

Fosroc Nitocote EP405

Non toxic, epoxy resin, protective coating and waterproofing lining for concrete and metal

Uses

Provides a non toxic coating to concrete and metal surfaces, which is both chemical and corrosion resistant. It is suitable for application such as:

- Pipes and tanks
- Swimming pools, reservoirs and water treatment works
- Grain silos and dairies
- Meat and food processing environments

Advantages

- Multi-purpose protective coating, due to non toxicity
- Low cost service life - resistant to mould growth, chemical attack and abrasion
- Easy to clean, smooth gloss finish, with high build capability
- Easy to apply, solvent free, formulation makes it suitable for use in confined spaces
- Provides a waterproofing barrier or lining

Standard Compliance

- BS 6920: WRc tests on Water Quality.
- ASTM D-570-98 : Water absorption at 23±2°C.
- UK WFBS listed (8710051): Approved for use in contact with potable water.

Description

Nitocote EP405 high gloss, non toxic, coating is based on solvent free, epoxy resins which contain pigments and fine fillers. It is supplied as a two pack material, in pre-weighed quantities ready for on site mixing and use.

Nitocote EP405 is applied to dry, or damp, surfaces generally as a two coat application to give a final dft of 400 microns. It is available in blue and white to enable simple, visual checking for full coat application.

For details on spray application contact your local Fosroc office.

Specification

The non toxic, epoxy resin coating shall be Nitocote EP405, a 100% solids, solvent free, protective coating. The coating shall be moisture tolerant and, when cured, shall be suitable for use in contact with potable water. It shall further possess excellent bond and chemical resistance properties.

Properties

Solid by weight @25°C	: 100% (mixed)	
Pot life		
@25°C	: 1 Hour 25 minutes	
@35°C	: 55 minutes	
Drying time	20°C	35°C
Touch dry	6 hrs	3 hrs
Recoatable	6-18 hrs	3-12 hrs
Fully cured	7 days	5 days
Bond strength (ASTM 4541-85)	: Substrate failure first at 2 N/mm ²	
Water Absorption (weight)	: < 0.1%	
Chemical resistance		
Acids (m/v)		
Phosphoric acid¹ 10%	: Very good	
Lactic acid¹ 10%	: Very good	
Hydrochloric acid² 30%	: Good	
Alkalis (m/v)		
Sodium Hydroxide 40%	: Excellent	
Solvents & organics		
Kerosene	: Excellent	
Petrol¹	: Very good	
Gas Oil¹	: Very good	
Nickel Plating Solution¹	: Very good	
Aqueous solutions		
Distilled water	: Excellent	
Chlorinated water	: Excellent	
Marsh water	: Excellent	
Sewage water	: Excellent	
VOC	: 11.3 g/l	

(1) Note - can cause some slight surface discolouration

(2) Note - acceptable performance up to 7 days immersion

Fosroc Customer Services Department should be consulted for specific recommendations to meet varying operating conditions.

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Instructions for use

Preparation

All surfaces should be clean, dry and free from dust. Wet substrates should be sponge-dried to remove all free surface water. Treat oil or grease contamination with Fosroc Chemical Degreaser* followed by water or steam washing.

Concrete surfaces

All surface laitance should be removed by grit blasting or water jetting, to provide a suitable key for Nitocote EP405. The general standard of surface preparation should be in accordance with ACI 503R-89, Chapter 5, Paragraph 5.4.

Following the preparation of a concrete surface, care should be taken to ensure that any exposed blow holes are filled with Nitomortar FC*.

Metal surfaces

Any metal surfaces should be blasted to a bright finish, meeting the requirements of Swedish Standard SA 2½ or equal.

Priming

Priming is not required on properly prepared surfaces. For prepared Concrete surfaces, Priming is not normally required provided the substrate is sound, untreated (no curing compound) and good quality non porous concrete. However, if concrete surface is porous, or w/c ratio is >0.5 it is recommended to use Nitoprime 31.

Mixing

The contents of the resin base tin should be thoroughly stirred to disperse any possible settlement.

The entire contents of the hardener should be poured into the base container, and the two materials mixed thoroughly until both uniform colour and consistency are obtained.

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Application

Fosroc Nitocote EP405 shall never be applied on concrete substrates with moisture content exceeding 5% and relative humidity more than 85%; running water must be excluded from the work area during both application and curing of the product. Where excessive seepage or leaking occurs, consult the local Fosroc office for recommendations.

Hand application

This can be suitably achieved by brush or roller. The first coat should be firmly applied and scrubbed well into the surface, ensuring that a continuous film results of uniform thickness.

The second coat will cover more readily than the first, and should be applied within the 'overcoating times' mentioned above. It is further recommended that a contrasting colour is chosen for the second coat, to ensure unbroken coverage.

Spray application

Faster rates of application are possible using airless spray equipment, but the local Fosroc office should be contacted prior to application for technical advice.

Cleaning

Tools and equipment should be cleaned with Fosroc Solvent 102* immediately after use.

Hot weather working practices

Whilst the performance properties of Nitocote EP405 at elevated temperatures are assured, application under such conditions can sometimes be difficult. It is therefore suggested that, for temperatures above 35°C, the following guidelines are adopted as a prudent working regime:

- i. Store unmixed materials in a cool (preferably temperature controlled) environment, avoiding exposure to direct sunlight.
- ii. Keep mixing and placing equipment cool, arranging shade protection if necessary. It is especially important to keep cool those surfaces of the equipment which will come into direct contact with the material itself.
- iii. Try to eliminate application in the middle of the day, and certainly avoid application in direct sunlight.
- iv. For hand application, ensure that there are sufficient operatives available to complete application within the pot life of the material.
- v. Have a ready supply of Fosroc Solvent 102 available for immediate cleaning of tools after use.

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Use of glass fibre reinforcement

Nitocote EP405 may be used in conjunction with glass fibre reinforcement to increase coating thickness, or where it is necessary to bridge static cracks in the substrate.

The fabric should be laid directly onto the first coat whilst it is still wet, and should be pressed in and smoothed out with a split washer roller or suitable alternative.

Second and subsequent coats may then be applied in accordance with the 'overcoating times' mentioned above.

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Technical support

Fosroc offers a comprehensive technical support service to specifiers, end users and contractors. It is also able to offer on-site technical assistance, an AutoCAD facility and dedicated specification assistance in locations all over the world.

Estimating

Supply

Nitocote EP405	: 4 litre packs
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Fosroc Solvent 102	: 18 litre cans
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Nitoprime 31	: 5 Kg Packs
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Coverage

Coverage figures quoted for Nitocote EP405 are theoretical, and based upon plain application (without glass fibre) to a properly prepared substrate of nominal C30 concrete.

Since application conditions vary greatly; due to substrate porosity, quality of surface preparation, application thickness and wastage factors, the on-site figures may vary from those shown below.

Nitocote EP405	: 5.0m ² /litre @ 200 microns WFT/ coat
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Nitoprime 31	: 5m ² /Pack
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Storage

Shelf life

Nitocote EP405 has a shelf life of 12 months, when stored in warehouse conditions below 25°C.

Precautions

Health and safety

Nitocote EP405 and Fosroc Solvent 102 should not come in contact with skin or eyes, nor should they be swallowed.

Avoid inhalation of vapours and ensure adequate ventilation.

Some people are sensitive to resins, hardeners and solvents. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. Barrier creams such as Kerodex Antisolvent or Rozalex Antipaint provide additional skin protection.

Should accidental skin contact occur, remove immediately with a resin removing cream such as Kerocleanse Standard Grade Skin Cleanser or Rozaklens Industrial Skin Cleanser, followed by washing with soap and water - **do not** use solvent.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice. If swallowed seek medical attention immediately - **do not** induce vomiting.

Fire

Nitocote EP405 & Nitoprime 31 is non-flammable

Fosroc Solvent 102 is flammable. Keep away from sources of ignition. No smoking. In the event of fire, extinguish with CO₂ or foam. Do not use a water jet.

Flash point

Fosroc Solvent 102	: 33°C
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For further information, consult the Product Material Safety Data Sheet.

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Additional Information

Fosroc manufactures a wide range of complementary products which include :

- waterproofing membranes & waterstops
- joint sealants & filler boards
- cementitious & epoxy grouts
- specialised flooring materials

Fosroc additionally offers a comprehensive package of products specifically designed for the repair and refurbishment of damaged concrete. Fosroc's 'Systematic Approach' to concrete repair features the following :

- hand-placed repair mortars
- spray grade repair mortars
- fluid micro-concretes
- chemically resistant epoxy mortars
- anti-carbonation/anti-chloride protective coatings
- chemical and abrasion resistant coatings

For further information on any of the above, please consult your local Fosroc office - as below.

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† See separate data sheet



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