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PROTEX WB

Eco-friendly, water-based, easy to apply impregnating sealer to protect natural stone against rising damp and stains.



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PROTEX WB is a high-performance impregnating treatment to protect natural stone against staining and the harmful effects of water and rising damp. It is characterised by a 100% water-based, eco-friendly formula and for its lack of volatile organic compounds (V.O.C. Free), therefore, its use is not harmful to the environment or for the health of users, either during or after application. The specific characteristic of **PROTEX WB** is that of penetrating natural stone deep down, ensuring strong, lasting protection without compromising the original breathability of the surface, since it does not create any type of film or alter the original appearance of the material. **PROTEX WB** is a product that combines water-repellent properties with a stain-proofing function in a single solution, especially on glossy surfaces, together with a distinctive resistance to rising damp, responsible for the majority of problems generally found on natural stone: persistent damp marks, formation of rust, yellow damp marks, flaking or detached surfaces (pitting), salt efflorescence and surface aggressions.

Unlike traditional stain-proofing protective treatments available, **PROTEX WB** helps to increase the resistance of the natural material to dirt and foot traffic, working as a definitive solution due to its high resistance to the action of dewaxers. **PROTEX WB** is also certified for contact with foods and therefore, is a valid solution for protecting kitchen worktops.

PROTEX WB is particularly recommended for pre-installation treatment on natural surfaces:

- it is used as a 6-side pre-treatment to combat any form of rising damp and to ensure maximum protection. In this case, the installation of slabs or tiles must be carried out using high-quality adhesive or mechanical fastening.
- it is used as a 5-side pre-treatment (*top+edge*) without any further processes. In this case, the installation of slabs or tiles must be carried out using a medium-high-quality adhesive.
- It can be used as a pre-treatment on 5 sides (*top+edge*), together with a treatment applied to the underside (*bottom*), in the event that slabs or tiles are used with a medium-low quality adhesive or simple cement-mortar mix.

Pre-treatment of natural stone is highly recommended as it makes it possible to protect natural materials from the earliest stages of installation, avoiding all problems linked to moisture absorption from the laying bed (screed and adhesive) or the processes that the natural stone undergoes (bonding, grouting, mechanical polishing). It is always advisable to pre-treat natural stone, but it is more important to do so when the surface is absorbent and sensitive, especially and above all, according to the characteristics and performance of the adhesive used.

PROTEX WB is an extremely valid solution to stain- and waterproof natural stone that has already been laid. In this case, however, the protection against rising damp will depend on the moisture already present inside the material, which will have already been subject to the passage of moisture during the laying process. To get the best possible performance, including with regard to protection against rising damp, it is therefore necessary for the surface to be free from older damp stains and it is also important to make sure that the surface being treated is as dry as possible; this is to allow the product to penetrate correctly. In any case, it is always preferable to pre-treat natural stone.



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In both cases, pre- or post-installation, **PROTEX WB** is an excellent stain-proofing product for glossy compact surfaces that have been polished, brushed or flamed. In case of application to rough, matt or unfinished surfaces, **PROTEX WB** can be combined with a surface stain-proofer to achieve maximum performance; it will act as a primer to maximise the effectiveness and durability of the stain-proofing treatment applied successively.

Both in case of pre- and post-laying treatment, **PROTEX WB** makes natural stone polishing and buffing operations easier by limiting water-absorption by the surface. It also cuts drying time.

CHARACTERISTICS AND BENEFITS

- ✓ **Excellent** stain-proofing **properties** on polished materials.
- ✓ Provides **hydro-repellency** on polished materials surface
- ✓ Provides **oleo-repellency** on polished materials surface
- ✓ **Protects** material **from rising damp**
- ✓ **Prevents** the formation of **salts** and **efflorescence**
- ✓ **Water-based** product
- ✓ **Eco-compatible solution**
- ✓ **VOC Free**
- ✓ **Suitable for contact with foods**
- ✓ **Does not change the original appearance of the treated surface**
- ✓ **Does not film**
- ✓ High **capacity to penetrate** into the subfloor
- ✓ **Durable protection**
- ✓ **Simplifies grout removal** and cleaning after installation
- ✓ **Does not change breathability**
- ✓ **Easy application solution.**

USES

This product **can be used** on both indoor and outdoor surfaces.

Suitable for use on: Marble, granite, limestone, sandstone, slate, basaltina, quartzite, porphyry, travertine, marble-cement agglomerate, marble-resin agglomerate.

COVERAGE

10/15 m²/l

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

Brush, Lambswool applicator, Roller, Airless, Immersion, Production line



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APPLICATION STEPS

Preparing and cleaning the surface

1. Carefully clean the surface, making sure to remove any dust or dirt present.
2. Never apply PROTEX WB to wet surfaces. The product can be used on slightly damp surfaces; nonetheless, please ensure that the surface to be treated is as dry as possible.
3. Apply PROTEX WB to surfaces with a temperature of between +5 and +40°C
4. Any adjacent surfaces not being treated with the product must be protected.

Application as pre-installation treatment

This operation is generally carried out in the factory or on site, including a short period from material installation. Usually, material for laying is treated during the “dry laying” stage, which is frequently used as it allows the position of each single piece to be assessed. Alternatively, we recommend laying out the material on a clean, dry area that is large enough to treat the natural stone slabs or tiles.

The natural stone pre-treatment stage using Faber Chimica solutions starts from the upper surface of the material (*top*) and then the sides (*edges*), followed, after the product has dried, with the underface, which will be in contact with the glue (*bottom*).

5a. Apply a layer of product, taking care to create an even coating that covers the whole surface, including both the *top* and *edges* of the slab or tile. After about 5-10 minutes and in any case, before the product dries, even out any product residues remaining on the surface, taking care to distribute them uniformly with a roller, lambswool applicator or brush. For a perfectly clean surface in this stage, we recommend redistributing residues until they have been completely eliminated. This redistribution phase will simplify the subsequent removal of any other dry residues. If not redistributed, residues can be removed with a cloth, a white pad or a floor polisher, using a small amount of water. Nonetheless, it is always better to carry out a redistribution of the product as this will speed up the following laying operations.

6a. Wait around 1-2 hours for the product to dry; reposition the slabs or tiles in order to be able to treat the underside (*bottom*), proceeding as described above. We recommend re-positioning the slabs and treating the underface (*bottom*), starting with the first slab to have been given top + edge treatment. This process applies when using PROTEX WB and also when using a different product for the underside only.

7a. The product residues, redistributed as described above, can be easily removed once the material is completely dry and before it is boxed up, using a white pad or a damp cloth. It can also be removed directly on site, before the slabs or tiles are laid, using a white pad or damp cloth, or immediately after laying, using a floor polisher with white disc. If the material laid needs to be polished, the residues will be removed directly during the polishing operations.

The pre-treatment on 6 sides (*top+edge+bottom*) with PROTEX WB can be carried out using roller, brush or lambswool applicator, or by completely immersing the individual tiles or slabs of material. In this case, fill a large enough container for the tiles with product and completely immerse one tile at a time, for about 10-15 seconds. Immediately after, proceed to redistribute the product residues over the surface, as described above, using a clean cloth.



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Drying time for pre-installation treatment.

Before proceeding to lay the tiles or slabs treated with PROTEX WB, wait at least 24 hours.

Opening to floor traffic after pre-installation treatment

Once laid, the treated slabs or tiles can be opened to foot traffic.

Application as post-installation treatment

5b. Apply a layer of product, taking care to create an even coating that covers the whole surface. After about 5-10 minutes and in any case, before the product dries, even out any product residues remaining on the surface, taking care to distribute them uniformly with a roller, lambswool applicator or brush. This redistribution phase will simplify the subsequent removal of any other dry residues. If not redistributed, residues can be removed with a cloth, a white pad or a floor polisher, using a small amount of water. Nonetheless, it is always better to carry out a redistribution of the product as this will speed up the following laying operations.

6b. The product residues, redistributed as described above, can be easily removed using a white pad or a damp cloth in cases of surfaces with a limited area or using a floor polisher with white disc for larger areas.

When applying to a porous and therefore, more absorbent surface, where PROTEX WB is absorbed without leaving residues, we recommend a second coat of product. It is also possible to increase the dirt-resistant properties added by the product, by polishing the surface with a floor polisher and white disc. If the material laid needs to be polished, the residues will be removed directly during the polishing operations.

Opening to floor traffic after post-installation treatment

The surface can be opened to floor traffic about 2-3 hours after the product has been applied.

Drying time for post-installation treatment

The product will be completely dry in about 24 hours, during which it must be protected against all contact with water or moisture.

Production line application

The product can be applied using special equipment as part of an industrial production/treatment line. Based on the characteristics of the line available, the product will generally require an application stage using a sprinkler, silicone roller or other suitable means; this must be followed by the removal of residues, to be carried out with special brushes or pads.

For more information about how to use the PROTEX WB line or for other specific solutions for industrial use, please contact our Technical Division.

COMPLEMENTARY CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS

- For *routine cleaning* of a surface treated with PROTEX WB, we recommend: NEUGEL or ALGAFLOOR
- For *extraordinary cleaning* of a surface treated with PROTEX WB, we recommend: FABER 30 or DETERFUG, according to the type of stone to be cleaned
- To increase the *stain-proof protection* of an unpolished surface treated with PROTEX WB, we recommend: HIDRO 150 or B1 700



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INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES

- This is a ready-to-use product and does not need to be diluted.
- Never apply the product to a wet surface
- Do not apply the product to overly heated surfaces
- Apply the product to surfaces with a temperature of between +5 and +40°C
- When applying to recently laid or grouted surfaces, wait for the adhesive or grout to cure completely.
- Before applying the product to the whole surface, it is advisable to test a small, unexposed area or unused piece to check its suitability for use.

EQUIPMENT CLEANING

At the end of application, the equipment used can be washed using water.

SAFETY

When applying the product, always use suitable personal protective equipment and follow the instructions on the product safety data sheet with care.

PHYSICAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Aspect	: <i>Transparent liquid</i>
Colour	: <i>Colourless</i>
Odor	: <i>Odourless</i>
pH	: <i>11 ± 0,4</i>
Specific gravity (20°C)	: <i>1050 ± 5 g/lit.</i>
VOC content (UNI EN ISO 11890-2:2007)	: <i><0,05%</i>
VOC emission (GEV Met. ed. May 2010)	: <i>N.R. (lower than the method quantification limit)</i>

STORAGE

Keep the container tightly closed and store in a cool, dry place.

SHELF LIFE

36 months in the original, sealed packaging, stored in a cool, dry place.

PACKAGING

- 1 l bottles - 12 bottles per box
- 5 l cans – 4 cans per box
- 25 l cans – loose cans



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HAZARD IDENTIFICATION



H315	Causes skin irritation
H319	Causes serious eye irritation.
P264	Wash hands thoroughly after handling.
P280	Wear protective gloves/clothing/eye protection/ face protection.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN : wash with plenty of water and soap.
P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: call for a doctor.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash them before reusing.

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