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## **CERTI-VEX<sup>®</sup> GUARD CLEAR**

### **ONE STEP CURE AND PENETRATING WATER REPELLENT SEALER STAIN PROTECTION**

#### **DESCRIPTION**

CERTI -VEX GUARD is a clear proprietary one step penetrating water repellent cure and sealer that can be applied to fresh or existing concrete. It immediately penetrates the pores and capillaries of the concrete reacting with the alkali and moisture to form a hydrophobic gel in the pores and a water retentive film on the surface.

This membrane, which meets ASTM curing requirements and the Chloride Ion Penetration requirements of NCHRP 244 forms a glossy film that restricts moisture loss allowing concrete to reach maximum hardness and reduces staining, chloride migration, stops intrusion of water, salts, deicer chemicals and acids which can result in costly damage to concrete and masonry.

This innovative one-step product eliminates the costly removal of curing compounds and time consuming water curing and leaves the surface cured and water repellent in one application. The final film has excellent moisture vapor transmission rates while excluding water and chloride ion penetration.

#### **BENEFITS**

- An effective chloride screen.
- Deep penetration for maximum penetration
- Especially suitable for alkaline concrete surfaces. Prolongs the surface life and prevents damage from within by maintaining vapor permeability of concrete.
- Quick formation of surface repellency and chemical resistance.
- Enhances surface appearance providing greater stain and oil resistance.
- Non-Yellowing
- Cures fresh concrete Vexcon breathable technology
- Medium gloss
- Available in Clear Flat, Medium Gloss and High Gloss

#### **APPLICATION AREAS**

Ideal for infrastructure, transportation, commercial and residential applications and any new and existing concrete that requires the long term protection of a water repellent sealer and a glossy high performance stain resistant protective coating. It may be used as a water repellent on vertical surfaces, on cast in place and pre-cast concrete or concrete block.

#### **APPLICATION**

The concrete surface must be properly repaired, structurally sound and cleaned. Use Vexcon's surface prep and cleaning products to properly clean the surface prior to application.

- Prior to application a test area must be performed to determine proper application rate and techniques and required surface preparation.
- Large cracks should be repaired using PowerCoat Epoxy Joint Sealant.
- Application of Certi-Vex Guard may be done with a short 1/4" nap roller, brush or low-pressure industrial sprayer with neoprene fitting.
- Use a roller pan to take off excess product. Do not dip and roll or pour and spread.
- The product is supplied ready to use, do not dilute.
- Do not apply over free standing water.
- Application to damp surfaces is acceptable.
- Apply in a single saturating application with sufficient material
- Applied so that the surface remains wet for a few minutes before penetration.
- Surface residues, pools and puddles should be evened out until they completely penetrate into the surface.
- Vertical surfaces: Contact Vexcon

#### **CURING AND SEALING NEW CONCRETE**

- Remove efflorescence and laitance with Certi-Vex -Etch & Efflorescence Remover.
- Apply Certi-Vex Guard three hours after the concrete has received final finishing and all gauging water has been absorbed. See Coverage Section for first coat application rate.

#### **SEALING EXISTING CONCRETE**

- Use one of Vexcon's cleaners and stain removal products to properly clean and prepare the surface prior to application.
- To determine that the concrete is penetrable perform a water absorbency test by applying water to a representative portion of the prepared concrete floor. A properly prepared surface when dry will immediately absorb clean water without any surface beading effects.
- If required use Certi-Vex Etch & Efflorescence Remover to improve penetration.
- The concrete should be coated at coverage rate described below and allowed to completely penetrate the surface with no puddles, ponding or wet spots.
- If a liquid membrane curing compound has been used to cure the concrete, the surface can be water blasted to remove the coating and any dirt, dust, contaminants or use Certi-Vex Concrete Stripper to remove old sealers, grease, dirt and curing compounds. If the concrete has been water cured, the concrete must be free of any dirt, dust and contaminants and water blasting is recommended prior to the application.

## SECOND COAT

- A second coat is recommended if the initial first coat is damaged or a semi-gloss protective top coat is desired.
- All caulking, patching and joint sealants should be installed in accordance with ACI standard specifications.
- Before applying a second coat, the concrete surface should be cleaned free of dust, surface dirt and contaminants.
- Concrete that has become heavily contaminated with surface dirt, tire marks, oil, etc., during construction may require thorough cleaning for best performance of the second coat. See Coverage Section.

## SPECIFICATIONS/COMPLIANCE

- VOC -gr./liter: 671 or #/gal. 5.60  
Meets:  
-USEPA AIM: Concrete curing and Sealing Compounds
- ASTM C-1315 Type I Class A
- NCHRP 244 Chloride Ion
- Reduction using NCHRP 244 series IV and Moisture Vapor Transmission.
- Meets USDA and ADA Non-slip requirements.
- CSI Reference # 03 35 00, 03 39 00, 09 96 00, 07 19 13

## SPECIAL NOTES

- The product should be stored in sealed containers and kept away from extreme heat
- Protect application area from rain for 4 hours
- May show rubber bums
- May cause bleeding on bituminous surfaces
- May cause mottling of colored surfaces
- Not gasoline resistant. Use Vexcon Powercoat Epoxy LD
- Equipment clean up: Use Certi-Vex Equipment Cleaner
- Do not topcoat
- If properly stored in its original sealed container, three years from date of manufacture. Rotate your Slack.
- For use by experienced applicators
- Adjoining glass, metal and painted surfaces should be protected from over spray and splash of Certi-Vex Guard. Inadvertent splashes should be removed using Certi-Vex Equipment Cleaner before the solution has dried on the surface.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Use only with adequate ventilation.
- Use of gloves, goggles and other protective clothing is advised when using this product
- If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.
- Use of respirators is advised when using in confined areas.

Precaution: Certi-Vex Guard contains blended solvent and should be handled accordingly. Do not use near fire or extreme heat and provide good ventilation to avoid buildup of solvent fumes. Applicators should wear NIOSH/MSHA approved respirators. When applying to the exteriors of occupied buildings all exterior air conditioning vents should be covered during application and air-handling equipment should be turned off during application to avoid solvent odors within the building. Clothing which may become contaminated with Certi-Vex Guard should be changed as quickly as possible. Vexcon MSDS # PS 104 is an integral part of the safety and application of our product. A short synopsis is provided in this product data sheet. Before using product, obtain a copy of the MSDS, from your distributor or by contacting Vexcon Chemicals

## PACKAGING

Certi-Vex Guard is available in 55-gallon drums and 5-gallon pails. Contact Vexcon to discuss your customized packaging requirements.

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

- Color: Crystal Clear
- Dry Time: <4 hours
- Wt/Gallon: 7.03#
- Solids: 25% - 30%

## MAINTENANCE

Spills should be removed promptly and cleaned with Certi-Vex Super Degreaser. Floors should be cleaned regularly. Periodic reapplication may be required as the sealer wears off.

## COVERAGE

Porosity and texture of the surface will affect the amount of material necessary for effective treatment. The following is a guide for estimating material requirements for concrete.

Perform a test area to determine proper application rate.

- First Coat: 125 sq.ft/gal (3.1 m<sup>2</sup>/L)
- Second Coat/Sealing Coat: 300 sq.ft/gal (7.5 m<sup>2</sup>/L)

## TEST RESULTS - CTL PROJECT NO.: 105869

Final results for Certi-Vex Guard submitted for testing for Utah Department of Transportation Concrete Sealer Freeze/Thaw Weight Loss.

### **PASS 3.1% WT. LOSS VS. 6.0% ALLOWED**

**Weight Monitoring of Specimens Subjected to Utah DOT Concrete Sealer Freeze/Thaw Tests Oven Dry Weights in Grams after Indicated Freeze/Thaw Cycles**

Product Identification	Specimen #	Cycles	
		0	304
Certi-Vex® Guard #73F16	A	276.7	268.8
	B	273.6	264.5
	C	274.0	265.3
Controls	A	272.4	Failed**
	B	274.6	Failed**
	C	275.5	Failed**

Notes:

\*\* Controls failed and turned into rubble after 118 F/T cycles. After 47 cycles, controls were in poor condition.

## PERFORMANCE DATA \*\*

Water absorption after soaking in 15% sodium chloride solution: 14 days

WT/GAIN %	CERTI-VEX GUARD	Commercial Siloxane Control	
1 coat @125 Sq.ft. /gal			
Average of 5 blocks:	1.09%	.95%	
8.2%			
	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>GUARD</b>	<b>SILOXANE</b>
	<b>Req.</b>		
% Reduction in water absorption:	75%	86.7%	88.4
% Reduction of Chloride Ion Content:	75%	85.7%	70.3%
Water vapor transmission:	100%	104%	116%

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