



Ti-introCME™ pollution-reducing penetrant

Ti-introCME™ cationic molecular emulsion penetrant is a titanium dioxide (TiO₂) penetrant in a carrier liquid that penetrates asphalt and concrete pavement, delivering TiO₂ to the surface and upper matrix of the structure. Ti-introCME pollution-reducing penetrant uniformly distributes TiO₂ throughout the pavement's upper matrix area in a process known as distributive embedding. Once delivered by the selective penetrant, the TiO₂ catalytic material creates an electrochemical reaction that reduces atmospheric vehicle exhaust gas by removing nitrogen oxides (NO_x), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and other pollutants generated by automotive, bus and truck traffic.

The liquid carrier is a cationic aqueous emulsion with a proven track record for effectively transporting various chemicals into a pavement matrix. Pavements treated with Ti-introCME penetrant inhibit the degradation of air quality surrounding America's roadways.

The Vehicular Pollution Challenge

Detrimental gas emissions, such as nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and sulfur oxides (SO_x), are formed during the vehicle combustion process. Diesel vehicle emissions introduce one of those oxides (nitrogen dioxide (NO₂)), into the environment, increasing ozone concentrations. As the ozone concentrates, the percentage of nitrogen oxides undergoing oxidization also increases, resulting in an increasingly higher percentage of NO₂ in the atmosphere.

Research has identified a clear association between serious environmental issues, such as photochemical smog and acid rain, and NO_x. The ratio of NO₂ to NO_x has been increasing over the years due to increasing traffic and a corresponding increase in ozone concentrations. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) technical data shows more than 50 percent of atmospheric NO_x is emitted from mobile sources.



A.R.A-1 Ti Application

Several approaches, including photo catalysis, have been studied as methods for counter-acting NO_x emissions. Photo catalysis is the acceleration of a photo-reaction (light absorbing) in the presence of a catalyst. A semiconductor activated by Ultraviolet (UV) light with wavelengths less than 380 nm creates hydroxyl radicals and superoxides. This irradiation can naturally decompose the organic pollutants, such as NO_x.

TiO₂ has been used as a photo catalyst for several reasons. First, TiO₂ fulfills the requirements for effective photo activity under solar radiation. Secondly, TiO₂ has a solid oxidizing strength at ambient conditions. The band gap of the solid state enables TiO₂ to be beneficial in the UV section of the spectrum. Finally, TiO₂ is chemically inert, physically stable, non-toxic and super hydrophilic.

Markets

- DOTs
- Urban/Suburban Municipalities, Counties, Gated Communities
- Airports
- Bridges
- Parking Lots
- Highway Shoulders

Compatible Substrates

- For newly constructed asphalt pavements where traffic is restricted on closed construction sites, Ti-introCME provides cost-effective air pollution remediation on clean, receptive surfaces.
- For existing pavements, Ti-introCME provides retrofitted air pollution remediation without the need for expensive resurfacing or reconstruction.

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Benefits

- Penetrates 1/8 to 1/4 inch into the pavement matrix
- Not a topical coating, so impervious to traffic wear
- Provides a self-cleaning, self-regenerating, air-purifying surface that removes NO_x, VOCs, and other airborne pollutants from the atmosphere for the life of the structure
- Will not obliterate striping and other markings
- Supports NAAQS compliance

How It Works

The Ti-introCME penetrant delivers photocatalytic TiO₂ deep into the asphalt surface, leaving behind a photocatalytic surface layer that removes NO_x, VOCs, and other airborne pollutants from the atmosphere for the life of the pavement. As weather and traffic wear the surface layers of pavement deeper layers of TiO₂ are exposed at the surface in a self-generating process of continued air purification.

How to Apply

Temperature

Apply only when ambient temperature is expected to remain at or above 40°F during application and for the next 12 hours.

Surface Preparation

Surface must be dry with no threat of rain within 2 hours of application.

Field testing shall be performed prior to application to determine the maximum amount of material that the pavement can absorb within a 10 minute period. Contractor shall apply various test strips ranging in length from 25-50 ft. using different rates, noting the time it takes for total absorption without surface residues remaining. In no case shall the application rate exceed 0.08 gallons per square yard.

Application Method

Ti-introCME penetrant must be applied by an approved applicator using computerized application equipment for

accuracy, cleaned of all other materials to prevent contamination. Apply uniformly to all surfaces. Where grades or super elevations are prone to excessive runoff, multiple applications may be required; successive applications must be made as soon as complete penetration of previous application has occurred.

If spills or misapplication occur, application of sand or rock dust may be required as a blotting medium, and should be removed prior to resuming traffic.

Limited Warranty

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Specifications/Testing¹

The Texas A&M Transportation Institute, using samples of Ti-introCME penetrant, studied the application of titanium dioxide (TiO₂) to pavement surfaces to impart air pollution remediation properties. The test program on specimens yielded data to assess the effects of the application rate and the carrier on the effectiveness of the photo catalytic reaction. To understand the proper application rate for asphalt specimens, the NO_x removal efficiency was measured with Ti-introCME compounds at five different application rates as indicated in the chart below. The NO_x reduction efficiency of Ti-introCME ranged from 48.19 to 58.41 percent; the effectiveness of the treatment was not linear. The NO_x reduction efficiency of the control sample was negligible.

NO_x Reduction Efficiency

Compound	Control Sample	0.16 kg/m ²	0.21 kg/m ²	0.26 kg/m ²	0.31 kg/m ²	0.36 kg/m ²
Ti-introCME	4.12	48.19	52.33	54.78	58.41	53.27

¹ Laboratory Investigation of the Effect of TiO₂ Topical Treatments on Asphalt Specimens (Phase I) - Texas A&M Transportation Institute, September 2018.

Safety Guidelines

Contractors shall follow all stipulated application requirements.

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