



Nitocote EP405

Non-toxic, epoxy resin, protective coating for concrete and metal

Uses

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

- Pipes and tanks
- Reservoirs and water treatment works
- Grain silos and dairies
- Meat and food processing environments

Advantages

- Multi-purpose 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

Standards Compliance

BS 6920: WRC tests on Water Quality.

ASTM D-570-81: Water absorption at 70°C.

ASTM D-638-77a: Tensile strength.

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

Test Method	Typical Result	
Specific gravity	Approx 1.64 (mixed)	
Solids by wt. @ 25°C	100% (mixed)	
Pot life: @ 20°C	30 to 40 mins	
@ 35°C	15 to 20 mins	
Drying time	@20°C	@35°C
Touch dry	6 hrs	3 hrs
Recoatible	6-18 hrs	3-12 hrs
Fully cured	7 days	5 days
Bond strength (ASTM D4541)	Substrate failure first at 2 N/mm ²	

Chemical resistance

Acids (m/v)

Phosphoric acid ¹ 10%	:	Very good
Lactic acid ¹ 1%	:	Very good
Hydrochloric acid ² 30%	:	Good

Alkalis (m/v)

Sodium Hydroxide 40%	:	Excellent
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Solvents & organics

Kerosene	:	Excellent
Petrol ¹	:	Very good
Gas oil ¹	:	Very good
Nickel plating solution ¹	:	Very good

Aqueous solutions

Distilled water	:	Excellent
Chlorinated water	:	Excellent
Marsh water	:	Excellent
Sewage water	:	Excellent

(1) Note: can cause some slight surface discolouration

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

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

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

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.

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. It is recommended that the two components are mixed together mechanically; using a slow speed, electric drill, fitted with a Fosroc Mixing Paddle (MR3). Mixing should be carried out continuously for 3 to 5 minutes.

Application

Whilst Nitocote EP405 can be applied to damp surfaces; 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:

- Store unmixed materials in a cool (preferably temperature controlled) environment, avoiding exposure to direct sunlight.
- 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.
- Try to eliminate application in the middle of the day, and certainly avoid application in direct sunlight.
- For hand application, ensure that there are sufficient operatives available to complete application within the pot life of the material.
- 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. Open weave glass cloth in the range of 100 to 300 gm/m² is considered most suitable for this application.

Repairing and overcoating

Any applications of Nitocote EP405 which have become damaged can be readily overcoated. The existing surface should well abraded, using a stiff wire brush, or similar, to ensure that a good mechanical bond will be achieved between the two layers. Overcoating works can then proceed as for new work.

Limitations

- Nitocote EP405 should not be applied on top of existing coatings, but can be applied on top of itself (see above).
- In high temperature conditions, of above 35°C, hot weather working practices should be adopted (see above).

Estimating

Supply

Nitocote EP405	5 litre packs
Fosroc Solvent 102	5 litre cans

Coverage

Nitocote EP405	5.0 m ² /ltr @ 200 microns wft per coat
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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.

Storage

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. 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 is non-flammable

Fosroc Solvent 102 is flammable. In event of fire extinguish with CO₂ or foam. Do not use water jet.

Flash point

Fosroc Solvent 102	33°C
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