removing painted textured coatings

As previously reported in this journal, industrial chemist, Ithiel Mogridge of Action Products Limited has developed a non-toxic, water based gel known as Professional Grade Tex Remover to complement the original product, Tex Remover. The Professional Grade incorporates extra, non-toxic paint removing ingredients to give more powerful performance for the removal of old textured coatings where multiple coats of paint have been applied over the years.

All Action Products coatings removers operate in a similar way - they penetrate and soften the coating to be removed. This allows easy mechanical removal, for example with a scraper. The final operation is a cold water wash, as all treated residues are rendered fully water washable, by the use of non-toxic, biodegradable surfactants.

This new product was trialled by Norwich City Council - see photograph showing the fire breast which was stripped of painted textured coatings. The trials were carried out under the auspices of Mr Kerry Douce of CityCare, (formerly Norwich City Council Works Department) telephone 01603 496562. Some of Mr Douce's comments were, "...I can report that the Professional Grade Tex Remover was excellent. We field trialled it on a full fire breast where textured coatings had been applied and heavily emulsioned...Your product applied very easily and scraped off very quickly. The tenant was most appreciative of the speed of the job...Once again thank you and I will be in touch in the future..."

Envirocall Limited of Birmingham, telephone 0121 355 5500 used Action Products Limited Professional Grade Tex Remover to remove old, painted, asbestos textured coatings from cement ceilings in a block of flats prior to demolition.

Previously, using manual removal techniques, Envirocall found that it had taken a crew of six men three or four days to remove the textured coatings from the ceilings of one whole floor. One floor consisted of six flats and all corridors. However, enterprising Mr Mick Tynan and colleagues developed their own method of applying and removing the

Professional Grade
Tex Remover.
They applied the
product late in the
afternoon, using a
Graco pump fitted
with a standard
nozzle. This was
left overnight and
scraped off the next
morning. Suddenly,
using this new
technique, it took
only one day to strip
the ceiling of one

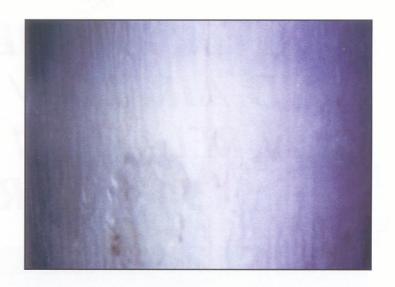
whole floor. This was there best ever time.

They found that if ever they left the Professional Grade for too long and it had dried out, it was easily re-activated by spraying with hot water. All Action Products materials are fully water washable and hot water was used to flush through the Graco pump and hoses. Oil was run through the Graco equipment about once a week as a maintenance measure.

The final outcome was that 6000m2 painted textured coating was removed in 2.5 days of 11 hour shifts by a crew of 6 men. Air quality monitoring was carried out by D M W Environmental Safety, telephone 01902 788840. A personal monitoring button of one man after an 11 hour shift showed a fiber count of less than 0.01 fibers

Professional Grade Tex Remover and Tex Remover are both non-toxic, water based gels which will soak through paint and textured coating, allowing wet removal and promoting dust suppression while removing asbestos textured coatings. Both grades are available in 5, 25 and 200 litre packs.

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SIDE (Patch Removed) FRONT Fire Breast

Professional Grade Tex Remover, Tex Remover and Safe Paint and Varnish Remover and Masonry Wash can be obtained from Action Products Limited on telephone number 01454 228702 or fax number 01454 228703 or e-mail actionproducts@onetel.com