

To further its core objective to raise standards in the private-rented sector, the NLA carries out a series of checks on companies that it considers professional and that offer good value for money to its Members under its Recognised Supplier Scheme.



Keeping mould at bay

As spring arrives, now is the ideal time for landlords to protect the internal areas of their properties from mould and blackspot. To this end, Carrs Coatings, new NLA Recognised Supplier from Redditch, Worcestershire, has started making available to landlords their Glixtone Fungi-Shield. Until recently the product was only available to county councils and specialist contractors.



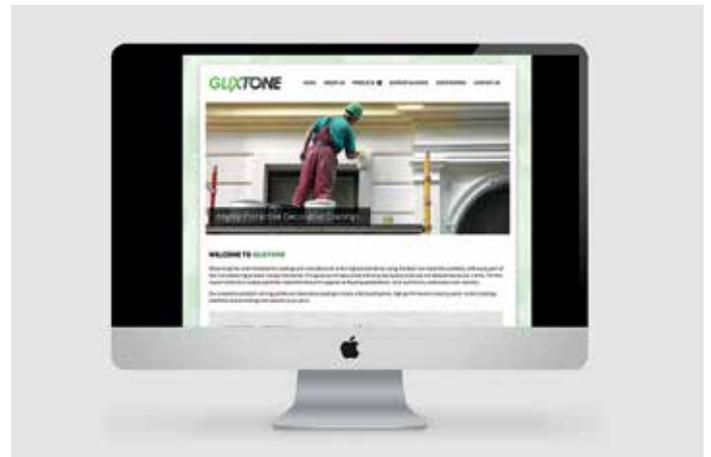
Unlike most other anti-mould paints, Glixtone Fungi-Shield is manufactured using a unique combination of biocides bonded to an acrylic resin base. Many other products use an already-made paint and then mix into it a fungicide. This means that not all of the paint will carry the same amount of the fungicide. In contrast, the Carrs manufacturing process ensures that the special acrylic resins and biocides are both blended and bonded to each other. As a result, every part of the paint has exactly the same amount of biocide, giving a totally uniform distribution. When applied, Glixtone Fungi-Shield will then keep killing spores of mould on contact for up to 20 years. Carrs Coatings says the paint has never failed to provide long-term protection from mould.

Glixtone Fungi-Shield is produced in one of the most advanced factories in Europe, conforming to the international standard ISO 9001

on quality management systems. The company's tight environmental policy ensures a uniform high quality product is produced with neutral impacts on the environment.

A long-lasting solution to mould

Now is the right time for landlords to think about protecting their properties. Nick Hodgetts at Carrs Coatings says that as the weather gets warmer and drier, mould problems tend to be forgotten – only to resurface when things get damper again. “When autumn arrives, tenants close windows and doors and turn up the heating in your properties and their homes,” Nick says. “When there is no ventilation and plenty of moisture, which is created through ordinary activities such as showering, drying clothes, dish washing, cooking



and even breathing, mould can remain in the property. This creates the perfect environment for mould spores to flourish and then the complaints start.”

While providing ventilation will assist in reducing problems of humidity and condensation, it will not completely eliminate mould growth. As well as being unsightly, mould is a health hazard to tenants. And, if health inspectors are alerted, it can develop into an expensive problem.

Glixtone Fungi-Shield is a washable paint which is suitable for any internal walls and ceilings of a property that are susceptible to mould and blackspot. The active biocide in the paint makes it impossible for the mould spores to survive. Carrs also recommends using its sterilising

solution to remove any existing mould before applying Glixtone Fungi-Shield.

Use for decorating properties

The paint comes as white or magnolia as standard in a matt finish, and can be tinted to a pastel shade by Carrs Coatings' distributors. It is a high quality acrylic emulsion paint, and is easy to apply with a roller or brush. After five days, the painted surface will be fully washable, making it ideal for use in kitchens, bathrooms as well as bedrooms and living rooms.

NLA Members can either source Glixtone Fungi-Shield Paint and the Glixtone Sterilising Solution online or visit a Selco Builders Warehouse outlet which have started stocking the products with great success. ■



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