

**BACKING OF ELASTOMERIC AND OTHER COLD APPLIED SEALANTS**

**DESCRIPTION**

PENETRON® BACKING ROD is an extruded, closed cell polyethylene foam, available in rods of different diameters and lengths. It is used as a filling material for elastomeric and other cold applied sealants. It is chemically inert and will not stain or adhere to sealant materials. Therefore acts as a bond breaker strip permitting the most efficient joint design.

**RECOMMENDED FOR**

PENETRON® BACKING ROD is used in expansion or construction joints to:

- ▶ Control the depth of applied sealant
- ▶ Act as a barrier interface to prevent three sided adhesion
- ▶ Control the width to depth ratio of the joint, for a suitable sealant application

Typical applications and uses:

- ▶ Expansion joints
- ▶ Construction joints
- ▶ Windows
- ▶ Precast units
- ▶ Doors
- ▶ Pavements
- ▶ Settling cracks
- ▶ Doors

**ADVANTAGES**

- ▶ Easy to apply
- ▶ Closed cell structure
- ▶ No bonding or adhesion on sealant
- ▶ Available in a wide range of dimensions
- ▶ Highly flexible and compressible
- ▶ Good temperature resistance
- ▶ Good resistance to most chemicals, oil, gasoline and solvents
- ▶ Odorless

**TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Type	Extruded Closed Cell Polyethylene Foam
Color	White, grey
Temperature resistance	40 to 158 °F (-40 to 70 °C)

All data are average values obtained under laboratory conditions. Impractical use, temperature, humidity and absorption of the substrate may influence the above given values.

**DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

**Surface Preparation:** Surfaces must be clean, dry, free of water, oil, grease or rust and of sound quality. Remove all loose particles or residues with a jet of compressed air, sandpaper or hard brush. Glass, metal and other non-porous surfaces must be free of any coatings and wiped clean with solvent. Pre-cast elements, using form-release agents other than polyethylene film, must be sandblasted or mechanically abraded and dust free.

**Application:** Cut PENETRON® BACKING ROD, of suitable diameter, on the desired length and place it in the joint, at the appropriate depth. Place the backing rod by hand or by a blunt tool or roller. Then, apply the proper sealant, according to the guidelines supplied by the manufacturer.

**NOTE:** Place PENETRON® BACKING ROD and do not puncture or cut the surface skin of the rod. Avoid 90° angles and excessive mechanical and thermal stress.

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## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following matrix contains the Indicative Information, regarding the desirable Width to Depth ratio (W:D) of the expansion joint, when a PENETRON® BACKING ROD is placed in the joint (The Depth is considered the distance between the surface of the joint to the surface of the backing rod).

Expansion Joint Width	W:D
Up to 15 mm	1 : 1
15 – 30 mm	1 : 2/3
Above 30 mm	1 : 1/2

Contact PENETRON ROMANIA for further information, regarding your project.

## PACKAGING

PENETRON® BACKING ROD (Ø mm)	Length (m)
6	1.500
8	1.200
10	680
15	250
20	180
25	100
30	100
40	200
50	130
60	80

## STORAGE / SHELF LIFE

When stored in a dry enclosed area off the ground in unopened, undamaged cartons, away from heat sources or direct sunlight, shelf life is unlimited.

## SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

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