

Nitoflor SL500

Flow applied, 0.5 mm thick epoxy resin based floor topping

Uses

Nitoflor SL500 is designed for use in wide range of industrial environments where a lasting solution to floor maintenance problems is required. It provides a dense, impervious, coloured and chemically resistant floor surface which is hygienic and easy to clean. Typical applications include:

- Clean rooms
- Laboratories
- Kitchens
- Plant rooms
- Light industrial plants and food processing areas

Advantages

- Fast application - minimises downtime
- Chemically resistant - good resistance to a wide range of chemicals
- Durable - good abrasion resistance
- Hygienic - provides a dense, impervious, seamless floor surface which is easily cleaned
- Attractive - available in a wide range of colours

Description

Nitoflor SL500 is a solvent free system based on epoxy resins and curing agents. It is supplied as a two-component system, pre-weighed for on-site mixing.

When laid, it provides a smooth, light-reflective surface. It is available in a range of standard colours.

Specification

Flow-applied epoxy floor topping

The designated floor areas shall be surfaced with Nitoflor SL500, a 500 micron thick floor-applied epoxy resin floor topping. At 35°C, it shall be capable of accepting foot traffic at 16 hours and vehicular traffic at 36 hours.

Properties

The values given below are average figures achieved in laboratory tests. Actual values obtained on site may show minor variations from those quoted.

Pot Life	@ 25°C	@ 35°C
Nitoflor SL500	: 1 hour	20 min
Specific gravity	: 1.6 g/cc	
Nitoprime 25	: 3-4 hours	1-1.5 hours
Cure time -		
Foot traffic	: 24 hours	16 hours
Vehicular traffic	: 48 hours	36 hours
Chemical resistance	: 7 days	4 days

Chemical properties

Nitoflor SL500 has excellent resistance at ambient temperatures to a wide range of industrial chemicals. Specific data is available on request.

Note that it is especially important that spillage is cleaned up quickly since much higher concentrations of chemicals may occur on evaporation.

Design criteria

Nitoflor SL500 is designed for application at a nominal thickness of 0.5mm.

Substrates should be dry and not suffer, or be likely to suffer, from rising damp. If necessary, suitable damp-proof membranes should be installed during construction to prevent this. Substrates should not have a relative humidity greater than 75% at the time of installation.

Instructions for use

Surface Preparation

It is essential that Nitoflor SL500 is applied to sound, clean and dry surfaces in order that maximum bond strength is achieved between the substrate and the flooring system. All dust and debris should be removed prior to application of the product or its primer.

New concrete floors

New concrete, or cementitious substrates, should be at least 28 days old and have a moisture content not exceeding 5%. Laitance deposits on new concrete are best removed by light grit blasting, mechanical scrubbing or grinding.

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Old concrete floors

A sound clean substrate is essential to achieve maximum adhesion. Mechanical cleaning methods are strongly recommended particularly where heavy contamination by oil and grease has occurred or existing coatings are present. To ensure adhesion, all contamination should be removed. Proprietary chemical degreaser may be used on small areas of light contamination only.

Priming

Priming is not necessary when Nitoflor SL500 is laid on epoxy screeds or epoxy underlays. All other surfaces directly treated with Nitoflor SL500 should be primed with Nitoprime 25, a solvent based epoxy resin primer designed for maximum absorption and adhesion to concrete substrates.

Add the entire contents of the hardener tin to the base tin and mix the two primer components thoroughly for at least 2 minutes - under no circumstances should part mixing be considered.

Once mixed, the primer should be applied immediately to the prepared substrate using stiff brushes and/or rollers. The primer should be well 'scrubbed' into the substrate to ensure full coverage, but care should be taken to avoid over application or 'ponding'.

Allow the primer to dry (see table below) before proceeding to the next stage, do not proceed whilst the primer is 'tacky' as this will lead to unsightly marks in the finished surface.

Porous substrates may require a second primer coat - when the first coat is directly absorbed into the substrate - but minimum overcoating times must still be observed (see table below).

The minimum overcoating times will vary slightly according to the porosity of the substrate. However, they should be in accordance with the following ambient application temperatures.

20°C	:	8-12 hours
30°C	:	6-8 hours
40°C	:	4-6 hours

Epoxy screeds or underlays:

Depending on the texture of the substrate, grinding followed by epoxy putty may be required when Nitoflor SL500 is laid on an epoxy screed or epoxy underlays.

Mixing

Nitoflor SL500 flooring is supplied in two pre-weighed packs (base and hardener) which are ready for immediate on-site use. Part mixing of these components is not acceptable and will affect both performance and appearance of the finished floor.

Mixing should be carried out using either a forced action mixer; or a heavy duty, slow-speed drill fitted with a suitable mixing paddle. All such equipment should be of a type and capacity approved by Fosroc. The components should be mixed in a suitably sized mixing vessel.

Application

Once mixed, the material must be used within its specified pot life - see "Properties" section.

The material should be poured onto the prepared and primed substrate as soon as mixing is complete. It should be spread to the required thickness using a serrated trowel; with care taken not to overwork the resin, spreading evenly and slowly.

Immediately after laying, the material should be rolled, using a spiked nylon roller, to remove slight trowel marks, and to assist air release. The rolling should be carried out using a 'back and forth' technique along the same path. An overlap of 50% with adjacent paths is recommended.

Further light rolling may be required to remove surface imperfections, or for subsequent release of trapped air, but should be prior to the setting of the product.

Floor Joints

All existing expansion or movement joints should be followed through the new floor surface.

Joint sealant & joint geometry should be compatible with the floor type used, intended exposure conditions and likely movement characteristics of the substrate - consult the local Fosroc office for more details.

Cleaning

Nitoprime 25 and Nitoflor SL500 should be removed from tools and equipment with Fosroc Nitoflor Sol immediately after use. Hardened material can only be removed mechanically.

Maintenance

The service life of a floor can be considerably extended by good housekeeping. Regular cleaning may be carried out using a rotary scrubbing machine with a water miscible cleaning agent at temperatures up to 50°C.



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Technical support

Fosroc offers a comprehensive range of high performance, high quality, flooring, jointing and repair products for both new and existing floor surfaces. In addition, the company offers a comprehensive technical support service to specifiers, end users and contractors.

Limitations

- Nitoflor SL500 should not be applied on to surfaces known to, or likely to suffer from, rising dampness, potential osmosis problems or have a relative humidity greater than 75% as measured in accordance with BS 8203 Appendix A, or by a Protimeter Thermohygrometer.
- In areas where significant thermal shock is likely to occur, please consult the local Fosroc office.
- Nitoflor SL500 should not be applied to asphalt, weak or friable concrete, unmodified sand/cement screeds, PVC tiles or sheet or substrates known to move substantially e.g. steel walkways.

For information on other substrates, consult the local Fosroc office.

- Nitoflor SL500 should not be installed at temperatures below 10°C or above 45°C. If in doubt, or for application outside these temperature limits, please consult your nearest Fosroc office.
- In common with all epoxy materials some light shade changes may be experienced over the long term when placed in adverse exposure conditions. Any such change in shade is not regarded as being detrimental to performance.

Estimating

Supply

Nitoflor SL500	:	4.5 litre pack
Nitoprime 25	:	1 and 4 litre packs
Nitoflor Sol	:	5 litre pack

Coverage

Nitoflor SL500	:	9.0 m ² /pack @ 500 micron thickness 6.0 m ² /pack @ 750 micron thickness
Nitoprime 25	:	5.5-6.5 m ² /ltr

Note : The coverage figures given are theoretical - due to wastage factors and the variety and nature of possible substrates, practical coverage figures will be reduced. Typically, an additional 10% should be allowed for surface irregularities and wastage although this will vary with site conditions.

Storage

Shelf life

Nitoflor SL500 has a shelf life of 12 months if kept in warehouse conditions at 30°C in the original, unopened pack.

Storage conditions

Store in dry conditions between 5°C and 30°C, away from sources of heat and naked flames, in the original, unopened packs. If stored at high temperatures the shelf life will be reduced.

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Precautions

Health and safety

Nitoflor SL500, Nitoprime 25, and Nitoflor Sol should not come in contact with the skin and eyes, or be swallowed.

Ensure adequate ventilation and avoid inhalation of vapours. Some people are sensitive to resins, hardeners and solvents. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye protection.

In case of contact with skin, rinse with plenty of clean water, then cleanse with soap and water. Do not use solvent. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice. If swallowed seek medical attention immediately - **do not** induce vomiting.

Fire

Nitoprime 25 and Nitoflor Sol are flammable. Keep away from sources of ignition. No smoking. In the event of fire extinguish with CO₂ or foam. Do not use a water jet.

Nitoflor SL500 and Nitocote Primer Sealer are non-flammable.

Flash points

Nitoprime 25	:	39°C
Nitoflor Sol	:	33°C

Disposal

Spillages of component products should be absorbed on to earth, sand or other inert material and transferred to a suitable vessel. Disposal of such spillages or empty packaging should be in accordance with local waste disposal regulations.

For further information, refer to the Product Material Safety Data Sheet.

Additional Information

Fosroc manufactures a wide range of complementary products which include :

- waterproofing membranes & waterstops
- joint sealants & filler boards
- cementitious & epoxy grouts
- specialised flooring materials

Fosroc additionally offers a comprehensive package of products specifically designed for the repair and refurbishment of damaged concrete.

For further information on any of the above, please consult your local Fosroc office - as below.



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