



applied to the required thickness – that's why getting the background right is so crucial. If you're dealing in 10mm thickness of sand and cement it will hide a great deal but a 2mm coat will be far less forgiving.

Mechanical Fixing Method

One of the advantages of mechanical fixing is the variation in the substrate material that it will accommodate and its allowance for movement. If the building moves from render to concrete to blockwork it will go

across it all. The NHBC also insists that EWI installations on properties furnished with its warranty allow for a drainage channel, which can only be achieved with a mechanical fixing system. Once the boards are pinned to the substrate the installation proceeds as for the adhesively fixed boards described above.

The tradesmen and women on the course differed widely in terms of previous experience with this product, or any like it, but it is a testament to the simplicity of

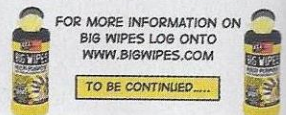
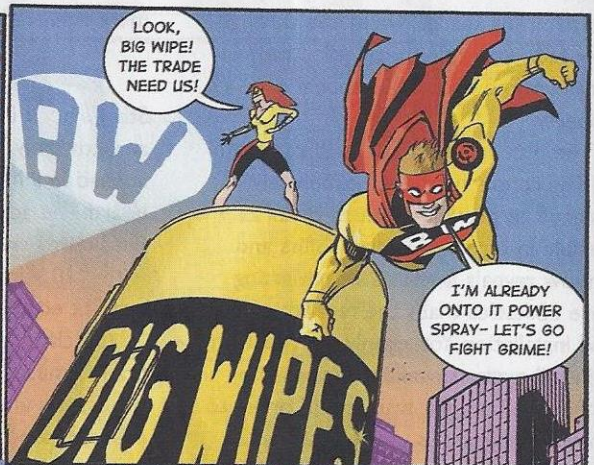
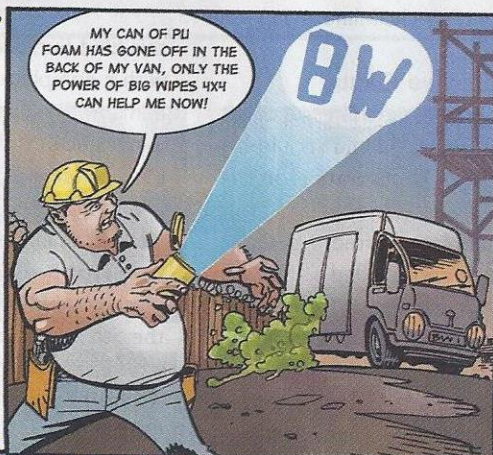
the system itself that none of them struggled to grasp the concept or its practical application. In addition, almost all of the content was hands-on with only a brief introduction in a classroom setting, which is always a far more appealing prospect to a professional builder.

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