

Protectosil® ANTIGRAFFITI®

Product Data and Test Information

The following application instructions are intended solely for applications outside of the US



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

A waterborne breathable, anti-graffiti treatment for use on concrete, brick, concrete masonry units and natural stone. **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI** protects surfaces to allow easy removal of a wide variety of graffiti, including spray paint, permanent marker, ink, bituminous paints, asphalt sealers, and other solvent or waterborne paints. Because of **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI**'s superior performance, standard non-hazardous cleaners and low-pressure waterblasting are sufficient removal methods for most graffiti.

Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI is breathable and will not alter the natural appearance of the substrate. These properties make the product ideal for masonry walls.

Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI is based on silane chemistry. It will chemically bond to the substrate. This allows the material to undergo many cleaning cycles before retreatment is necessary.

Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI is especially suited for application when solvent-borne products are not acceptable, as in states that have VOC regulations for AIM coatings. **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI** is VOC compliant in all 50 states.

APPROPRIATE APPLICATIONS

Materials such as cast-in-place concrete, brick and block masonry, and natural stone can be protected from graffiti. For use on buildings, walls, sound barriers, piers, columns, bridges and other areas prone to the negative effects of graffiti.

To be used in conjunction with other Protectosil Chem-Trete and Protectosil Aqua-Trete water repellents to provide water and graffiti protection for the entire structure.

Other substrates that can be protected include sandstone, terra-cotta, hand-molded bricks, limestone, granite and most natural stones.

ADVANTAGES

Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI is a patented silane-based mixture in water. It provides a clear, nearly invisible barrier against the most common graffiti products such as spray paints and markers. Depending on the severity and type of graffiti as well as the cleaning method used, up to ten cleanings can be expected from each application. If needed, additional **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI** can be applied to only the affected area without a visible difference on the substrate.

The main benefits of the product are:

- Non sacrificial properties
- Zero VOC
- Breathable
- Clear
- Excellent UV stability

- Resistance to alkali attack
- Tack-free after drying
- No blushing, peeling or yellowing
- Easy application

LIMITATIONS

Will leave a residue on nonporous materials such as glass, metal and painted surfaces. Shrubbery and plant life should be protected from overspray.

Should not be applied if the surface temperature is below 40°F (5°C) or above 100°F (40°C), if rain is expected within 2 hours following application, if wind speeds exceed 10 mph or other conditions prevent proper application. If rain has preceded the application, the surface should be allowed to dry for at least 24 hours.

TECHNICAL DATA

PROTECTOSIL ANTIGRAFFITI is a patented fluorosilane mixture in water.

Color	light	yellow
Active Substance		fluorosilane
Solvent		water
Flash Point		none
Density		8.2 lb/gal
VOC		< 25 g/l

TEST DATA

ASTM 6578 "Graffiti Resistance"

Clean ability Level of 3 after 25 cycles

ASTM 653 "Accelerated Weathering"

No change in graffiti resistance after 2000 hours

ASTM D6490 "Breathability"

> 90% Breathable

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

These application instructions are intended only for Canada and Mexico. For a version applicable in the United States of America, please contact Evonik at 1-800-828-0919.

Protectosil Antigrffiti can be applied with airless spray equipment, rollers or brushes. The first application should be applied in diluted form using a ratio of 9 parts water to 1 part **Protectosil Antigrffiti**. Start from the bottom of the wall and work upwards to prevent premature impregnation by material running down the surface. The water-repellent effect appears within a few minutes. Two additional applications at full strength are required for permanent graffiti protection. Before applying the second coat, allow the surface to dry completely. For the second and third coats, it is recommended to apply the product in a fine spray. A layer of liquid droplets forms on the surface which must be worked in with a brush.

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Ensure that the liquid is distributed evenly (i.e. the surface is wetted evenly). Each coat must be applied in one operation to avoid overlapping. The next coat must not be applied before the previous coat has dried completely.

If the full strength coats are repelled by the primer coat, the addition of up to 1 cup (8 ounces) of Isopropyl alcohol per gallon of **Protectosil Antigrffiti** is permitted. The addition of alcohol will allow the Antigrffiti to "wet out" better. Less alcohol can be utilized, as long as watability of the product is not compromised.

Once the alcohol is added to the Antigrffiti, there is a pot life of 8 hours. Do not mix more product than is needed for 8 hours of work. Prior to starting the application, always make sure the surface of the substrate being treated is clean and dry. Dirt, grime and organic matter such as algae and moss must be thoroughly removed. Any water absorbed by the surface during cleaning must be allowed to dry before applying **Protectosil Antigrffiti**. Adjoining surfaces which should not come into contact with the product (e.g. window frames, painted surfaces, glass, plants, soil) should be masked or covered (e.g. with plastic sheeting) before beginning. Substrate temperature should be less than 85°F. during application. Applying this material when the substrate temperature is above 85°F can result in the water carrier flashing off before adequate penetration is achieved. Do not apply to a wet or damp substrate.

Application rates are dependent on porosity and surface roughness of the substrate. Apply a test patch to determine actual coverage rate and number of coats of **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI** before starting the project.

Usage is typically 175 to 250 ft²/gal in two to three coats. Your Protectosil representative can give an exact coverage rate and application conditions after a test patch has been applied.

Protect glass, metal and other nonporous substrates from overspray. **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI** will not etch glass but will leave a residue on nonporous surfaces. Some darkening of the surface may occur, depending on the amount of **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI** applied and the color and texture of the substrate. A test patch must be applied in order to verify actual conditions on the substrate.

Precautions: **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI** product containers should be kept closed when not in use and should be stored at temperatures between 40°F (5°C) and 100°F (40°C), away from rain and standing water.

Do not allow material to freeze. Please read the material safety data sheet for more detailed information.

GRAFFITI REMOVAL

Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI is designed to allow easy removal of paint, markers and other materials used for graffiti from concrete, masonry and natural stone substrates. Acceptable methods for removing graffiti include citrus-based paint removers, high-pressure water, steam cleaning and proprietary cleaners. Contact your Protectosil representative for approved products.

If high-pressure water is used, care must be taken so as not to etch the substrate. Removing the substrate will also remove the **Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI**.

AVAILABILITY

Protectosil ANTIGRAFFITI is available in 5-gallon pails. Shipped F.O.B. throughout the United States and Canada. 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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