

# Fosroc® Supercast® PVC Waterstops



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## Centrally and externally placed, pvc waterstop profiles for use in cast in-situ concrete

### Uses

The **Supercast** range of PVC waterstops is designed to provide an integral sealing system for movement and construction joints in concrete cast in-situ. These joints typically occur in the following types of structure:

#### Water retaining

- Reservoirs, water towers and sewage tanks
- Dams, culverts, canals and spillways
- Swimming pools
- Bunded areas surrounding liquid retaining tanks

#### Water excluding

- Basements and underground car parks
- Tunnels and subways
- Abutments and retaining walls
- Roof decks and podium areas

### Advantages

- Range of profiles to suit every need
- Fully continuous 4 bulbed network
- Eyeletted edge flanges for positive fixing
- Simple on-site jointing
- Full range of moulded and fabricated intersection pieces

### Standards Compliance

**Supercast PVC** complies to AS 4020-2018; AWQC Report 308921.

Copies of the test certificate are available upon request.

### Description

**Supercast** waterstops are extruded from a high grade PVC compound which has been formulated to give excellent flexibility and longevity characteristics. They are available as straight lengths and factory produced intersections or as a factory prefabricated segment of a network to minimise site jointing.

The range consists of centrally placed profiles; **Supercast Hydrofoil** and externally placed profiles; **Supercast Rearguard S**, **Supercast Rearguard R**.

### Principles of waterstop function

**Supercast** waterstops work because of two specific aspects of their design.

#### a) Valve principle

Simple waterstop profiles based on dumbbells are cast into the edges of adjacent concrete panels which act as baffles. In the event of joints opening as drying shrinkage or other movement occurs, the edge bulbs of the profile act as anchors. These induce tensions across the waterstop resulting in a sealing effect at the inner faces of the edge bulbs.

#### b) Tortuous path principle

Profiles with more complex cross section have a much greater surface area. They present a much greater resistance and more difficult path for water to seep around the section.

The **Supercast** range incorporates both of these principles. The products offer a fully continuous 4 bulbed design maintaining both the valve and tortuous path principles. These principles are maintained in the transition from **Rearguard** profiles in floors to centrally placed profiles in walls.

### Supercast Hydrofoil sections

Centre bulb sections are used in expansion, contraction and construction joints. The centre bulb allows for movements in a structure to be accommodated whilst its hexagonal design provides a flat surface. This allows shuttering and joint fillers to fit snugly.



250mm HYDROFOIL



200mm HYDROFOIL



150mm HYDROFOIL

### Supercast Rearguard S

Section incorporates a flat top centre box which allows movement to be accommodated in expansion joints. The box also provides a seating to support joint fillers.



250mm REARGUARD S

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## Supercast Rearguard R

Plain web sections which are placed externally for use in contraction and construction joints. They incorporate a central fin to assist setting out shutter location.

All Rearguard sections incorporate a nailing flange with a reinforced edge to provide a secure fixing that will resist tearing.



250mm REARGUARD R



200mm REARGUARD R



150mm REARGUARD R

## Design Criteria

The choice of the width and thickness of waterstops is largely governed by concrete thickness, the position of the reinforcement, aggregate size and complexity of the pour.

In general the 250mm width of waterstop is suited to wall thicknesses of 250mm and over. For concrete less than 250mm thick, the use of a narrower waterstop approximating to the wall thickness will be appropriate.

### Centrally placed waterstop

These waterstops are positioned within the thickness of the concrete components and as a result are supported by concrete on both sides. They are therefore able to withstand water pressure from either side. This makes them suitable for use in water retaining structures. They will prevent loss of water from within the tank and will prevent ingress of ground water when the tank is drained down.

### Externally placed waterstop

These waterstops are designed for use in basement, foundation and floor slab construction in vertical and horizontal joints in both water retaining and water excluding structures.

When used in walls, externally placed waterstops will only resist water pressure from the face to which they are fixed. When used below floor slabs, where the waterstop is supported by the building concrete or when placed in vertical situations against permanent concrete shuttering, externally placed waterstops will resist water pressure from either face.

## Properties

<b>Form:</b>	Extruded thermoplastic sections
<b>Colour:</b>	Blue
<b>Hydrostatic head:</b>	Up to 60 m
<b>Joint movement:</b>	Up to 10 mm

## Compound

<b>Typical figures:</b>	To BS 2571, Class 3, Type E3
<b>Tensile strength:</b>	Minimum 16 MPa
<b>Elongation at break:</b>	Minimum 265%
<b>Hardness:</b>	Shore 'A' 70 - 90

## Installation Instructions

### Supercast Hydrofoil

Waterstops must be installed so they are securely held in correct position while concrete is being placed. Concrete must be fully compacted around waterstops to ensure no voids or porous areas remain. Where reinforcement is present, and adequate clearance must be left to permit proper compaction.

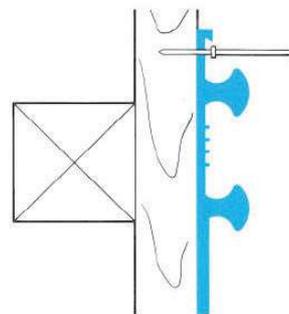
The eyelets used for securing the waterstops are located outside the edge bulbs so as not to create water paths around the profile.

### Supercast Rearguard

When used on ground slabs where waterstop is supported on blinding, Rearguard profiles usually require no fixing. Lay waterstop centrally over line of the joint to be formed.

Fixing to vertical shuttering is done by nailing through the outer nailing flanges leaving the head of the nail proud so that it is held in the cured concrete. This prevents the waterstop being displaced when the shuttering is struck.

### Fixing Rearguard to vertical shutter

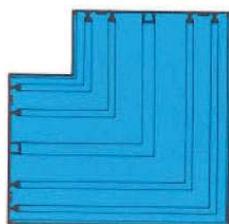


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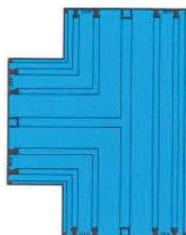
## Intersection pieces

Standard intersection pieces are available for each **Supercast** waterstop profile. The standard on-flat intersection leg length is 230mm from centre line. On-edge intersections have a standard 75mm leg length.

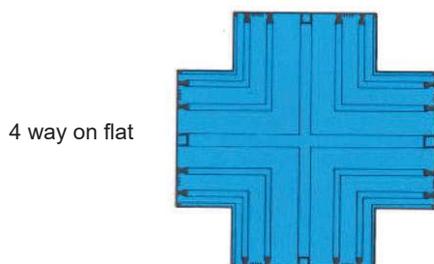
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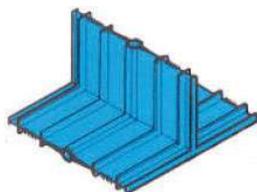
Flat mitre (M-O-F)



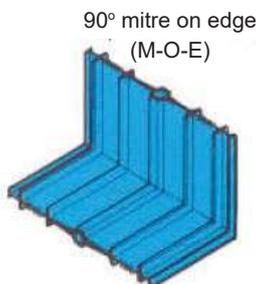
3 way on flat



4 way on flat



T-piece on edge  
(T-PCE)

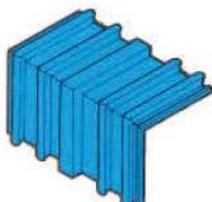


90° mitre on edge  
(M-O-E)

**Supercast Rearguard** intersections are available in the above configurations with the exception of the 90° mitre on edge and T-piece. These are replaced by:



90° mitre on edge  
(M-O-E-INT)



270° mitre on edge  
(M-O-E-EXT)

## Site jointing instructions

Jointing of Supercast waterstops is carried out using Fosroc Heat Welding Equipment. The ends to be joined are cut square and held in alignment in a special jig. The ends are then pressed with side of a special heated blade, until an even, molten bead of PVC appears around the section. The heated blade is then removed and the molten ends pressed fully together. The PVC cools to form a strong fusion welded joint. Full instructions are available from Fosroc.

## Placement

Supercast	*Minimum placement radius on flat (m)	*Minimum placement radius on edge (m)
Hydrofoil 250mm	15	0.15
Hydrofoil 200mm	14	0.15
Hydrofoil 150mm	12	0.075
Rearguard R 250mm	10	N/A
Rearguard R 200mm	9	N/A
Rearguard R 150mm	8	N/A
Rearguard S 250mm	10	N/A

\* Minimum practical radius which product can be "bent" before distortion is likely to occur. Ambient temperature may affect these typical dimensions.

## Supply

Supercast	Roll length (m)	Weight per roll (kg)	Material code:
Hydrofoil 250mm	12	27.1	FC020303-UNIT
Hydrofoil 200mm	15	27.3	FC020302-UNIT
Hydrofoil 150mm	15	21.3	FC020301-UNIT
Rearguard R 250mm	12	29.8	FC020360-UNIT
Rearguard R 200mm	12	23.0	FC020340-UNIT
Rearguard R 150mm	12	15.2	FC020330-UNIT
Rearguard S 250mm	12	33.1	FC020350-UNIT

## Equipment

### Jointing jigs

Various welding jigs are available to assist with joining the **Supercast** when required.

### Heater blades

240v welding blades are available.

**Warning: Ensure that heater blades are earthed by the green / yellow wire.**

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## Important notice

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