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Frame & Cover Mortar Colour Change Briefing

New Envirobed-Red Damming Mortar

What

We will be changing the colour of the Envirobed damming and flowable mortars used when installing our carriageway frame and covers.

Currently the Envirobed product is grey in colour however it will become Envirobed-Red and the packaging will be updated to reflect this.



Old Envirobed Flowable Mortar



New Envirobed-Red Flowable Mortar



Why

We are making this change to ensure that the correct products are being used as part of a carriageway frame and cover installation and that it is easily auditable (i.e. we can retrospectively identify that the correct products have been used).

There will be no change in the performance or cost of the product, only the colour will be different.

When

We will be moving over to the Envirobed-Red product from 26th April 2021. From this date only Envirobed-Red flowable and damming mortars should be purchased and used for the installation of carriageway frame & covers. There will likely be a ~3 month transition period where the old Envirobed stock will need to be used up and the new Envirobed-Red product is used. There is no issue with using a combination of Envirobed & Envirobed-Red during this transition period. The Openreach audit team will specifically start looking for red mortars in Carriageway Frame & Cover installations from 1st August 2021.