



# SILCOSEAL SELECT



New generation, chemically active cure and bondbreaker for tilt-up, lift slab and precast construction.

## HOW IT WORKS

SILCOSEAL SELECT is a new generation cure and tilt-up bondbreaker. In contrast to most conventional cure and bondbreakers, SILCOSEAL SELECT does not contain any wax or hydrocarbon resins and, as a result, does not depend on a physical barrier deposited on top of the casting slab to prevent bonding. Instead, SILCOSEAL SELECT consists of a special formulation of chemically reactive organic compounds in a predominately water based solvent system which chemically react with calcium hydroxide, a byproduct of the cement hydration reaction, present in the concrete surface pores. The reaction products are amorphous gels which, in conjunction with other combined special organic compounds in SILCOSEAL SELECT, effectively seal concrete surface pores. Moisture entry or exit is restricted, allowing good retention of concrete mixing water to assist in providing proper cement hydration and concrete curing, minimizing concrete surface cracking and crazing. Properly applied, SILCOSEAL SELECT positively prevents the bonding of tilt wall panels to casting slab floor surfaces.

## APPLICATIONS

- ◆ Use as a cure and bondbreaker in tilt-up, lift slab and precast concrete construction.
- ◆ Use to cure the top side of tilt wall panels to prevent the formation of shrinkage cracks.
- ◆ Use as a cure only on all types of interior, smooth troweled concrete flatwork where the use of conventional resin based curing compounds is impractical.

## ADVANTAGES

- ◆ SILCOSEAL SELECT is more effective than all other previous versions of SILCOSEAL.
- ◆ Provides improved resistance to the "osmotic effect" by restricting the natural tendency for water to migrate from freshly placed panel concrete through the bondbreaker film and into the less moist casting slab. Reducing the "osmotic effect" greatly improves panel concrete surface appearance resulting in a smooth, uniform surface profile, color and appearance.
- ◆ Achieves exceptional wall panel surface appearance.
- ◆ Leaves no residue or resulting staining on wall panel or casting slab floor surfaces when properly applied.
- ◆ Achieves a crisp, positive release that minimizes panel surface defects and reduces panel resurfacing/patching costs.

- ◆ Does not contain any wax or hydrocarbon resins like many conventional bondbreakers which often leave a difficult-to-remove residue on wall panel and casting slab surfaces. When this residue is not properly removed, it often causes floor and exterior wall panel paint and coating adhesion problems.
- ◆ SILCOSEAL SELECT dries faster than all other previous versions of SILCOSEAL due to a special blend of fast-drying solvents.
- ◆ Improved formulation eliminates the need for a red label, reducing delivery costs and increasing job site safety.
- ◆ Improved emulsion stability means SILCOSEAL SELECT stays mixed for longer than all other previous SILCOSEAL versions.
- ◆ Excellent resistance to washoff from normal rain showers and dew when applied directly to previously uncoated concrete surfaces.
- ◆ Dust, dirt and mud can be easily removed from casting slab floor surfaces by washing with low pressure water when SILCOSEAL SELECT is used as both the cure and bondbreaker.
- ◆ Resistant to sunlight induced oxidation damage that can necessitate the reapplication of competitive bondbreakers even when panel concrete placement is delayed a few days.
- ◆ Green Engineered™ – better for health and the environment.
- ◆ Meets all current federal and state VOC requirements for tilt-up bondbreakers and curing compounds.

## ▲ PRECAUTIONS ▲

- ◆ Not recommended for use as a bondbreaker on broom finished or rough finished concrete surfaces.
- ◆ Not recommended for application over any other manufacturer's inorganic silicate based floor sealer, hardener or organic resin based curing, sealing or combination cure and seal product. Failure to follow this recommendation can result in panel surface defects or panel sticking.
- ◆ If a delay of more than 2 weeks occurs between the final bondbreaker application coat and panel concrete placement, it will be necessary to check for a sufficient bondbreaker film on the casting slab. If the bondbreaker film is insufficient, the bondbreaker must be reapplied as necessary before concrete placement.



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- ◆ Protect from freezing. If allowed to freeze, product packaging may rupture and the emulsion stability of this product may be affected, making it difficult to keep product mixed during application. Product which is suspected of freezing should not be used.
- ◆ Verify that product is within the "USE BY" date stated on product packaging. Do not use expired product. The use of expired product may result in poor product performance or failure.
- ◆ In some instances, NOX-CRETE may approve the application of CURE & SEAL 1200 E or DURO-NOX prior to the application of SILCOSEAL SELECT. If so, the resistance to rain washoff is greatly reduced. Carefully inspect all casting slab surfaces prior to panel concrete placement to ensure an adequate film of bondbreaker is uniformly present. The use of CURE & SEAL 1200 E will result in the formation of an acrylic membrane on the casting slab surface that may require removal prior to the application of some surface coatings or adhesives.
- ◆ Not recommended for application over or in conjunction with any other manufacturer's tilt-up bondbreaker.
- ◆ Not recommended for application in the rain or if rain is anticipated within 12 hours of application. Surfaces exposed to rain or running water within this time period will require reapplication.
- ◆ Not recommended for bondbreaker application to casting slab surfaces previously cured with polyethylene or curing blankets without first removing all salt deposits. Failure to remove all salt deposits can result in panel surface blemishes or defects.
- ◆ Not recommended for application to casting slab surfaces which are frozen or when ambient temperatures are below 40° F (4° C) or expected to drop below 40° F (4° C) within 12 hours following application.
- ◆ Not recommended for application without the proper sprayer and correct spray tip. See USE INSTRUCTIONS for specific sprayer and tip size recommendations.
- ◆ Not recommended for cure coat application prior to saw cutting crack control joints. Best results are obtained when SILCOSEAL SELECT cure coat is applied immediately after final finishing and joint saw cutting has been completed.
- ◆ Not recommended for use in tilt-up applications where casting slab or panel concrete mix design incorporates pozzolans such as fly ash without first contacting NOX-CRETE for specific recommendations regarding application procedures and rates. Failure to do so may result in panel surface blemishes and/or panel sticking.

## USE INSTRUCTIONS

- ◆ Request current product literature, labels and material safety data sheets from manufacturer and read thoroughly before product use.
- ◆ Site environmental conditions, substrate conditions and construction have a major effect on product

selection, application methods, procedures and rates, appearance and performance. Product literature provides general information applicable to some conditions. However, an adequate site test application by the purchaser or installer in advance of field scale use is mandatory (irrespective of any other verbal or written representations) to verify that product and quantities purchased can be satisfactorily applied and will achieve desired appearance and performance under intended use conditions.

- ◆ Use the **NOX-CRETE DRUM AGITATOR** or other suitable mechanical agitator to adequately mix product before withdrawing from container and before each use.
- ◆ Apply using NOX-CRETE'S PERFECT FORM AND CONCRETE SPRAYER or IDEAL SILCOSEAL CURE AND BONDBREAKER SPRAYER. Recommended spray tip sizes are 8003-LP, 8004-LP and 8005-LP. The coarser (8005-LP) spray tip should be used on porous casting slab surfaces where additional bondbreaker is necessary to ensure sufficient film holdout. Use the less coarse (8003-LP) spray tip for application on less porous casting slab surfaces. The use of an improper sprayer and/or incorrect spray tip generally results in either over or under application.
- ◆ SILCOSEAL SELECT should be applied in accordance with recommended procedures to achieve even and uniform coverage. Equipment should be clean and dry prior to use.
- ◆ Typical drying time is 30 minutes to 3 hours, but varies with the presence or absence of a moisture barrier beneath the casting slab, climatic conditions and application rate. Extended drying times in excess of 24 hours are possible in cure coat applications when product is applied heavily during cool weather and a moisture barrier is present. Reducing the application rate and applying in multiple thin coats in lieu of one heavy coat will greatly reduce drying time.
- ◆ Avoid scouring the casting slab surface during panel concrete placement by using a deflection board.

### Cure Coat Application

- ◆ Apply to the point of rejection and uniform surface film accumulation immediately after final finishing and joint saw cutting.
- ◆ **The typical application range is 200-400 sf/gal (5-10 sm/l) but can vary widely depending upon the specific conditions such as concrete mix design, type of finish and ambient weather conditions.** For example, concrete floors which are cast during cool and humid conditions require less SILCOSEAL SELECT to achieve optimum curing than do concrete floors cast during hot, dry and windy conditions.
- ◆ Over application can result in delays due to slow drying. Under application can result in shrinkage cracking or crazing and excessively porous and weakened slab surfaces.

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**APPLICATION RATE OF THE SILCOSEAL SELECT CURE COAT. IF UNSURE, CONTACT NOX-CRETE FOR SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS.**

**WHEN CLIMATIC CONDITIONS ARE EXCESSIVELY HOT, DRY AND/OR WINDY DURING CONCRETE PLACEMENT OR CURING AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE'S REPORT ACI 305, THE USE OF NOX-CRETE'S CURE & SEAL 1200 E AS A CURING MATERIAL OR A WET CURE CONSISTING OF BURLAP AND POLYETHYLENE IS RECOMMENDED IN LIEU OF SILCOSEAL SELECT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTION FROM SLAB OR PANEL MOISTURE LOSS.**

### **Bondbreaker Application**

- ◆ Casting slab areas should be well cured, smooth and dense.
- ◆ Remove all dust, dirt, saw cut residue, standing water and other contaminants prior to applying bondbreaker coats.
- ◆ The number of bondbreaker coats and related application rate required to achieve complete, uniform coverage of casting slab varies with concrete mix design, placing and finishing procedures, weather conditions, etc. Because of this, it is not possible to prescribe application rates or procedures inclusive of all site variables.
- ◆ Best results are obtained when successive coats of SILCOSEAL SELECT are applied at right angles (perpendicular) to each other.
- ◆ **An adequate application is indicated by the presence of a dry soap-like feel uniformly apparent to touch over the entire treated area with no indication of greater accumulations in low spots or depressions.** Following bondbreaker application and immediately prior to panel concrete placement, be certain casting slab surfaces evidence the dry soap-like feel, but do not evidence over application of SILCOSEAL SELECT as indicated by a slippery or grease-like feel to the touch. Over application may result in retardation of panel skin or dusting, surface irregularities and/or discoloration as well as unreacted bondbreaker residue on panel and floor surfaces.
- ◆ Typically, casting slab surfaces which are more porous resulting from such conditions as improper curing, the addition of pozzolans such as fly ash or which received a more open or less tight finish will require more SILCOSEAL SELECT than slab surfaces which are less porous.

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**CASTING SLAB SURFACE AT THE TIME OF PANEL CONCRETE PLACEMENT. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY A CONTINUOUS FILM OF BONDBREAKER CAN BE FELT ON THE CASTING SLAB SURFACE AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF PANEL CONCRETE.**

- ◆ Rain occurring prior to product drying will necessitate reapplication of bondbreaker.
- ◆ Do not apply to reinforcing steel or lifting inserts.
- ◆ Avoid spray drifts, runs or puddles. Promptly wipe up any material excesses which can lead to subsequent adhesive failure of floor coatings and wall paints.
- ◆ When using SILCOSEAL SELECT for sand bed casting, contact Nox-Crete for specific written recommendations.
- ◆ To avoid wood sugar related concrete retardation and dusting at panel edges and feature strip locations, use NOX-CRETE'S PRE-FORM to seal all wood that may contact panel concrete, including edge forms, blockout forms and chamfer and feature strips prior to bondbreaker application.

### **Casting Slabs Cured With SILCOSEAL SELECT**

- ◆ Apply successive coats of SILCOSEAL SELECT until the casting slab surface appears uniformly dark in appearance for at least 2-3 hours following the last coat. If the treated slab appears light in color either generally or in spots within 2-3 hours of last application, excessive slab porosity is indicated. Reapply SILCOSEAL SELECT to all light-colored areas. If areas of light color or dry appearance persist, thoroughly wet affected areas with water to fill concrete surface pores, squeegee off excess water and then immediately re-apply SILCOSEAL SELECT.
- ◆ **The typical effective coverage rate for all combined bondbreaker coats applied to new casting slabs previously cured with SILCOSEAL SELECT is 200-400 sf/gal (5-10 sm/l).** The application rate can vary widely depending upon the specific conditions. Do not over or under apply.

### **Casting Slabs Previously Cured And Sealed With CURE & SEAL 1200 E Or DURO-NOX**

- ◆ Casting slabs previously cured or sealed with CURE & SEAL 1200 E or DURO-NOX will require a lesser amount of SILCOSEAL SELECT to perform the bondbreaker function. Over application of SILCOSEAL SELECT can result in panel surface dusting, surface irregularities and/or discoloration.
- ◆ Application of SILCOSEAL SELECT to CURE & SEAL 1200 E or DURO-NOX sealed casting slab surfaces interferes with the normal chemical reaction of SILCOSEAL SELECT and the casting slab surface. As a result, under these circumstances, SILCOSEAL SELECT may be subject to removal by rainfall or contact with water. Verify the presence of an adequate bondbreaker film as indicated by a dry, soap-like feel uniformly apparent to the touch over the

entire treated area with no indication of greater accumulations in low spots or depressions as described above before placing panel concrete.

- ◆ **The typical effective coverage rate for all combined bondbreaker coats of SILCOSEAL SELECT applied to casting slabs sealed with CURE & SEAL 1200 E or DURO-NOX is 300-500 sf/gal (10-12.5 sm/l).** The application rate can vary widely depending upon the specific conditions. Do not over or under apply.

#### **Existing Casting Slabs**

- ◆ Verify concrete surface is free of substances that could adversely affect product performance.
- ◆ If a curing or sealing compound other than CURE & SEAL 1200 E or DURO-NOX was used, it will be necessary to remove the coating from the casting slab surface prior to applying bondbreaker. Use NOX-CRETE'S BIO-CLEAN or BIO-STRIP to chemically remove all coating residue.
- ◆ Apply successive coats of SILCOSEAL SELECT until the casting slab surface appears uniformly dark in appearance for at least 2-3 hours following the last coat. If the treated slab appears light in color either generally or in spots within 2-3 hours of last application, excessive slab porosity is indicated. Reapply SILCOSEAL SELECT to all light-colored areas. If areas of light color or dry appearance persist, thoroughly wet affected areas with water to fill concrete surface pores, squeegee off excess water and then immediately re-apply SILCOSEAL SELECT.
- ◆ **The typical effective coverage rate for all combined bondbreaker coats applied to an existing, clean and unsealed casting slab is 200-400 sf/gal (5-10 sm/l).** The application rate can vary widely depending upon the specific conditions. Do not over or under apply.

#### **CLEANING**

- ◆ To remove residual bondbreaker from casting slab floor surfaces resulting from over application of the bondbreaker, pretreat the areas to be cleaned with NOX-CRETE'S BIO-CLEAN. Scrub the treated surfaces using a floor scrubbing machine equipped with nylogrit scrub brushes. Squeegee off the excess BIO-CLEAN residue and rinse thoroughly with water and squeegee dry.
- ◆ To clean panel surfaces, pretreat the areas to be cleaned with a detergent solution consisting of 0.5 lbs (225 gms) of trisodium phosphate in 1 gal (3.8 l) of water. Rinse the detergent solution off with water using a minimum 4,000 psi power washer.
- ◆ Determine adequacy of the surface preparation of panels and casting slabs with appropriate site test to verify acceptable adhesion, appearance and performance of paints, coatings, adhesives, sealers, sealants, grouts, etc. prior to application. See ACI 551 for specific recommendations.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

Color ..... White Liquid  
Clarity ..... Opaque Emulsion  
Bulk Density ..... 8.08 lbs./gal. (968.5 g/l)  
VOC ..... Meets All Federal & State VOC Requirements  
Viscosity ..... 3 cps @ 25° C (77° F)  
Vapor Pressure ..... <16 mmHg @ 20° C  
Flash Point, ASTM D-93 ..... 103° F PMCC  
Flash Point, ASTM D-92 ..... 160° F COC

#### **PACKAGING**

Product is packaged in lined steel 5 gal (19 l) pails, 55 gal (208 l) drums and 275 gal (1,047 l) bulk tanks. Drums are equipped with a 2-inch center port opening for use with NOX-CRETE'S DRUM AGITATOR.

#### **SHELF LIFE**

Shelf life is nine months. Use before the "USE BY" date stated on product packaging.

#### **HANDLING/STORAGE**

Product is a combustible liquid. Store in a dry location within a temperature range between 40° F (4° C) and 100° F (38° C). Following each liquid removal, tightly reseal all container bungs or caps to include mixer port cap that seals opening for drum agitator handle promptly to prevent loss of necessary volatile solvents. **CAUTION: FAILURE TO PROPERLY STORE PRODUCT CAN RENDER IT UNSUITABLE FOR USE.**

#### **AVAILABILITY & TECHNICAL SERVICES**

In addition to corporate offices in Omaha, Nebraska, NOX-CRETE Products Group maintains regional offices and distribution centers in principal markets throughout the world. For source or technical information, phone (800) 669-2738 or (402) 341-1976.

#### **LIMITED WARRANTY**

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##### **CONDITIONS OF SALE**

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