

## TECHNICAL BULLETIN – TB157

### READING OF ARDEX FLOORING PRODUCT PRODUCTION CODES

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#### INTRODUCTION & SCOPE

Ardex Australia receives relatively regular inquiries about the manufacturing dates and shelf lives of products. The production information is clearly marked on the packaging either as an adhered label or ink printed on the bag. Shelf life information is included within the product instructions.

This technical bulletin is intended to assist customers in reading the product information on Ardex Flooring product packaging, and applies to products made locally by Ardex Australia (AAU) or imported from Ardex GmbH (AXD) and Ardex New Zealand (ANZ).

#### THE PACKAGING

Ardex flooring products are supplied in either paper bags, or plastic bottles and pails.

#### THE PRODUCT MANUFACTURING LABELS

*Dry powder products have two kinds of label attached:*

For 20kg bagged products manufactured by AAU, the batch details are printed in black ink on the side of the bags (e.g. K15, K12, Arditec NA etc).

Ardex Feather Finish (10kg) has a small self adhesive label 40x40mm applied to the bag end.

Ardex Feather Finish 4.5kg has a 40x40mm self adhesive label applied onto either the plastic pail, or the older paper bag.

For 25kg bagged products manufactured by AXD, the batch details are printed on to a self adhesive label 50x30mm with a bar code, which is applied onto the FRONT of the bag adjacent to the Ardex logo.

*Liquid products*

The liquids used for Ardex Flooring products; P51, P82, E25, Arditec NA Latex, WPM300/Ardex Moisture Barrier, WPM163 and the flooring adhesives have a 40x40mm self-adhesive label applied onto the container.

#### WHAT IS ON THE LABELS AND HOW IS THE INFORMATION INTERPRETED?

##### For Liquid Products and Non-NSW powders

The marking/labels for products manufactured by AAU contain a year, a month, a batch number and the state of manufacture. They also have the date of manufacture on packaging.

The first digit is the last part of the year, 8=2008, 10=2010, 12=2012 etc.,

The next letter is the month, A=Jan to L=December

The next two to three numbers is the batch number

The next letter is the state of manufacture, N=NSW, V=Vic, S=SA.

Some powder products may also have a bag number as part of the sequence.

##### For Ardex smoothing cement powders made in NSW after January 2 2007:



The marking/labels for products manufactured by AAU contain a year, a month, a product code, the state of manufacture and the batch number. They also have the date of manufacture.

The first digit is the last part of the year, 9=2009, 10=2010, 12=2012 etc.,

The next letter is the month, A=Jan to L=December

The next two to three numbers is the **product code**

The next letter is the state of manufacture, N=NSW

The next three numbers are the product batch number

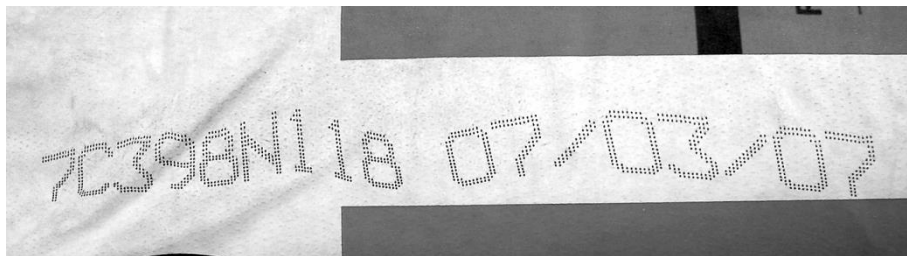
### **Ardex Imports from AXD (Powders and Liquids)**

Products manufactured by AXD have a 15 digit number below the bar code. Read left to right the important numbers are: the first two digits are the month, the third is the year, followed by a four digit manufacturing code for the product.

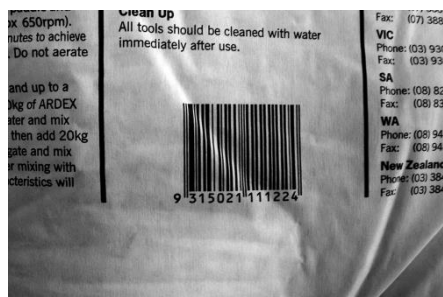
#### **EXAMPLES**



AAU liquid product  
batch code  
Code reads as  
6=2006  
G=July  
03=Batch  
N=NSW  
Production 03/07/06



NSW AAU powder  
product in 20kg bag  
2007 onwards. Inked  
printing on bag side.  
7=2007  
C=March  
398=Product ID code  
number  
N=NSW  
118=Batch number  
Production 7/03/07



This bar code or one  
similar is found on the  
back of 20kg AAU  
powder products and is  
**NOT** a manufacturing  
code.





An example of an AXD 25kg bag powder product showing the position of the batching data label next to the Ardex logo on the bag front.

This applies to Ardex A46, K301, A55 and K1.



AXD production code from A46 bag above, read left to right

05=May

6=2006

5308=product code



This bar code or one similar is found on the bottom end of 25kg AXD powder products and is **NOT** a manufacturing code.



AAU production label as fixed to Feather Finish bags and pails.

6=2006

J=October

03=Batch number

S=SA

Production 05/10/06



AAU production label as fixed to Ardex B34/B36 mortar bags

7=2007

C=March

03=Batch number

Q=QLD

Production 12/03/07

**IMPORTANT**

This Technical Bulletin provides guideline information only and is not intended to be interpreted as a general specification for the application/installation of the products described. Since each project potentially differs in exposure/condition specific recommendations may vary from the information contained herein. For recommendations for specific applications/installations contact your nearest Ardex Australia Office.

**DISCLAIMER**

The information presented in this Technical Bulletin is to the best of our knowledge true and accurate. No warranty is implied or given as to its completeness or accuracy in describing the performance or suitability of a product for a particular application. Users are asked to check that the literature in their possession is the latest issue.

**REASON FOR ISSUE**

Deletion of references to NZ products and mention of K10

**REVIEW PERIOD**

24 month from issue

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