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# Flow applied 2mm medium duty cementitious polyurethane floor topping

#### Uses

Nitoflor SL2000 U is designed for use in a wide range of medium duty industrial environments where a lasting solution to floor maintenance is required. The smooth matt surface is dense, impervious, coloured and chemically resistant (see below). It is hygienic and easy to clean. Typical applications include food and beverage production, dairy processing, pharmaceutical and engineering process areas.

# **Advantages**

- Ease of application
- Easy to clean
- Seamless
- Good abrasion and impact resistance
- High chemical resistance
- Non-tainting

#### **Description**

Nitoflor SL2000 U is a medium duty, flow applied cementitious polyurethane floor topping system supplied in 3 components. When laid at 2-3mm it provides a smooth matt finish designed for abrasion resistance and chemical attack.

# **Chemical Resistance**

Nitoflor SL2000 U is resistant to a wide range of commonly used chemicals in the food, dairy and pharmaceutical industries such as concentrated citric acid (fruits), spirit vinegar (50% acetic acid), lactic acid (food & dairy products) and common alcohols (methanol & ethanol). Nitoflor SL2000 U is also resistant to a wide range of inorganic acids, fuels, hydraulic oils, mineral oils and solvents. Good housekeeping practices should be employed. Please consult Fosroc for further advice.

Some staining or discolouration may occur with some chemicals, depending on dwell time, temperature, type of chemical and degree of housekeeping employed. This does not necessarily affect the product service integrity or durability.

#### **Substrates**

Concrete, polymer modified screeds, grano concrete.

# Typical Properties, 28 days at 20°C

BS 8204-6	Type 5 Floor (medium duty)
Service Temperature	-5°C to +60°C

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Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U

EN 13813 SR - B2,0 - AR0,5 - IR20 Synthetic resin screed material for use internally in buildings not subject to reaction to fire regulations.

Reaction to fire	NPD
Release of corrosive substances	SR
Water permeability	NPD
Wear Resistance	AR0,5
Bond strength	B2,0
Impact resistance	IR20
Sound insulation	NPD
Sound absorption	NPD
Thermal resistance	NPD
Chemical resistance	NPD

Note: The typical physical properties given above are derived from testing in a controlled laboratory environment. Results derived from testing field-applied samples may vary, dependent on actual site conditions.

The slip resistance figures given above are affected by application techniques and prevailing site conditions. Slip resistance can reduce over time due to poor maintenance, general wear or surface contaminants. Nitoflor SL2000 U has a smooth finish so can be expected to become slippery when wet. Good housekeeping practices must be observed.

### Cure Schedule at 20°C

Working life of full packs:

Nitoflor SL2000 U 10-15 minutes

Note: Usable working life of material following mixing and immediate spreading as per the application instructions

# Finished floor:

Cure time to light pedestrian traffic	12 hours
Cure time to light wheeled traffic	24 hours
Cure time to medium duty traffic	48 hours
Full chemical resistance	7 days

Note: The above cure times are approximate and given as a guide only. These times can vary due to prevailing site conditions.

# **Application Conditions**

Ideal ambient, material and substrate temperature range is 15 25°C to achieve best results. The product should NOT be applied above this temperature range – contact Fosroc office for advice. The product can be applied below this ideal temperature range (subject to a minimum of 10°C) however the surface finish may be subject to e.g. trowel and/or spike roller marks. In the case of low temperatures in the range 10 - 15 °C, the product components should be stored in a warm area, using localised forced heating equipment as appropriate, in order to bring product temperature within the ideal range. In these cases physical properties and durability of the floor are not affected.

The substrate and applied floor must be kept at least 3°C above the dew point to reduce the risk of condensation or blooming on the surface, from before priming to at least 48 hours after application of Nitoflor SL2000 U.

### Instructions for preparation and use

Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U should be installed by specialist applicators, who must follow the procedures laid down in guideline documents such as BS 8024 Part 6:2008 Code of practice – Synthetic Resin Floorings, and the Fosroc Method Statement - PU Cementitious Flooring.

#### **Surface Preparation**

Inadequate preparation may lead to loss of adhesion and failure. In coatings or flow-applied systems, there is a tendency for the finish to mirror imperfections in the substrate. Grinding or light vacuum-contained shot blasting is therefore preferred over planing for these systems. Percussive scabbling or acid etching is not recommended.

Anchorage grooves should be cut to a minimum depth and width of 2x the flooring thickness to be laid, at the edges, day joints, up-stands, drains, doorways and at regular points across the floor, and all debris removed.

# **New concrete floors**

The base should be a minimum of Grade RC30 of BS 8500-2: 2002 and should not contain a water repellent admixture. The surface strength when assessed using a rebound hammer should be above 25 or the surface tensile strength should exceed 1.5 MPa.

The laitance and any surface sealer or curing membrane should be removed by mechanical means such as shot blasting or grinding to expose the coarse aggregate. After surface preparation, all loose debris and dirt should be removed by vacuum equipment.

For concrete bases in contact with the ground, a damp proof membrane should have been incorporated into the

slab design, in accordance with the requirements of CP102 (Code Of Practice For The Protection Of Buildings Against Water From The Ground).

#### Old concrete floors

All laitance and surface contamination should be removed by mechanical means such as shot-blasting or grinding to expose the coarse aggregate. After surface preparation, all loose debris and dirt should be removed by vacuum. Heavy oil or grease deposits should be removed either mechanically, or by steam cleaning, or by biological treatment, then by high pressure water blasting followed by the application of a penetrating primer. Where oil or grease contamination has been severe or of long duration, these methods may prove unsatisfactory and in these cases removal of the affected base is necessary.

In existing buildings without a functioning damp-proof membrane, the application of a surface-applied membrane should be considered. Hydrostatic pressure may, under certain circumstances, cause adhesive failure between the flooring and the substrate. Where this is likely to occur, such as in areas where the ground water table is higher than the substrate, and where external tanking has not been applied, pressure relief must be provided, e.g. by direct drainage. A close visual examination should be made to verify cleanliness and soundness. Any weak or suspect areas should be repaired.

# **Application Instructions**

# **Priming**

Nitoflor SL2000 U should be applied as a primer/ scratch coat at a coverage rate of up to a nominal 1 mm thickness; actual coverage rate will depend on concrete surface texture and porosity. This scratch coat is designed to prime and seal the floor. Mix (see Application) and spread evenly by trowel, ensuring that anchorage grooves are fully wetted out. The scratch coat should be allowed to cure for 12 - 48 hours at 20°C before applying the Nitoflor SL2000 U. If the scratch coat has been allowed to cure for >48 hours then the coat must be thoroughly abraded and a fresh layer of scratch coat applied. If severe pin-holing is evident in the scratch coat, indicating that air is rising from the substrate, then remedial action should be taken. Contact your local Fosroc office for advice. Failure to do so may result in increased risk of pinholing of the surface topping.

# Application of Nitoflor SL2000 U

Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U is a three-component product. A forced-action rotary paddle mixer is recommended for mixing the product. Thoroughly mix and drain the contents of the coloured liquid base component into a large plastic container, and scrape down with a flat bladed scraper to ensure complete draining. Thoroughly drain the hardener



component and mix for 1 minute or until a homogeneous mix is obtained. Load the aggregate component whist mixing, and continue mixing for 3 minutes or until a lump-free mix is obtained.

Immediately discharge and spread the mix over the application area with a notched trowel to the required coverage rate, level with a steel float and de-aerate using a spiked roller, rolling only into the previously applied adjacent area. Spike rolling should be carried out within 3 minutes of application in order to avoid interfering with flow and surface finish. Ensure that anchorage grooves are fully wetted out with material. Do not return to spike roll older applied areas as the product is fast-setting and this action will leave spoiling marks on the applied floor.

The finished floor should be protected from other trades using Kraft paper or similar breathable material. Polythene should not be used. Protect the installed floor from damp, condensation and water for at least 4 days.

# Supply

Nitoflor SL2000 U	27.3 kg packs
Coverage	
Nitoflor SL2000 U (primer/scratch coat)	Coverage appropriate to texture and porosity of floor Nominal 14 m²/pack
Nitoflor SL2000 U (floor topping)	6.8 m²/pack at 2 mm 4.5 m²/pack at 3 mm

Note: Coverage figures given are theoretical. Actual site practical coverage figures may vary, due to wastage factors and the type and condition of the substrate.

# **Colours**

Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U is available in a range of standard Fosroc colours. Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U is not colour fast and may yellow over time. The rate of change will depend on UV light and heat levels and cannot be predicted. This will be more pronounced with lighter colours and blue shades and does not compromise the product's in-service performance or chemical resistance characteristics.

# Cleaning

Regular cleaning is essential to maintain and enhance the life expectancy, slip resistance and appearance of the floor. Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U can be easily cleaned using industry standard cleaning chemicals and techniques. Consult your cleaning chemical and equipment supplier for more information.

# **Health and Safety**

Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U should not come into contact with the skin and eyes, or be swallowed. Ensure adequate ventilation and avoid inhalation of vapours.

Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye protection. If working in confined areas, suitable respiratory protective equipment must be used. The use of barrier creams provides additional skin 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. Refer to Product Safety Data Sheet for further information.

#### **Fire**

Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U is non-flammable.

# Storage, Mixing & Application

Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U has a shelf life of 12 months (6 months for the aggregate component) if stored off the ground in unopened packs in a dry store under cover at 10 - 30°C. Storage outside this temperature range or repeated fluctuations in storage temperature can reduce the storage life. Protect from frost.

# Limitations

Do not proceed with application if atmospheric relative humidity is, or is anticipated to be within the tack-free period, >90% or if the surface temperature is <3°C above the dew point.

Application should NOT commence when the substrate temperature or the ambient temperature is, or is anticipated to be, outside the range 10 - 25°C during the application or within the tack-free period.

Application can take place below the ideal range of 15 - 25°C, subject to a minimum of 10°C, however the surface finish may be subject to e.g. trowel and/or spike roller marks. The product should NOT be applied above 25°C – contact Fosroc office for advice.

The design strength of concrete surfaces must be a minimum of 25MPa compressive strength at 28 days.

The manufacture of Fosroc Nitoflor SL2000 U is a batch process and despite close manufacturing tolerances, colour variation may occur between batches.



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