

Who said you can't have quality and quantity too?

How can you guarantee the *quality* of repairs and, at the same time, ensure that the *quantities* in your concrete repair specification have been actually been carried out?

ACRA say you can have your cake and eat it too. There are, indeed, ways!

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- There *is* a standard method used throughout the concrete repair industry to accurately measure quantities.
- There *is* a way that you can know you have chosen the right consultant to prepare your concrete repair specification.
- There *is* a way of choosing a contractor who knows **how** to carry out the repair techniques correctly and to a high standard.
- There *is* an acceptable method of repair for your concrete remediation problem.

Tough ways

All ACRA corporate members have to qualify for their membership to strict quality requirements, and their experience in the field of concrete repair is reviewed thoroughly.

Their work is also inspected along with references and a major emphasis is placed on having stringent quality assurance procedures in place.

All of these areas are checked on a regular basis to ensure that corporate members maintain the highest standards within their field of expertise.

Pandora's box

A concrete spalling repair project is often like receiving a gift box. You never really know what is inside until you open it up.

What seem to be small areas of delaminated con-



crete often open up to become a lot larger.

It is often hard to ascertain how much actual repair work has been undertaken once the repairs have been completed, which makes it hard to check the amounts of repair work being claimed for.

And means

ACRA's *Standard Method of Measurement* for concrete repairs outlines a recognised method of accurately measuring the size of individual repairs. This allows easy quantification after the repairs have been completed.

The SMM can be downloaded free from the ACRA website.

ACRA members also refer to the *ACRA guide to concrete repair and protection*.

Published as a Standards Australia handbook, the *Guide* provides concise advice on various types of concrete problems, testing methods and repair techniques.

It is for everyone from "professionals and technicians to those engaged in specifying or carrying out repairs to concrete structures, and those involved with the management of buildings and structures".

You can buy the *Guide* from the ACRA web site, which also presents:

- All ACRA'S corporate members
- How you or your company can join ACRA
- Upcoming seminars
- Useful links
- Benefits of membership and much more. ■