



**TB 33**

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## **ASBESTOS UPDATE – ASBESTOS CONTAINING TEXTURED DECORATIVE COATINGS (TDC).**

Further to TB 31 the position remains that guidance has not yet been issued by the ABI to its members following the changes in requirements for work on TDCs, in the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006. Members will be advised when this occurs.

In the meantime members should be aware of the following information relevant to work on TDCs:

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) have now provided updated guidance on their website for some work tasks involving TDC. These can be found at the following address:

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos/essentials/index.htm>

and then selecting the various ‘task sheet’ pages under the ‘Textured coatings containing asbestos’ heading.

Two of these guidance sheets may be of particular relevance to insurance claim repair TDC work, as follows:

‘A28 – Removing textured coating from a small area e.g. 1 square metre’, and  
‘A29 – Clearing up debris following collapse of a ceiling or wall covered with textured coating’.

From the same web page address given above, there is also a link to a ‘EM11 - Model statement of cleanliness for textured coating removal’ under the ‘Equipment & Methods’ heading. This should be issued by the contractor following a clean of visible debris, for



TDC or work on other (low risk) asbestos containing materials, provided the work is of a 'sporadic or low intensity' nature in accordance with Control of Asbestos Regulations 2006, regulation 3. In these circumstances a 4-stage air clearance procedure is not required.

It is understood that further asbestos essentials guidance may be forthcoming concerning work on asbestos containing TDC greater than 1 sq metre in area, but as of current date this has not been published by HSE.