



## TECHNICAL BULLETIN – TB157

# READING OF ARDEX FLOORING PRODUCT PRODUCTION CODES

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### INTRODUCTION & SCOPE

ARDEX Australia receives relatively regular inquiries about products' manufacturing dates and shelf lives. 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. It 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 paper bags, plastic bottles, and pails.

### 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., ARDEX K15, ARDEX K12, ARDEX Arditec NA, etc).

ARDEX Feather Finish (10kg) has a small 40x40 mm self-adhesive label 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 a self-adhesive label 50x30mm with a bar code applied to the front of the bag adjacent to the ARDEX logo.

*Liquid products*

The liquids used for ARDEX Flooring products— ARDEX P51, ARDEX P82, ARDEX E25, ARDEX Arditec NA latex liquid, ARDEX WPM300/Ardex Moisture Barrier—and the flooring adhesives have a 40x40mm self-adhesive label applied to the container.

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

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

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

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 in the sequence.

**For ARDEX smoothing cement powders made in NSW after 2022:**

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, 22=2022, 23=2023, 24=2024 etc.,

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

The next two to three numbers are 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 critical 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

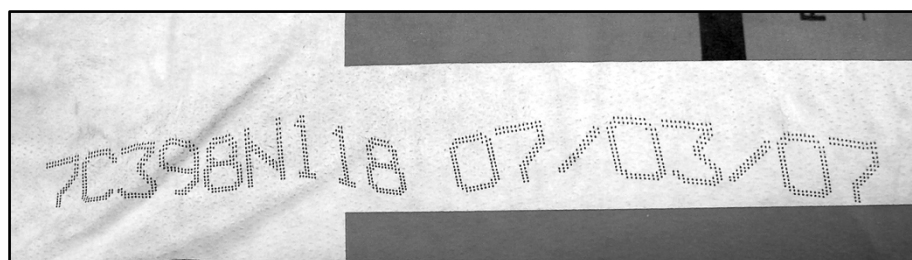
6=2006

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

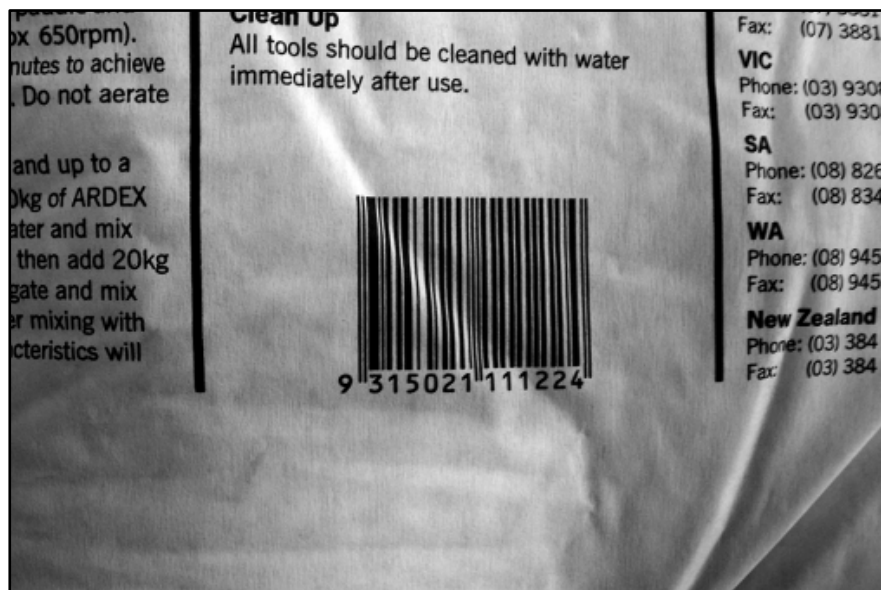
C=March

398=Product ID code  
number

N=NSW

118=Batch number

Production 7/03/07



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



This is 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, ARDEX K301 and ARDEX K55.



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

05=May

6=2006

5308=product code



This bar code or 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 (now deleted) 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.

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**DOCUMENT REVIEW REQUIRED**

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