

# QuikSteel Joins the AA on Patrol

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Quick-setting epoxy putty helps get motorists on the move again

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The range of advanced tools and materials carried by the AA's (Automobile Association) 3,500-strong patrol

force now includes QuikSteel single pack epoxy putty. This fast-setting, easy to handle repair product is

helping to deal with a wide variety of breakdowns. It has already been used to solve problems ranging from

major radiator leaks and punctured petrol tanks to insulation failure in ignition systems.

The product, supplied by Kalimex, was chosen after careful study by the AA's patrol equipment evaluation

group. Following tests by the AA, QuikSteel was found to have the best performance in three key areas: speed of setting, heat resistance and electrical insulation.

QuikSteel also met the AA's requirements for safety and ease of use. There is no mixing of separate materials; the putty starts to set when it is kneaded. It remains soft long enough to be moulded into shape

and pressed into place.

"We are always looking for new ways to get motorists up and running again quickly when their vehicle breaks down," said Donald MacSporran, Technical Performance Manager at the AA. "A close look at the causes of breakdowns showed that if we had a rapid, simple way to stop major coolant leaks we could improve our roadside repair rate. This is already among the best in the industry, but it was clear that a high performance epoxy putty could make it even better."

Since becoming part of the standard equipment carried by AA patrols, QuikSteel has been used in hundreds

of breakdowns every week. As well as solving cooling and ignition problems, it has proved its worth whenever a strong, fast setting material is needed to get a vehicle safely on its way again.

Before adding the product to the list of consumables carried by AA patrols, Donald McSporran organised demonstrations and a video to show patrols how it could be used in a variety of situations. Since QuikSteel

has been in service patrol staff have found many more ways to use the product.

"Vehicles are becoming increasingly sophisticated, so our patrols have to carry much more advanced equipment than they did ten years ago," said Donald McSporran. "At the same time, many traditional roadside repairs don't work with the engineering in today's cars. So there is a need for new,

high-quality

repair materials with performance to match current automotive technology."

#### NOTES TO EDITORS:

##### About QuikSteel

QuikSteel is the world's leading single pack epoxy putty. The high strength, quick setting material is used both by professionals and consumers for a vast range of repairs. It is designed to save money and get things working again around the house, on vehicles, in the garden, at work and for hobbies of all types.

Among the products it can be used to mend are batteries, car exhausts, fuel tanks, cookers, radiators, baths, sinks, engines, caravans, mowers and tools. Since it is a good insulator, it is also suitable for appropriate repairs to electrical equipment.

QuikSteel bonds to almost any solid material and is safe and easy to apply. Users simply cut a piece of the right size from the stick and knead it. This starts a chemical reaction that changes QuikSteel from soft putty into a material hard enough to be drilled, sawn, ground, filed or milled. Before hardening it can be moulded to any required shape or pushed into holes, leaks, breaks or cracks that need repair. It can even be used to fill damaged threads for re-tapping.

QuikSteel sets in 5 minutes and reaches full strength within an hour. After this it can, if required, be machined, sanded and finished with paint or lacquer. It will set underwater and is resistant to solvents such as petrol and diesel fuel as well as acids and other common chemicals. Once set, it retains its strength at temperatures from -70oC to +260oC.

##### About the AA

The AA rescues people from uncertainty in many different areas of their lives. The professionalism and high standards valued by more than 13 million members in the event of a roadside breakdown is also the hallmark of more than 150 other AA products and services. The AA offers personal financial services including motor and home insurance, loans, a credit card, warranties, and parts and labour cover. There are AA products and services to help both private and fleet motorists to choose, buy and run vehicles. The AA has 128 service centres across the UK that provides MoTs, repair, servicing and tyre replacement, as well

as a network of mobile tyre fitters. Its website is a motoring, travel and leisure portal; its many publications include maps, accommodation and restaurant guides; and Roadwatch provides traffic and travel information.

Plus, the AA is the UK's leading independent voice of the motorist.

#### About Kalimex

Kalimex is a British company and the official importer and distributor for a range of high quality innovative repair and anti-friction compounds.

Based in Sussex in the South of England the company distribute their products through all good automotive, hardware and marine suppliers. Kalimex provide a next day delivery service to trade customers and also offer a mail order service to the general public.

For a trial sample of QuikSteel, or to arrange samples for a reader offer or to download more information, please register via the press section on the website at [www.kalimex.co.uk](http://www.kalimex.co.uk) using the following login:

Username: enter your publication title  
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A case study is also available in the press section of the Kalimex website.

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