

### 1. PRODUCT NAME

ProSpec® Moisture Guard Max

### 2. MANUFACTURER

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### 3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

ProSpec® Moisture Guard Max is a one-coat 100% solids, surface penetrating, film-forming epoxy coating for remediating the moisture vapor transmission related to green and damp concrete surfaces. This proprietary formula has been specifically designed to cure and adhere to concrete under extreme conditions of constant moisture transmission, high pH and high relative humidity. When installed at the required application thickness, Moisture Guard Max, once cured, reduces the levels of water vapor transmission below the recommended moisture vapor transmission for most adhesives, coatings and floor coverings.

### Features and Benefits

- Can be applied onto above, at and below-grade concrete substrates
- Apply to concrete with a relative humidity (RH) up to and including 100%
- Reduces 25lbs of Moisture Vapor Transmission to less than 3 lbs
- Up to 97% Reduction in Moisture Vapor Transmission
- Alkali Resistant to a pH14
- Low VOC
- Low viscosity mix ensures maximum penetration of the concrete substrate to fill in pores and voids
- One Coat application
- Easy mix formula (2 parts A to 1 part B by volume)
- Non-flammable

### Uses

- Properly prepared new (at least 7 days old) or existing concrete substrates
- Properly prepared and fully cured lightweight concrete

### Safety

READ THE MATERIALS SAFETY DATA SHEET (MSDS) BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT. MSDS Sheets are available on our website [www.prospec.com](http://www.prospec.com) or contact CHEMTREC (24 hours availability) 800-424-9300 for International inquiries +01-703527-3887, or contact Bonsal American Technical Services at 800-334-0784 (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern US Time).

### 4. TECHNICAL DATA

Color (Mixed)	Translucent Green
Mix Ratio (by volume)	2 A : 1 B
Pot Life:	~15 minutes (Empty container immediately after mixing)
Viscosity, mixed (RV2-30)	~700 cps
Solid Content	100%
Flash Point	> 200°F
Clean Up	Xylene or MEK immediately after use
Water Vapor Transmission per Water Method <sup>1</sup>	
Avg. Measured Permeance	≤ 0.1 grains / h <sup>-1</sup> ft <sup>2</sup> in Hg <sup>-1</sup>
<sup>1</sup> ASTM E 96/E 96M -05 Test Methods for Water Vapor Transmission of Materials	
High pH Resistance <sup>1</sup>	
Spot Test, Covered (14d)	No effect
Spot Test, Open (14d)	No effect
Immersion (14d)	No effect
<sup>1</sup> ASTM D 1308 – 10% & 30% Sodium Hydroxide alkali solution (pH14)	

### VOC, mixed

9 g/L

### Packaging

3 gallon Kit: Product #65510019

Part A: 2 gal (7.6L) - Translucent blue liquid in a plastic container.

Part B: 1 gal (3.8L) - Translucent yellow liquid in a plastic container.

## Shelf Life

24 months from the date of manufacture when stored in the original, unopened container, away from moisture, under cool, dry conditions and out of direct sunlight.

## 5. INSTALLATION

### Preparation

All materials should be stored at 40°F (4°C) to 80°F (27°C) 24 hours prior to installation.

The substrate must be POROUS to achieve full penetration of the Moisture Guard Max. Roughen the surface of all smooth formed concrete surfaces such as hard troweled surfaces and precast panels to an opened coarse texture to increase the penetration of Moisture Guard Max.

Remove deteriorated concrete, laitance, asphalt, dirt, grease, paint, curing or sealing compounds, and any other contaminants that will inhibit the bond or deter the proper penetration of the Moisture Guard Max into the substrate. The prepared substrate must be structurally sound, completely clean with an open coarse texture with an ICRI CSP 3 profile. Vacuum shot blasting is recommended. Use a walk behind magnetic sweeper to remove any remaining shot. (Note: Surface preparation by acid etching is not permitted.)

The substrate must be free from liquid or standing water to ensure full penetration of the Moisture Guard Max. The surface temperature must be a minimum of 5°F above the dew point temperature and not have hydrostatic pressure at the time of application.

Test the surface for direct tensile bond strength per ASTM C 1583 prior to installation. The pull-out value must be greater than or equal to 175 psi (1.2 MPa) with the failure at a depth of greater than or equal to 1/4" (6 mm) into the base with greater than or equal to 50% failure of the substrate.

**Remove all loose material by vacuuming to result in a dust-free surface before application of Moisture Guard Max.**

Brooms shall not be used.

Determine the coverage rate by first testing the substrate moisture vapor content using test method ASTM F2170 RH probes or the surface moisture vapor transmission per ASTM F1869 Moisture Vapor Transmission (Calcium Chloride) procedure.

Application of Moisture Guard Max to a small test area is required to ensure desired performance. Determine adhesion properties of Moisture Guard Max to the substrate and the moisture vapor transmission.

Moisture Guard Max cannot accommodate substrate movement. Repair all cracks prior to installation following adhesive manufacturer or floor covering manufacturer recommendations. Honor all expansion and control joints.

Note: It is the responsibility of the installer/applicator to ensure the suitability of the product for its intended use.

## Preparation (cont.)

### Expansion Joints and Cracks

Honor all expansion and control joints. Remove all loose material from the joint. Coat the inside of the joint with Moisture Guard Max to the desired application thickness. Allow the Moisture Guard Max to cure a minimum of 12 hours prior to the installation of backer rod and sealant.

Non-moving cracks and voids must be completely cleaned and repaired prior to installation of Moisture Guard Max. For openings < 1/8" width Moisture Guard Max can be used neat and for larger openings use Moisture Guard Max mixed with the appropriate epoxy thickening agent.

### Job Mockups

Bonsal American, Inc. requires that when its ProSpec products are used in any application or as part of any system that includes other manufacturers' products, the contractor and/or design professional shall test all the system components collectively for compatibility, performance and long-term intended use in accordance with pertinent and accepted industry standards prior to any construction. Written documentation of the tests performed shall be satisfactory to the design professional and contractor. Test results must include the means and methods of application, products used, project-specific conditions being addressed, and standardized tests performed for each proposed system or variation.

### Mixing

1. Do not mix more material than can be applied in 15-20 minutes. (Note: High temperatures will reduce the working time.)
2. For easier mixing and application, before using, allow Moisture Guard Max to acclimate to room temperature of 65° F - 75°F (18°C - 24°C) for a minimum of 24 hours.
3. The mixing ratio is 2 part A to 1 part B by volume.
4. Remove Part A and Part B containers from the outer mixing pail. Add Part B (Yellow) to the mixing pail, scraping the sides to remove all material.
5. Pour Part A (Blue) into Part B (Yellow) (2:1) making sure all of the Part A is transferred into the Part B.
6. Mix for 2 minutes with a jiffy (paint) style mixing paddle and high speed drill at low speed (<400 rpm).
7. Scrape the sides and corners of the mixing pail to incorporate any unmixed material. Continue mixing until a smooth, homogeneous, translucent green consistency is achieved, typically 1 minute.
8. Avoid over-mixing as this will incorporate air into the mixture.
9. **Immediately pour the mixed material onto the substrate.**

## Application

Moisture Guard Max must be applied when the ambient air and surface temperatures are between 50°F to 90°F (10°C to 32°C). The relative air humidity must not exceed 90%. The temperature during application must be steady and/or falling as rising temperatures will reduce the working time.

1. Apply a smooth even coating over the subfloor using a flat squeegee followed by a 3/8" nap roller to achieve the desired coating thickness.
2. Moisture Guard Max, due to its low mixed viscosity, will flow into low areas filling all voids in the concrete surface. As the coating is absorbed and penetrates into the surface, air in the concrete capillaries is displaced causing "Out Gassing". Minimal out gassing is a normal occurrence and does not affect the moisture vapor transmission. If excessive out gassing is observed, contact Bonsal American Technical Services for recommendations.
3. Allow the coating to cure a minimum of 12 hours before applying any material on top of the Moisture Guard Max. (Note: Low temperatures lengthen curing time and high temperatures shorten curing time.)
4. After curing, imperfections such as low coating thickness or pinholes must be corrected with a second application of Moisture Guard Max. Allow the first coating to cure a minimum of 12 hours prior to application of second coat.
5. Apply next layer of the finish flooring system within a maximum of 5 days of the final coat.

## Cleaning

Clean tools immediately and before cured using xylene or MEK following all handling and safety precautions listed on the xylene container. Be sure to use rubber gloves when cleaning and have plenty of ventilation. (Note: Cured Moisture Guard Max can be removed only by mechanical abrasion.)

## Limitations

- Do not apply if the substrate has a compressive strength less than 2500 psi and tensile bond strength of less than 175 psi.
- Do not apply on any surface that is not clean, solid and absorbent. Vacuum shot blasting is recommended.
- Do not apply to any substrate, cracks or voids that are subject to movement. For moving cracks repair determine the treatment procedure using a consultant or engineer.
- Do not acid etch, grind or sand to prepare the surface.
- Do not apply to concrete and other cement based topping that have cured less than 7 days.
- Do not apply to non-porous substrates.
- Do not apply if the substrate profile is greater than CSP 6. Reduce the profile and then re-blast to CSP 3.
- Do not dilute with water, admixtures or solvents.
- Do not apply over gypsum based substrates or gypsum based patching compounds.
- Do not apply onto surfaces that have been treated with a concrete sealer unless removed by mechanical means.
- Do not apply onto surfaces that have free standing water (wet) or when the surface temperature is < 5°F of the dew point temperature.

## Limitations (cont.)

- Do not use as a wear surface.
- Do not use in areas that are subjected to freeze/thaw cycles or extreme thermal movement of the substrate.
- Do not apply over toppings, levelers or patching compounds.
- Do not use as a floor leveling product.
- Do not apply if the ambient, surface and material temperatures are not between 50°F - 90°F (10°C - 32°C).
- Do not apply any cement topping or underlayment without first using a primer.

## Coverage

Required Dry Film Thickness & Coverage Rate

Thickness /Rate <sup>3</sup>	Relative Humidity	Moisture Vapor Transmission (CaCl <sub>2</sub> )
	ASTM F 2170 <sup>1</sup>	ASTM F 1869 <sup>2</sup>
>16mils /~100 ft <sup>2</sup> /gal	90 - 100% RH	15 to 25 lb. / 1000 ft <sup>2</sup> / 24hr.
>13mils /~125 ft <sup>2</sup> /gal	85 - 90% RH	10 to 15 lb. / 1000 ft <sup>2</sup> / 24hr.
>10mils /~150 ft <sup>2</sup> /gal	< 85% RH	< 10 lb. / 1000 ft <sup>2</sup> / 24hr.

<sup>1</sup> ASTM F 2170: Test Method for Determining Relative Humidity in Concrete Floor Slabs Using in situ probes

<sup>2</sup> ASTM F 1869: Test Method for Measuring Moisture Vapor Emission Rate of Concrete Subfloor Using Anhydrous Calcium Chloride

<sup>3</sup> A minimum coating thickness of >16mil is required for concrete that is 7-28 days old.

NOTE: Printed coverage rates are over a CSP 3 profile. Actual coverage will vary depending on surface porosity, texture, profile, etc. For MVT over 25 lb./1000 ft<sup>2</sup> / 24hr. contact Bonsal American Technical Service.

## 6. AVAILABILITY

ProSpec® Products are available worldwide.

## 7. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Technical assistance:

Information is available by calling ProSpec® Technical Service Hotline: (Hours - 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST):

Toll Free: 1.800.334.0784

Fax: 1.704.945.0309

Technical and safety literature:

To acquire technical and safety literature, please visit our website at [www.prospec.com](http://www.prospec.com)

## **WARNING**

- Solvent free. Non-flammable. May cause irritation to eyes, skin, or respiratory system.
- Avoid contact with eyes or prolonged contact with skin. The wearing of gloves and safety goggles is strongly recommended.
- In case of eye contact, flush eyes with potable water and call physician. DO NOT RUB EYES.
- Do not take internally.
- Keep out of reach of children and animals.
- Provide good ventilation.
- Once cured, mixed product presents no ecological risk.
- Consult Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for further information.

If you have to stand in wet product, wear waterproof boots high enough to keep product from getting inside. If working on hands and knees, wear kneepads. Indirect contact through clothing can be as serious as direct contact. Promptly, rinse out wet product from clothing.

### **KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN AND ANIMALS.**

This product contains a chemical known to the state of California to cause cancer. Consult Material Safety Data Sheet for further information.

### **FIRST AID:**

Skin contact: Immediately wash with water and mild soap.

Eye Contact: Flood eyes with water for at least 15 minutes and consult a physician immediately. DO NOT RUB EYES. Skin Contact: Wash exposed skin area with soap and water. Consult a physician if irritation persists. Inhalation: Remove to fresh air. Ingestion: Immediately consult a physician.

For additional information, call Bonsal American at 704-525-1621 or CHEMTREC at 800-424-9300 or 703-527-3887 outside of the USA. Refer to Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for further information.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY**

Uncured or crushed cured cement is an environmental hazard, which may adversely affect fish and wildlife. Dispose of construction debris containing cement, including empty bags, at a permitted municipal disposal firm. Do not use crushed concrete as a fill near an aquatic habitat.

Bonsal American warrants that this product will be free from defects in material and workmanship, and will conform to specifications set forth in Bonsal American's product literature at the time of purchase. This warranty lasts for one (1) year from the date of purchase. Any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose is limited to the duration of this express warranty. This warranty applies only if the product is stored, used, applied and maintained in strict accordance with Bonsal American's specifications and instructions. The sole and exclusive remedy under this warranty shall be replacement of the defective product or refund of the purchase price, at Bonsal American's option. **CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES ARE NOT RECOVERABLE UNDER THIS WARRANTY.**



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