Conservare® OH100 Consolidation Treatment Masonry Restoration Specification

Specifier Note: The information provided below is intended to guide the Architect in developing specifications for products manufactured by PROSOCO, Inc. and should not be viewed as a complete source of information about the product(s). The Architect should always refer to the Product Data Sheet and SDS for additional recommendations and for safety information

Specifier Note: Paragraph below is for PART 1 GENERAL, Quality Assurance.

# Test Area

Test a minimum 4 ft. by 4 ft. area on each type of masonry. Use manufacturer’s application instructions. Let the test panel dry 3 to 7 days before inspection. Keep test panels available for comparison throughout the cleaning project.

Specifier Note: Paragraphs below are for PART 2 PRODUCTS, Manufacturers and Products.

# Manufacturer

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# Product Description

Conservare® OH100 is a ready-to-use ethyl silicate consolidation treatment that stabilizes masonry by replacing the natural binding materials lost due to weathering with silicone dioxide. When properly applied, Conservare® OH100 penetrates deeply, does not form a dense surface crust, and retains the substrate’s natural vapor permeability.

In addition to the general consolidation of severely deteriorated masonries, Conservare® OH100 is an effective pretreatment for friable substrates that need to be strengthened before cleaning, patching or coating. Conservare® OH100 may be used on most types of natural stone, concrete, stucco, brick, terra cotta, etc. It also is effective on unpolished marble, travertine and limestone that has been treated with PROSOCO’s Conservare® HCT (Hydroxylating Conversion Treatment).

# Typical Technical Data

FORM: clear, colorless liquid

SPECIFIC GRAVITY: 0.997

pH: not applicable

WEIGHT/GALLON: 8.30 pounds

ACTIVE CONTENT: 100 percent

TOTAL SOLIDS: 43 percent ASTM D5095

FLASH POINT: 104 degrees F (40 degrees C)

FREEZE POINT: <-22 degrees F (<-30 degrees C)

SHELF LIFE: 1 year in tightly sealed, unopened container

VOC CONTENT: >400 grams per Liter. Manufactured and marketed in compliance with USEPA AIM VOC regulations (40 CFR 59.403).

# Limitations

* Effective consolidation requires thorough field pretesting. Laboratory testing is strongly recommended. Contact PROSOCO for information on the recommended test programs.
* Limited shelf life. Remains storage stable for approximately 12 months in sealed containers.
* Treated areas may bond to silicone and polyurethane molds frequently used for casting replacement stone. Use a release agent to prevent molding compounds from adhering to the treated surface.
* Not suitable for architectural concrete block and some types of unpolished marble. Always test.
* Not suitable for use on polished surfaces, including marble, travertine, limestone or granite.
* Will not prevent water penetration through structural cracks, defects or open joints.
* Not recommended for below-grade application.
* May not be suitable for sale in states and districts with more restrictive AIM VOC regulations. Available in regulation-exempt small container sizes. Call Customer Care at 800-255-4255 for assistance.

Specifier Note: Paragraphs below are for PART 3 EXECUTION, Installation.

# Application

Before applying, read “Preparation” and “Safety Information” sections in the Manufacturer’s Product Data Sheet for OH100 Consolidation Treatment. Use in concentrate; do not dilute or alter. Stir or mix well before use.

SPECIFIER NOTE: Apply by low-pressure spray, brush or dipping. Larger surfaces should be treated using low-pressure spray equipment, small areas with spray tanks. Mobile objects such as sculptures are best treated indoors by dipping or with the use of compresses.

1. Apply OH100 Consolidation Treatment in repeated applications referred to as “cycles.” A cycle consists of three successive saturating applications at 5-15 minute intervals. Typical treatments involve two or three cycles (6-9 separate applications).
2. Allow 20 to 60 minutes between cycles.

SPECIFIER NOTE: Laboratory testing is strongly recommended to determine the optimum delay between applications and between cycles.

1. Apply OH100 until excess material remains visible on the surface for 60 minutes following the last application.
2. Immediately flush excess surface materials using industrial grade MEK (methyl ethyl ketone) or mineral spirits. If a second treatment is necessary, allow two to three weeks curing time following first treatment.

**Cleanup**: clean tools and equipment immediately with mineral spirits, denatured alcohol or an equivalent cleaning solvent. Remove over spray and spills as soon as possible.