

Technical Information



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Capillary water uptake:

When mineral building materials come into contact with water, depending on the materials porosity, some water will be absorbed. The absorption of water depends mainly on the radius of the capillary pores in the building material. There are three pore categories:

- Micropores. These do not permit capillary transport of water & are impervious to water.
- Macropores (capillary pores). These pores are able to transport water within the building material.
- Air pores. These large pores are typically unable to transport water by capillary action.

The result of this water absorption may result in the following damage:

- Cracking due to the expansion & contraction of water.
- Frost damage.
- Dirt pickup.
- Attack by fungi, moss & lichen.
- Inpairment of thermal insulation.

Characteristics:

SIL-T12 is a formulated thixotropic crème. It's unique viscosity and flow characteristics allow the product to be applied to vertical surfaces and allows for the application of the suggested application weight in one operation.

- Outstanding penetration
- Excellent water repellancy
- Excellent resistance to alkalis
- Excellent hold on horizontal surfaces
- Rapid tack free drying
- No change in the colour of the materials treated.

The product greatly reduces the capillary absorption of water but it does not seal the pores or capillaries thus not impairing the breathability of the structure. Water vapour can escape unhindered from the masonry and any damp can dry out. The natural diffusion water vapour permeability of the building is not affected.

Areas of Application:

SIL 12 is suitable for use on brick, mortar, sandstone, granite, mineral plaster & concrete. It is not suitable for use on dense natural stone such as marble & limestone. It is not suggested for use on reinforced concrete.

SIL-T12

Chemistry	Formulated Carbamate & Urea
Form	Paste
Colour	White
Density (g/ml)	0.95
Viscosity (cps)	1.00
Application Temperature (°C)	8 to 25
Coverage (g/M ²)	150-250*

*Depending on the absorbency of the material being treated.

Material	SIL-T12 absorption (g/M ²)	SIL-T12 Penetration Depth (mm)
Brick	250	9-12
Sandstone*	242	5-6
Concrete	100	1-2
Mortar Slab	77	3-4

Efficacy of SIL-T14

*EN197-1-CEM I 42,5R

Material	1 Hour	2 Hour	3 Hour	6 Hour	24 Hour
Untreated Sandstone	5.05	5.14	5.20	5.29	5.91
Untreated Brick	12.00	12.51	12.55	12.60	12.69
Treated with SIL-T12	0.58	0.60	0.71	0.77	0.88

Water absorption change over time (kg/M²)

SIL-T12 must only be applied to mineral building materials. It is not suitable for application over any type of paint.

Directions for Use:

Shake or stir well before decanting. The product may be applied using roller, brush or preferably airless spray. One coat should be sufficient to ensure complete coverage. Ensure that the area being treated is dry and free of dirt, mould, moss and any other type of contamination. Owing to the content of wetting agent, reimpregnation at a later date does not present any difficulties. If it starts to rain, stop the treatment and cover the impregnated areas.

- Do not apply the product to wet or damp surfaces. The product should not be applied during or immediately after rain.
- Do not apply in damp/wet conditions.

Generally, it is considered good practice to refrain from applying any exterior treatment if there is a threat of rain within three to six hours.

- Do not apply if frost is forecast within 24 hours of use.
- Do not apply on elevations in direct sunlight or where the surface being treated is warm.
- Do not expose the product to frost

Packaging:

SIL-T12 is available in 10 kg, 20 kg & 120 kg sizes.

10 kg Pack Size	SIL-T12- 10
20 kg Pack Size	SIL-T12- 20
120 kg Pack Size	SIL-T12-120

Shelf Life:

SIL-T12 has a shelf life of at least 12 months when stored between 4 °C and 30 °C in the tightly closed original container. Protect from frost. Stir drum before and during use. Keep container closed when not in use.

Approvals:

The formulated Alcoxysilane used in **SIL-T12** has proved its effective as per the following reports.

- (a) Belgian Building Research Institute (CSTC-WTCB).
- (b) Brussels, Belgium Test Report No. DE 577033/22.
- (c) January 31, 1997 „Initial effectiveness, secondary effects and durability of water repellent silane/siloxan emulsion.
- (d) TNO Bouw Rapport 2001-BT-MK-R048, February 15, 2001 „De effectiviteit van silane-siloxane als Hydrofobeermiddel voor metselwerk“ (dutch)
- (e) DL Laboratories, New York, USA, December 26, 1996 Federal Specification SS-W-110C „Water Repellent, Colorless, Silicone Resin Base“

Note:

We have developed a large range of silane based construction products. These products are suitable for masonry protection, damp proofing, stone restoration & masonry consolidation.

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