

MOISTURE TESTING

Is my screed dry?

Moisture test your screed before laying your floor

Waiting for your screed to dry can be frustrating if you're nearing the end of your project and want to lay your new floor covering.

On average, your screed will need around 60 days to cure completely and you should conduct a moisture test before laying your new floor finishes.

There's a quick and simple way of testing for moisture yourself, but if you're pressed for time, or want the reassurance of a professional test, Screed It can conduct a British Standard Carbide Test for you.

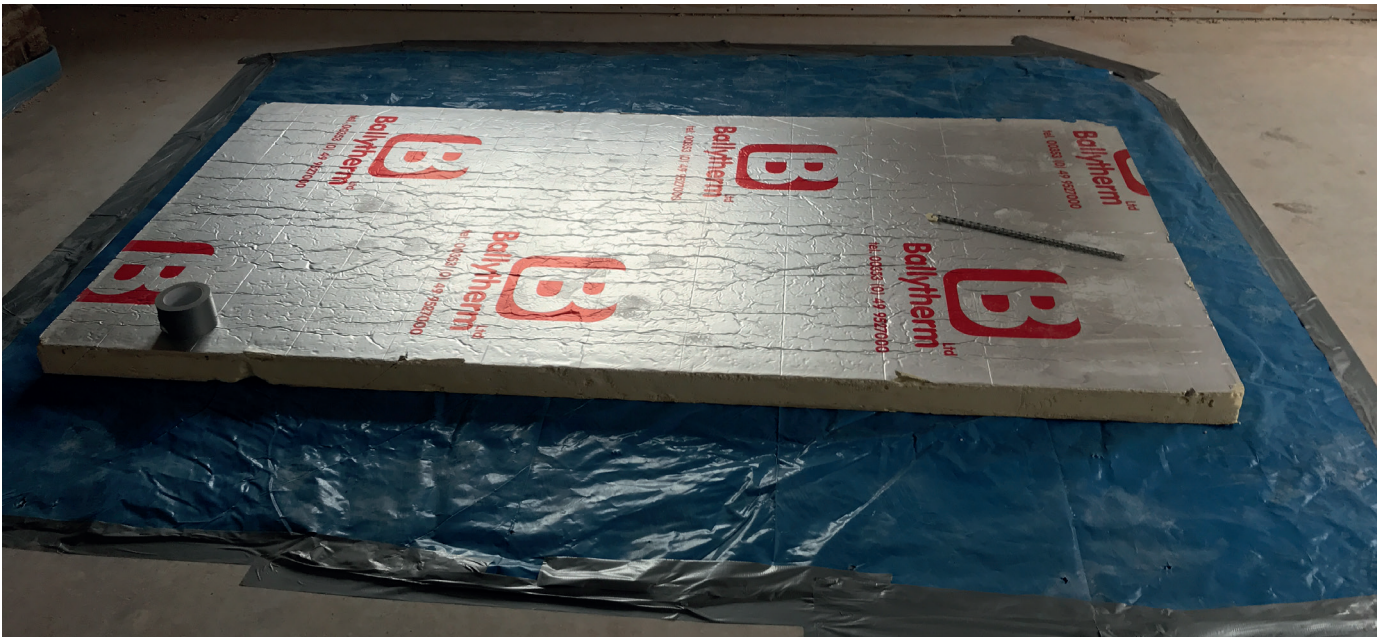
Want to do the moisture test yourself?

What you'll need:

- A thick polythene sheet
- Duct tape

Good if you've got it, but not essential:

- Something large and flat to weigh down the polythene



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What to do

Lay out the polythene sheet:

Consider doing more than one test if the screeded area is large or some areas seem dryer than others.

Tape it down:

Use the duct tape to tape down the edges, making sure it is completely sealed all the way around.

Weigh it down:

If you have something suitable, such as a sheet of plywood, or an insulation board, lay it over the top. This isn't essential, but it will help keep everything in place.

Wait overnight:

Leave the test in place for around 12-15 hours and then remove the tape and the polythene.



What will you see?

It's normal to see a little moisture under the polythene, but to lay floor finishes, there should be NO dark wet patches. If your test does show that there is still too much water in the screed, dry the polythene and reinstate for 24 hours before looking again.