

# Fosroc® Nitobond SBR

## Water resistant polymer additive, to provide good adhesion to concrete

### Uses

For improving and bonding concrete repair mortars, cementitious floor toppings and screeds, waterproof renders and cementitious slurries. Cementitious mortars are alkaline in nature and will protect embedded steel reinforcement. Mortars produced with Nitobond SBR may be used for horizontal, vertical and overhead repair work. Nitobond SBR may also be used to form a bonding agent for slip bricks, ceramic tiles, etc.

### Advantages

- Excellent bond to concrete, masonry, stonework, plaster and blockwork
- Improved tensile and flexural properties allow thin applications
- Single component liquid can be easily gauged as required
- Improves cohesion and workability
- Improves mortars to provide waterproof repairs, renders and toppings which are highly resistant to freeze/thaw cycling
- Contains no chloride admixtures

### Description

Nitobond SBR is a modified styrene butadiene rubber emulsion which is supplied as a ready to use white liquid. It is designed to improve the qualities of site-batched cementitious mortars and slurries. Being resistant to hydrolysis, it is ideal for internal and external applications in conjunction with cement.

### Technical Support

Parchem offers a comprehensive range of high performance, high quality concrete repair and construction products. In addition, Parchem offers a technical support package to specifiers, end-users and contractors, as well as on-site technical assistance.

### Design Criteria

The application parameters for mortars modified by the use of Nitobond SBR will differ depending on the actual mix design used. Generally, however, Nitobond SBR mortars can be applied in sections up to 40 mm thickness

in horizontal locations and up to 15 mm in vertical locations. The thickness achievable in overhead locations

without the use of formwork is largely dependent on the profile of the substrate. Vertical and overhead sections greater than those stated above may be built up in layers but may sometimes be possible in a single application dependent on the actual size and configuration of the repair

area, and the volume of any exposed reinforcing steel. Nitobond SBR mortars should not be applied at less than 6 mm thickness. Thicknesses up to 40 mm in a single application can be achieved by the use of formwork. Consult your local Parchem office for further information.

### Properties

The results listed below were achieved by assessing the mechanical properties of a 3:1 sand:cement mortar containing Nitobond SBR in the proportions 10 litres per 50 kg cement against a 3:1 sand:cement control mortar. The test methods used were in full accordance with BS 6319 at 28 days - air cured.

<b>Compressive strength:</b>	62 MPa
<b>Tensile strength:</b>	3.3 MPa
<b>Flexural strength:</b>	9 MPa
<b>Slant shear bond:</b>	53 MPa
<b>Chemical resistance:</b>	Cementitious materials have limited chemical resistance. The addition of Nitobond SBR to cement mortars reduces permeability and therefore helps reduce the rate of attack by aggressive chemicals, acid gases and water

### Specification Clauses

#### Polymer bonding aid and mortar additive

The polymer bonding aid and site-batched mortar shall be modified by the use of Nitobond SBR, a single component styrene butadiene rubber emulsion.

### Application Instructions

#### Preparation

Saw cut or cut back the extremities of the repair locations to a depth of at least 10 mm to avoid feather-edging and to provide a square edge. Break out the complete repair area to a minimum depth of 6 mm up to the sawn edge.

Clean the surface and remove any dust, unsound or contaminated material, plaster, oil, paint, grease, corrosion deposits or algae. Where breaking out is not required, roughen the surface and remove any laitance by light scabbling or grit-blasting.

Oil and grease deposits should be removed by steam cleaning, detergent scrubbing or the use of a proprietary degreaser. The effectiveness of decontamination should then be assessed by a pull-off test.

Expose fully any corroded steel in the repair area and remove all loose scale and corrosion deposits. Steel should be cleaned to a bright condition paying particular attention to the back of exposed steel bars. Grit-blasting is recommended for this process.

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Where corrosion has occurred due to the presence of chlorides, the steel should be high-pressure washed with clean water immediately after grit-blasting to remove corrosion products from pits and imperfections within its surface.

## Reinforcing steel priming

Apply 1 full coat of Nitoprime Zincrich to any exposed steel reinforcement and allow to dry before continuing. If any doubt exists about having achieved an unbroken coating, a second application should be made and, again, allowed to dry before continuing.

## Substrate priming

The substrate should be thoroughly soaked with clean water and any excess removed prior to commencement. A slurry primer should be prepared consisting of 1 volume Nitobond SBR to 1 volume clean water to 3 volumes fresh cement. To obtain a smooth consistency, the cement should be blended slowly into the premixed liquids. The slurry primer should be stirred frequently during use to offset settlement.

The slurry primer should be scrubbed well into the surface of the concrete. Avoid applying too thickly and avoid 'puddling'. The repair mortar, topping or render must be applied on to the wet slurry primer. If the slurry primer dries before application of the mortar, it must be removed and the area reprimed before continuing.

In exceptional circumstances, e.g. where a substrate/repair barrier is required or where the substrate is likely to remain permanently damp, Nitobond EP bonding aid should be used. Contact your local Parchem branch for further information.

## Mixing

Care should be taken to ensure that Nitobond SBR mortars are thoroughly mixed. A forced-action mixer is essential. Mixing in a suitably sized drum using an approved spiral paddle in a slow speed (400/500 rpm) heavy-duty drill is acceptable for occasional use.

A wide range of mix designs is achievable using Nitobond SBR. Typical designs are detailed below:

- 1. Patching and repair mortar:**  
50 kgs Ordinary Portland Cement  
150 kgs grade C/M sharp sand  
10 litres Nitobond SBR  
8 litres (approximately) clean water  
Recommended thickness: 6 mm - 40 mm
- 2. Heavy-duty floor screed:**  
50 kgs Ordinary Portland Cement  
75 kgs 3 to 6 mm granite chips  
75 kgs grade C/M sharp sand  
10 litres Nitobond SBR  
6 litres (approximately) clean water  
The screed should be of a semi-dry cohesive consistency.  
Recommended thickness: 10 mm - 40 mm
- 3. Render:**  
50 kgs Ordinary Portland Cement

150 kgs grade C/M sharp sand  
10 litres Nitobond SBR  
6 litres (approximately) clean water  
The render should be of a semi-dry cohesive consistency.  
Recommended thickness: 6 mm - 9 mm

## 4. Bonding mortar for slip bricks, tiles, etc:

50 kgs Ordinary Portland Cement  
125 kgs grade C/M sharp sand  
10 litres Nitobond SBR  
7 litres (approximately) clean water

Water is adjusted to give a firm mortar. For fine joints, use grade M/B sand. Support where necessary until the mortar is set. Recommended thickness: 6 mm to 40 mm.

Note: these mix designs are based on the use of dry sand and aggregate. Adjustments must be made to the water demand relative to the moisture content of the sand and aggregate used. It should also be noted that, due to the frequent inconsistencies of site-stored materials and variable conditions, actual results may differ from those published above.

Weigh the cement, sand and, where required, aggregate into the mixer and dry blend together for 1 minute. With the machine in operation, add the pre-mixed Nitobond SBR and clean water. Continue mixing for 3 minutes to ensure complete dispersal into the sand and cement. Make any small adjustment to the quantity of clean water but do not significantly exceed the litreage shown above.

Additional water should be kept to a minimum. Continue mixing up to a maximum of 5 minutes until a smooth and fully homogeneous consistency is achieved with the required workability and application properties. It is critical that allowance is made for the moisture content of the sand and aggregate, particularly where they are stored on site.

## Application

For application to all surfaces, Nitobond SBR mortars, toppings and renders must be well-compacted on to the primed substrate by trowel. It is frequently beneficial to work a thin layer of the mortar into the slurry primer and then build the mortar on to this layer. Exposed steel reinforcement should be completely encapsulated by the mortar.

Nitobond SBR mortars can be applied at a minimum thickness of 6 mm and up to 40 mm thickness, dependent on the location and configuration of the repair zone. The thickness achievable in overhead locations without the use of formwork is largely dependent on the profile of the substrate. Refer to the recommended thicknesses shown in the 'Mix design' section above. If the recommended thickness is exceeded and sagging occurs, the affected section must be completely removed and reapplied in accordance with the procedure described above. The use of formwork may facilitate achieving the required build. If formwork is used, it should have properly sealed faces to ensure that no water is absorbed from the repair material.

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Where thicker sections up to a total thickness of 40 mm are to be built up by hand or trowel application, the surface of the intermediate layers should be scratch-keyed and cured with Nitobond AR. Application of the slurry primer and a further application of Nitobond SBR mortar may proceed as soon as this layer has set.

## Finishing

Nitobond SBR mortars can be finished with a steel, plastic or wood float, or by a damp sponge technique, to achieve the desired surface texture. The completed surface should not be overworked.

## Low temperature working

In cold conditions down to 5°C, the use of warm water (up to 30°C) is advisable to accelerate strength development. Normal precautions for winter working with cementitious materials should then be adopted.

## High temperature working

At ambient temperatures above 35°C, the material should be stored in the shade and cool water used for mixing.

## Curing

Nitobond SBR mortars, toppings and renders are cement-based. In common with all cementitious materials, they must be cured immediately after finishing in accordance with good concrete practice. The use of Nitobond AR or one of Fosroc's Concure curing compounds, sprayed on to the surface of the finished mortar in a continuous film, is recommended. In harsh drying conditions, supplementary curing with polythene sheeting must be used.

## Overcoating with protective decorative finishes

Nitobond SBR mortar repairs are extremely durable and will provide excellent protection to the embedded steel reinforcement within the repaired locations. The surrounding parts of the structure will generally benefit from the application of a protective barrier/decorative coating to limit the advance of chlorides and carbon dioxide, thus bringing them up to the same protective standard as the repair itself. Where appropriate Parchem recommend the use of the Emer-Clad or Dekguard range of protective, anti-carbonation coatings. These products provide a decorative and uniform appearance as well as protecting areas of the structure which might otherwise be at risk from the environment. Emer-Clad and Dekguard products may be applied over the repair area without prior removal of the Nitobond AR curing membrane. Concure curing membranes must be removed

### Important notice

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and Technical Data Sheet (TDS) are available from the Parchem website or upon request from the nearest Parchem sales office. Read the SDS and TDS carefully prior to use as application or performance data may change from time to time. In emergency, contact any Poisons Information Centre (phone 13 11 26 within Australia) or a doctor for advice.

### Product disclaimer

This Technical Data Sheet (TDS) summarises our best knowledge of the product, including how to use and apply the product based on the information available at the time. You should read this TDS carefully and consider the information in the context of how the product will be used, including in conjunction with any other product and the type of surfaces to, and the manner in which, the product will be applied. Our responsibility for products sold is subject to our standard terms and conditions of sale. Parchem does not accept any liability either directly or indirectly for any losses suffered in connection with the use or application of the product whether or not in accordance with any advice, specification, recommendation or information given by it.

prior to the application of Emer-Clad or Dekguard products. This is best achieved by light grit or sand-blasting.

## Cleaning

Nitobond SBR should be removed from tools, equipment and mixers with clean water immediately after use. Cured material can only be removed mechanically.

## Limitations

Nitobond SBR mortars, toppings and renders should not be applied when the temperature is 5°C and falling. Neither should they be exposed to moving water during application. Exposure to heavy rainfall prior to the final set may result in surface scour. If any doubts arise concerning temperature or substrate conditions, consult your local Parchem sales office.

## Estimating

### Supply

Nitobond SBR:	20 litre drum (PC: 323105)
Nitobond SBR:	200 litre drum (PC: 323115)
Nitoprime Zincrich:	1 litre can
Nitobond EP:	1.5 and 6 litre packs
Nitobond AR:	1, 5 and 20 litre drums

### Coverage and yield

Nitobond SBR:	Refer to mix designs
Nitobond SBR (as slurry primer):	Approximately 2 to 3 m <sup>2</sup> /litre
Nitobond Zincrich:	Approx. 7 m <sup>2</sup> /litre
Nitobond EP:	4 - 5 m <sup>2</sup> /litre

Notes: the coverage figures for liquid products are theoretical - due to wastage factors and the variety and nature of possible substrates and mix design used, practical coverage figures will be reduced.

## Storage

All products have a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry store in the original, unopened bags or packs. If stored at high temperatures and/or high humidity conditions the shelf life may be reduced. Nitobond SBR and Nitobond AR should be protected from frost.



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