

Nitofil LV and Nitofil TH



Low viscosity or thixotropic epoxy resin injection grout

Uses

Nitofil LV

Is a low viscosity system for the injection of cracks between 0.25 mm and 9 mm wide in concrete and masonry, where both sides of the crack can be sealed to prevent resin drainage.

Nitofil TH

Has been developed for the injection of cracks 0.5 to 9 mm wide in concrete and masonry, and has been specially formulated to minimise the drainage of resin from cracks which are incompletely sealed.

Advantages

Nitofil LV

■ *Low viscosity:* Permits maximum resin penetration

Nitofil TH

■ *Thixotropic:* Permits injection of open-ended cracks

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■ *Adhesion:* Achieves high strength bond to dry or wet concrete

■ *Minimum creep:* Material designed for low creep

■ *Non-shrink:* No loss of bond or surface contact

■ *High strength:* High compressive, tensile and flexural strengths

■ *Chemical resistance:* Withstands most chemicals, acids and alkalis, also water and frost

Description

Nitofil LV

Is a two pack low viscosity epoxy resin product for the repair of cracked concrete and masonry by the injection process.

Nitofil TH

Is a two pack thixotropic epoxy resin product for the repair of cracked concrete and masonry by the injection process.

Nitokit Surface Sealant

This is a polyester resin compound which combines the dual function of sealing the surface of the crack and bonding on the injection points.

It is supplied as a liquid resin together with a powder hardener, which are mixed together to give a stiff paste.

Nitokit Surface Sealant has the added advantage that it can be rubbed down with suitable hand or power tools to give a smooth finish which readily blends with surrounding concrete, minimising the visual impact of the repaired crack.

The usable life of the product is as follows:

20 to 25 minutes at 20°C.

Technical support

Fosroc offers a comprehensive range of high performance, high quality concrete repair and construction products. In addition, Fosroc offers a technical support service to specifiers, end-users and contractors, as well as on-site technical assistance in locations all over the world.

Properties

The following properties were obtained for Nitofil LV and Nitofil TH at a temperature of 20°C:

Compressive strength

(BS 6319, Pt. 2): 70 N/mm² @ 7 days

Tensile strength (BS 6319, Pt. 7): 27 N/mm² @ 7 days

Flexural strength (BS 6319, Pt. 3): 50 N/mm² @ 7 days

Slant shear bond (BS 6319, Pt. 4) —

To dry concrete: 50 N/mm² @ 7 days

To wet concrete: 40 N/mm² @ 7 days

Pot life

The time for which bulk mixed material remains fluid will vary with temperature. Typical values in minutes are:

	10°C	20°C	30°C
Nitofil LV:	40 minutes	20 minutes	10 minutes
Nitofil TH:	40 minutes	20 minutes	10 minutes

Chemical resistance

Nitofil LV and Nitofil TH are resistant to oil, grease, fats, most chemicals, mild acids and alkalis, fresh and sea water. Where constant contact with specific concentrated chemicals or solvent is anticipated the Fosroc Customer Services Department should be consulted for advice.

Temperature limitations

During application: Injection can be carried out without special precautions at ambient temperatures from 5°C to 25°C. For application at higher or lower temperatures the Fosroc Customer Services Department can advise on recommended procedures.

In service: The cured grout is completely resistant to frost and extreme sub-zero temperatures, and is suitable for continuous use up to 35°C.

Application instructions

Preparation

Ensure all contact surfaces are free from oil or grease contamination.

Where feasible, insert drinking straws or wires into the crack at sites (150 to 400 mm apart) selected for injection ports. Bond injection ports over the crack at these points with Nitokit Surface Sealant, removing the straws or wires after the Nitokit Surface Sealant has hardened. (If crack is obstructed at the surface, access may first be gained by vacuum flush drilling.) The crack should then be sealed between ports with Nitokit Surface Sealant.

Mixing Nitokit Surface Sealant

Mix only the quantity of sealant that can be applied within the usable life. Pour a small quantity of the resin into the mixing bucket provided and slowly add the powder. Stir until a smooth thick cream consistency is obtained. Mix further quantities as required.

Mixing Nitofil

Pour all the contents of Hardener pack into Base container. Mix for 2 minutes or more until homogeneous. At extremes of temperature refer to gel time information to enable required handling procedures to be adopted.

NB: Mechanical mixing is preferable (i.e. Jiffy mixer in slow speed drill) ensuring that the sides and bottom of the container are repeatedly scraped.

Injection

The product may be pumped into place using a standard 'grease gun' technique.

The size of the injection pump should be related to the job in hand. For small-scale jobs a Fosroc 'G' Gun may be used. Where greater rates of injection are required a Tecelmit hand pump may be used, or bulk supplies of Nitofil LV and Nitofil TH may be used with twin metering/mixing machines.

Connect the pump to the injection port using nylon reinforced PVC hose and Unex clips. Injection should commence at the widest part of the crack, or at the lower end if crack is uniform, closing that port and transferring injection to the next when the resin is seen to have reached it.

12 to 18 hours after injection, the injection tubes should be broken off and any damage made good using Nitokit Surface Sealant.

Cleaning

Tools and application equipment should be cleaned using Fosroc Solvent 102 for Nitofil LV and Nitofil TH and Fosroc Solvent 105 for Nitokit Surface Sealant immediately after use. Cured material can only be removed mechanically. Spillages should be absorbed with sand or sawdust and disposed of in accordance with local regulations.

Estimating

Packaging

Nitofil LV:	3 litre pack
Nitofil TH:	1 litre pack
Nitokit Surface Sealant:	5.5 litre pack
Fosroc Solvent 102:	5 litre tin
Fosroc Solvent 105:	5 litre tin

Storage

Nitofil LV, Nitofil TH and Nitokit Surface Sealant have a shelf life of 12 months if stored in dry conditions at 20°C.

Nitokit Surface Sealant should be stored in accordance with the Highly Flammable Liquids and Liquefied Petroleum Gases Regulations 1972.

Precautions

Health and safety

In common with most two part epoxy resin systems, Nitofil LV and Nitofil TH will react exothermically when mixed and left in bulk. The heat generated may be excessive and can lead to vapour emission and splash damage to adjacent surfaces.

To eliminate risk of exotherm, this product should only be mixed when ready for use and then applied without delay. Any unused residue should be poured on to a disposable impervious surface to allow cure before disposal.

Nitofil LV, Nitofil TH, Fosroc Solvent 102, Fosroc Solvent 105 and Nitokit Surface Sealant should not come into contact with skin and eyes or be swallowed. Avoid inhalation of vapours and ensure adequate ventilation.

Some people are sensitive to resins, hardeners and solvents. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection. Barrier creams such as Kerodex Antisolvent or Rozalex Antipaint provide additional skin protection.

Should accidental skin contact occur, remove immediately with a resin removing cream such as Kerocleanse Standard Grade Skin Cleanser or Rozaklens Industrial Skin Cleanser, followed by washing with soap and water — Do Not use solvent.

In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water and seek medical advice.

If swallowed, seek medical attention immediately — **do not** induce vomiting.

For further information see Product Safety Data Sheet.

Fire

Nitofil LV and Nitofil TH are non-flammable.

Fosroc Solvent 102, Fosroc Solvent 105 and Nitokit Surface Sealant are flammable. Do Not use near naked flames. No Smoking during use.

In the event of fire, extinguish with CO₂ or foam.

Flash points

Nitokit Surface Sealant:	29°C
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Fosroc Solvent 102:	33°C
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Fosroc Solvent 105:	43°C
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Additional information

Fosroc manufactures a wide range of products specifically designed for the repair and refurbishment of damaged reinforced concrete. This includes hand-placed and spray grade repair mortars, fluid micro-concretes, chemical-resistant epoxy mortars and a comprehensive package of protective coatings. In addition, a wide range of complementary products is available. This includes joint sealants, waterproofing membranes, grouting, anchoring and specialised flooring materials.

Fosroc have also produced several educational training videos which provide more detail about the mechanisms which cause corrosion within reinforced concrete structures and the solutions which are available to arrest or retard these destructive mechanisms. Further information is available from the publication: 'Concrete Repair and Protection — The Systematic Approach', available in seven language formats.

For further information about products, training videos or publications, contact the local Fosroc office.



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