Protectosil® CHEM-TRETE® BSM 400-BA
REACTIVE PENETRATING SEALER
Product Data and Test Information

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA brings you the next generation in silane technology. Our chemists have developed a pure reactive clear penetrating sealer that yields a water repellent with the longest service life available, unsurpassed performance on concrete and brick masonry as well as the lowest possible levels of volatile organic compounds. Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA can be applied in the most extreme temperature conditions without changing the surface appearance of the substrate.

By penetrating the surface and creating a covalent chemical bond, Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA permanently attaches to the naturally occurring minerals in the substrate. It is ideal for use on exterior above-grade brick masonry, concrete and most natural stones.

By reducing the amount of water entering the substrate, Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA reduces the intrusion of waterborne contaminants such as acid rain, salt and dirt, and reduces the deteriorating effects of these contaminants, including spalling, scaling, efflorescence, leaching and staining.

APPROPRIATE APPLICATIONS & SUBSTRATES
For use on brick masonry, to protect against the ingress of wind-driven rain. For use on concrete structures, to protect the reinforcing steel from corrosion due to the effects of water and other waterborne contaminants.

Reduces the effects of mildew, efflorescence, and stains on vertical concrete and masonry buildings. Imparts water repellency to a substrate for an extended time.

Provides resistance against acid rain, alkali attack and other atmospheric pollutants.

ADVANTAGES
Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA is composed of pure alkyltrialkoxysilanes. The silanes are designed to penetrate deep into the substrate and impart a high level of water and chloride ion screening. This provides the substrate with long-lasting protection. Because of the purity of Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA, it will not leave a residue on nonporous substrates such as glass windows, metal frames or painted surfaces.

Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA complies with almost all state and federal volatile organic content regulations including those of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. In addition, Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA does not contain exempt solvents (such as 1,1,1 trichloroethane) that may be hazardous. For the proper VOC regulations in your specific location, contact your Protectosil representative or reference our brochure on VOC regulations, which is available at www.protectosil.com.

The Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA product line has an unprecedented track record in protecting brick masonry, concrete and natural stone structures from deterioration due to water and waterborne contaminants. Structures treated in the 1970s are still protected, and these results are documented by state, federal and private agencies. By incorporating Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA 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:

- Low VOC Formula
- Excellent resistance to water intrusion
- High resistance to wind-driven rain
- Breathable system
- Deep penetration into the substrate
- Reduced efflorescence
- No change in surface appearance
- UV light resistant
- No masking of windows necessary
- No blushing, peeling or yellowing
- High resistance to alkali attack
- Compatible with building sealant products
- Substrates already treated with Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA can be painted over (tech bulletin available)

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 4 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 24 hours. Protect from spillage or overspray with specialty coated glass, plastic windows, bituminous roofing products and asphalt. Check compatibility before application.

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TECHNICAL DATA
Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA is a clear, colorless liquid containing pure alkyltrialkoxysilanes.
- Color: water white
- Active Substance: pure silane
- Active Content: 100% by weight
- Solvent: None
- Flash Point: 102°F
- Density: 7.8 lb/gal
- VOC: 350 g/l max

TEST DATA
- NHCRP #244 (@200 ft²/gal)
  - Series II: 85% reduction in water absorption
  - Series II: 86% reduction in chloride absorption
  - Series IV: 99% reduction in chloride absorption
- ASTM E 514 “Water Permeance of Masonry”
  - Reduction in leakage: 100%
  - Reduction in dampness: 100%
- ASTM D 1653 “Water Vapor Transmission”
  - 72.5 g/ft²/24 hours, 100% breathable
- ASTM C 67 “Brick and Structural Clay Tile Part 7 Water Absorption”
  - 98% reduction in water absorption

APPLICATION
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 shot blasting, sandblasting, waterblasting and using chemical cleaners. Check with your local representative to verify that surface preparation is adequate.

New masonry and concrete must be allowed to cure for a minimum of 28 days. All repointing must be completed and allowed to cure for at least 3 days prior to application of Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA. Precast concrete may be treated sooner; please contact a Protectosil representative for details.

Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA 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. A test patch should be applied to the substrate to verify coverage rate, application conditions and desired results.

On vertical surfaces, apply Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA in a flooding application from the bottom up, so the material runs down 6 to 8 inches below the spray pattern. Using this method, coverage rates on vertical surfaces will depend on the type of material to be treated. Your Protectosil representative can give an exact coverage rate for your particular project. Please refer to the “Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA Application Instructions” for more detailed information.

Precautions: Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA is a combustible liquid and should be kept away from heat, sparks, open flame and other sources of ignition. Protectosil CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA 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 CHEM-TRETE BSM 400-BA is available in 5- and 55-gallon drums to approved applicators, F.O.B. to various warehouses throughout the United States. Contact your local Protectosil representative or your regional manager for specific cost information. You can obtain their contact information on our website, www.protectosil.com, or by calling us at 1 (800) 828-0919.

TECHNICAL SERVICE
Technical service engineers and scientists are available to answer questions about product performance, application methods and compatibility with other building materials. You can speak to one of our engineers or scientists directly by calling our toll-free number, 1 (800) 828-0919, and selecting option 1.

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