water blasting to remove any form oils, curing compounds, dust or other contaminants. The top most surface of cement paste should be removed; some exposed aggregate is ideal.
3. Surfaces to receive the Krystol Waterstop System must be brought to a saturated, surface-dry (SSD) condition. This means that the pores of the concrete are completely saturated with water but no free water



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remains at the surface. Thoroughly pre-soak the surface with water then remove excess water with a sponge immediately before application.

**TIP:** High pressure water blasting is effective at cleaning and saturating the joint in one step.

### STEP 2: INSTALL KRYSTOL WATERSTOP TREATMENT

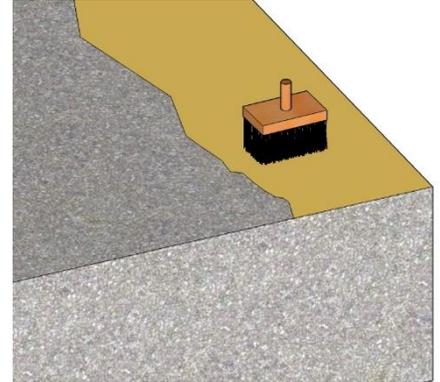
1. Bring concrete to a saturated surface-dry (SSD) condition. This means that the pores of the concrete are completely saturated with water but no free water remains at the surface. Thoroughly pre-soak the surface with water; then remove excess water with a sponge just before applying Krystol Waterstop Treatment.
2. Mix Krystol Waterstop Treatment to a thick but free flowing paste (approximately 3 parts powder to 1 part clean water by volume). The paste will seem thick at first, but will become thinner with mixing. Mix only as much material as can be placed in 30 minutes.

**NOTE:** Material left standing will quickly stiffen, but mixing will restore plasticity. Do not add water to the material once it has started to set. Over-watering will result in shrinkage cracking.

3. Coat the entire surface area of the joint with Krystol Waterstop Treatment using a concrete brush at a spread rate of 1 kg/m<sup>2</sup> (0.2 lb. /sq. ft.), which will be at least 1 mm (40 mil). Employ a circular, scrubbing motion to achieve maximum penetration and adhesion. Do not allow Krystol Waterstop Treatment to build up on nearby reinforcement.
4. Protect the Krystol Waterstop Treatment application from damage by rain, rapid drying or freezing for 24 hours or until concrete / shotcrete is placed over it. Typical hardening time of Krystol Waterstop Treatment is 2.5 hours at 20°C.

**NOTE:** For shotcrete placed the same day, the subsequent layer of shotcrete must be placed while the Krystol Waterstop Treatment is still plastic (within 60 minutes under most conditions).

**IMPORTANT:** Krystol products must be protected from rapid drying and kept damp to develop their full properties. Cover the Krystol Waterstop Treatment with plastic sheeting or damp burlap to contain moisture. After the treatment has hardened, mist the surface with water to maintain moisture levels for 24 hours. Do not use curing compounds.



### STEP 3: PLACE AND CONSOLIDATE CONCRETE

Place concrete over the joint using normal concrete practices, ensuring:

- Debris is removed from the joint prior to placing concrete.
- Form release oil does not contaminate the joint area.
- Form spreaders are removed as concrete is placed.
- Consolidation of concrete around the joint, which requires careful concrete placement and vibration, follow the procedures in ACI 309R (Guide for Consolidation of Concrete)
- Concrete forms are left on as long as possible.
- Shotcrete applications are placed by ACI certified nozzlemen following procedures in accordance with ACI 506R – Guide to Shotcrete.
- Curing is in accordance with ACI 308.1 and that proper measures are taken to prevent rapid drying.

### MATERIALS AND COVERAGE

Material	Coverage
Krystol Waterstop Treatment	Approximately 80 meters per 25 kg pail for a 30 cm wide joint (225 feet per 55 lb. pail for a 12 in. wide joint)

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## TOOLS

- Clean water supply
- Mixing bucket, drill and mortar paddle
- Natural bristle concrete brush
- Water spray and towel/sponge
- High pressure water blaster
- Measuring cups