



## 'GOING-ON' @ GYVLON

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### Put a lid on it !

Continuing last month's theme we are going to revisit one of the issues we dealt with last year, and to highlight this we are going to use a very old joke.

*A couple are lying in bed and the wife says  
"I love looking up at the stars at night".*

*The husband replies,  
"yes so do I but we must put a roof on the house"*

What does this have to do with screed you might be asking? The point is at what stage would you put a screed in to the building?

The main issue attributed to screed is how long is it going to take to dry? The answer typically given to Sand and Cement screeds (typical 1-4 mix) is it dries at 1mm per day, so 75mm will dry in 75 days. Providing the atmospheric conditions of 20°C and 60% RH are met you will not be far off.

**The point people miss is that the 75 days doesn't start from the day you install the screed but from when it stops getting wet.**

This means that the most important part of the scenario is when in the build programme do you install the screed? There is clearly no point in laying a screed in a non weatherproof building as it won't start to dry until it stops getting wet.

So if we agree that this rule of installing screeds is best for all screeds, then what we are looking for is a screed that can be put into a building when the building is weatherproof and will not delay the build programme.

**Gyvlon is clearly the ideal solution.**

Gyvlon laid typically at 40mm will dry with the standard drying conditions required in 40 days. (Sand and cement 75 mm, 75 days).

This means that you can advance your programme by a minimum 35 days. If you require your screed to be dried quicker than 40 days, then Gyvlon can be forced dried after 7 days following installation. This is not an option with a sand and cement screed. This means just on drying times you could advance the programme by at least 5 weeks over sand and cement screeds.

If you want to learn more about the advantages of Gyvlon, then contact us to arrange a **RIBA approved CPD** so we can cover all the points with you in one presentation.



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