

Protectosil® BH-N

WATER REPELLENT Product Data and Test Information



PRODUCT NAME

Protectosil® BH-N

100% active silane sealer to protect concrete from water alkalis, acid rain and staining.

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

A clear, penetrating, breathable VOC-compliant surface treatment for use on concrete. The unique 100% silane treatment (no solvent) penetrates the substrate and chemically bonds with silica to form a permanent attachment of the water repellent molecule. Creates a deep hydrophobic layer that prevents water and waterborne contaminants from entering the substrate and causing premature deterioration.

By combining low surface tension with a tailored rate of reaction, **Protectosil BH-N** is able to move through the moisture boundary layer that lines the pore structure of the substrate. This permits the development of uniform gradient permeation – a consistent level of protection throughout the entire depth of penetration – allowing for longer treatment life, especially on wearing surfaces.

APPROPRIATE APPLICATIONS

For use on cast-in-place, precast, GFRC and high-strength concrete, to protect the reinforcing steel from corrosion due to the effects of water, deicing salts and other waterborne contaminants.

Alleviates deterioration of concrete due to alkali-silica reactivity.

For use on bridge decks where fast drying is needed to minimize lane closures.

For treating heavy-traffic wearing surfaces or areas that receive high salt concentrations (piers, coastal buildings), to provide a high-performance, long-lasting chloride screen.

ADVANTAGES

Protectosil BH-N is a solvent-free, 100% active alkyltrialkoxysilane that penetrates deeper than traditional silane and siloxane solvent- or water-carried systems. This deeper penetration gives a long-lasting, high-performance water and chloride screen. **Protectosil BH-N's** breathable system greatly reduces the amount of water that enters a substrate, thus promoting a "drying out" of the substrate. Reduces the deteriorating effects of water, such as alkali-silica reactivity. By incorporating **Protectosil BH-N** into your integrated design, you can earn vital Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) credits for both new and existing construction projects.

The main benefits of the product are:

- Deep penetration
- UV resistant
- Excellent resistance to water intrusion
- Excellent chloride ion screening
- 100% moisture vapor transmission
- Mitigation of AAR & ASR deterioration
- No discoloring or darkening of the substrate
- High resistance to alkali attack
- Low VOC
- Keeps substrate cleaner

LIMITATIONS

Not intended for below-grade waterproofing. Should not be applied if the surface temperature is below 20°F (-7°C) or above 100°F (40°C), if rain is expected within 2 hours following application, or if high winds or other conditions prevent proper application. If rain has preceded the application, the surface should be allowed to dry for at least 48 hours.

TECHNICAL DATA

Protectosil BH-N is a liquid alkyltrialkoxysilane.

Color	water white
Active Substance	alkyltrialkoxysilane
Active Content	100%
Solvent	none
Flash Point	145.4°F
Density	7.3 lb/gal
VOC	390 g/l

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TEST DATA

Alberta DOT Penetrating Sealer Type 1b

Initial water repellency	80.7%
First abrasion cycle	89.3%
Second abrasion cycle	91.1%
Third abrasion cycle	86.3%
Fourth abrasion cycle	79.3%

Alberta DOT Penetrating Sealer Type 1c (0.35 w/c ratio)

Water repellency after heavy abrasion	87.3%
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NCHRP #244 Series II

Reduction in water absorption	
@ 125 ft ² /gal	88%
@ 250 ft ² /gal	86%

Reduction in chloride ion ingress	
@ 125 ft ² /gal	88%
@ 250 ft ² /gal	87%

NCHRP #244 series IV reduction in chloride ion

@ 125 ft ² /gal	99%
@ 250 ft ² /gal	99%

Equivalent Thickness of Concrete Needed to Give Same Chloride Ion Protection as Treatments (150 days of salt exposure)

<u>Treatment</u>	<u>Thickness of Concrete</u>
Protectosil BH-N	3.5 inches
Methyl Siloxane	0.25 inch
iso-Octyl Siloxane	1.2 inches
iso-Octyl Silane/Siloxane	1.2 inches

AASHTO T277 "Rapid Determination of the Chloride Permeability of Concrete"

Untreated concrete	3800 coulombs
Protectosil BH-N	90 coulombs
Improvement	98%

ASTM G85, G53 "Accelerated Weathering" 3500 hours

Penetration, OHD L-34	
Concrete 0.5 w/c ratio	3/8 to 5/8 inch
Concrete 0.42 w/c ratio	3/8 to 1/2 inch

INSTALLATION

Concrete must be allowed to cure for a minimum of 28 days. Concrete repair and replacement must be completed prior to application of **Protectosil BH-N**. Patching materials,

caulking, sealing materials and traffic paint must be fully cured before applying **Protectosil BH-N**. All surfaces must be cleaned to remove all traces of dirt, dust, efflorescence, mold, salt, grease, oil, asphalt, laitance, curing compounds, paint, coatings and other foreign materials. Acceptable surface cleaning methods include shotblasting, sandblasting, waterblasting and using chemical cleaners. Check with your **Protectosil** representative to verify that surface preparation is adequate.

Protectosil BH-N should be applied using low-pressure (15 to 25 psi) pumping equipment with a wet fan type spray nozzle. Alternate methods include using either a power roller with a 1" nap or a brush. Do not alter or dilute the material. Do not apply to a wet or damp substrate. A test patch should be applied to the substrate by a **Protectosil** representative to verify coverage rate and application conditions.

On vertical surfaces, apply the **Protectosil BH-N** in a flooding application from the bottom up, so the material runs down 6 to 8 inches below the spray pattern. Coverage rates on horizontal concrete surfaces are between 100 and 350 ft²/gal. Coverage rates on vertical surfaces depend on the type of substrate to be treated. Your **Protectosil** representative can give exact coverage rates for your particular project. Please refer to the "**Protectosil BH-N** Application Instructions" for more detailed information.

Precautions: **Protectosil BH-N** is a combustible liquid and should be kept away from heat, sparks, open flame and other sources of ignition. **Protectosil BH-N** containers should be kept closed when not in use and should be stored at temperatures between 0°F (-20°C) and 120°F (50°C), away from rain and standing water. When working in an enclosed area, an air respirator should be used. Please refer to the material safety data sheet for more detailed information.

AVAILABILITY

Protectosil BH-N is available in 5- and 55-gallon drums to approved applicators, F.O.B. to various warehouses throughout the United States. Contact Evonik Degussa Corporation at 1 (800) 828-0919 for the sales representative in your area to get specific cost information.

TECHNICAL SERVICE

Technical service engineers and chemists are available to answer questions about product performance, application methods and chemical composition.

For more information, MSDS and the most updated product information, and to find your local representative, go to www.protectosil.com.

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