

POLYMER DISPERSIONS
AND POWDERS FOR
CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS



WACKER - WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

WACKER is a global chemical company with over 100 years of history and a leading portfolio of solutions for the construction, coatings and paint industry. From our beginnings in Burghausen, Germany, we have continuously developed to become an active partner across the EMEA region for decades. Our subsidiary in Dubai was established in 1999; in 2002, the technical center and a WACKER ACADEMY followed. The technical center in Moscow opened its doors in 2003 and was soon accompanied by a WACKER ACADEMY here, too.

Count on Us!

We Give Our Best

Why do something halfheartedly if you can do it right? To us, quality is not about choosing between an expensive or economic solution. VINNAPAS® polymer binders significantly improve the cost-performance ratio of construction materials.

We Act Locally

Topography, climate and culture make architecture local by nature. That is why we are local, too. With sales offices, production sites, technical centers and native experts around the globe, we work globally with customers and authorities to develop local solutions.

We Value Sustainability

In construction, resources are needed for building and maintenance work. Our R&D specialists and application chemists focus on finding answers that conserve resources throughout the entire lifespan of a building.

We Improve Standards

Quality of life should not be a privilege. We strive to develop and enable solutions that are in balance with human, environmental and economic demands.

We Keep Inventing

WACKER is one of the most researchintensive companies in its field. We strongly invite you to challenge us with your questions and ideas.



Polymer binders have revolutionized the construction and paint industry more than once. WACKER has been a key player in this development.

1920s

WACKER begins researching polymer binders.

1938

Poly (vinyl acetate) dispersion production begins on an industrial scale.

1949

VINNAPAS® makes dispersion-based paints possible.

1957

WACKER is the first ever to produce a free-flowing dispersible polymer powder by spray drying.

1960

WACKER develops dispersions based on vinyl acetate-ethylene (VAE).

1964

WACKER develops the first terpolymer dispersion with vinyl chloride.

1985

The first dispersible powders based on VAE are manufactured.

2008

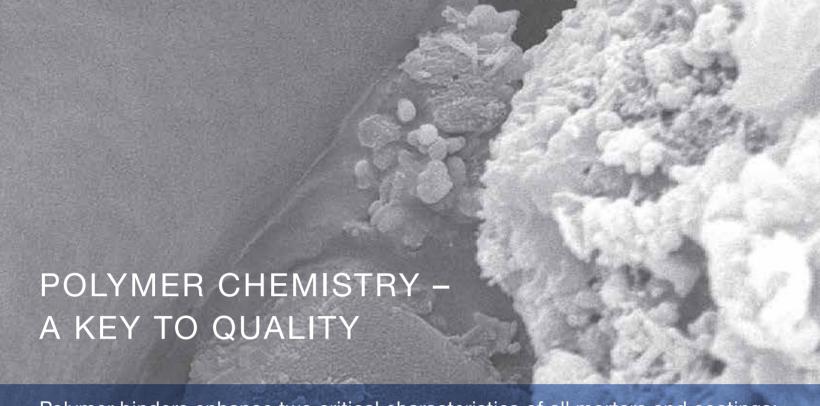
WACKER takes control of its APP joint venture by acquiring the share previously held by Air Products and Chemicals – and thus strengthens its global position and market leadership in all key markets.

2015

WACKER introduces its high performance dispersion product line PRIMIS®.

2017

WACKER showcases its expansion of the PRIMIS® product line of easy-to-clean/ stain-resistant wall and flooring solutions at the European Coatings Show.



Polymer binders enhance two critical characteristics of all mortars and coatings: adhesion and flexibility. They ensure the quality and prolong the life expectancy of buildings while reducing material consumption and increasing creative freedom by making it possible to combine a wide variety of construction materials.

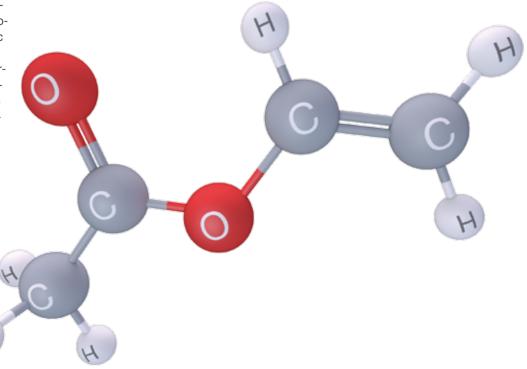
Vinyl Acetate-Ethylene (VAE) – Serving the Megatrends of Today and Tomorrow

VINNAPAS® dispersions are co- and terpolymers based on vinyl acetate, ethylene and other monomers. Vinyl acetate-ethylene (VAE), in particular, combines technical performance with environmental benefits at an attractive cost-in-use ratio.

VAE dispersions are produced by the emulsion polymerization of the hard, polar monomer vinyl acetate and the soft, hydrophobic monomer ethylene. Ethylene functions as an optimal flexibilizer for vinyl acetate, incorporating permanent flexibility into VAE polymers. Consequently, the use of plasticizers can be significantly minimized when formulating with VAEs. In addition, all grades are stabilized without the use of APEO-based surfactants, many of them also show low residual monomer content (<500 ppm).

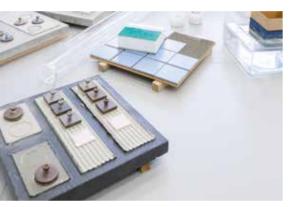
Compliance with Strict Labels

With our cutting-edge VINNAPAS® VAE binders, the construction and paints industries are equipped to meet stringent governmental regulations, as well as the requirements of internationally recognized ecolabels and certifications, such as Blue Angel, Green Seal GS-11, TÜV Süd, and EMICODE EC1 plus.



WACKER SERVICES – YOUR COMPETITIVE EDGE

In our decades of working with polymer binders, we have learned a lot about their specific chemistry – and even more about markets. We bring that knowledge to you at our technical centers and the WACKER ACADEMY.



Do You Want Your Products to Meet New Requirements?

Our technical center helps to optimize your formulation.

Are You Looking for New Business Ideas?

At the WACKER ACADEMY, we organize innovation workshops that are relevant to markets.





Do You Want to Enhance Your Product with a VINNAPAS® Polymer?

At the WACKER ACADEMY, we offer training in polymer chemistry and its application fields such as architectural coatings or mortar formulations.



A VARIETY OF CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS









TILE ADHESIVES

VINNAPAS® polymer binders enhance the performance of cementitious and ready-to-use tile adhesives and optimize their cost-performance ratio. Improved adhesion makes it possible to lay nonporous or large format tiles even on difficult substrates, such as wood or other tiles. Thanks to special grades, they can be adjusted to meet specific challenges such as enhanced hydrophobicity or thixotropy.

Featured Solutions

We offer different products for formulating tile adhesives:

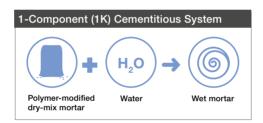
VINNAPAS® Polymer Powders

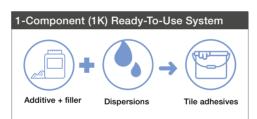
VINNAPAS® polymer powders are used in the formulation of dry-mix mortars. Dry-mix mortars are premixed 1K cementitious tile adhesives that contain cement and need only be mixed with water at the jobsite.

VINNAPAS® Polymer Dispersions

VINNAPAS® polymer dispersions are used in two kinds of tile adhesives:

- a) In prefabricated 1K ready-to-use pasty adhesives that contain no cement and are usually a blend of aggregates, filler, defoamer, wetting agent, etc. They are used at the jobsite without further preparation, mainly sold in the DIY market.
- b) In 2K cementitious tile adhesives and packaged in bags. For this reason, this is also called "bag and bottle technology".
 In this case the dispersion is mixed onsite with either a cementitious dry-mix mortar or an ordinary cement.





2-Component (2K) Cementitious System Pry-mix-mortar Dispersions Wet mortar

GENERAL BENEFITS

- Excellent adhesion to different substrates in a wide range of conditions
- Longer open and correction times even at high ambient temperatures
- Improved cohesive strength
- Improved flexibility to prevent cracking resulting from stress between the substrate and the tile

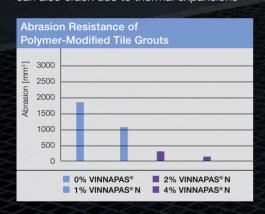
- Natural and artificial stones
- Floor and wall tiles
- Small and large format tiles
- Porous and nonporous tiles
- Mineral and nonmineral substrates



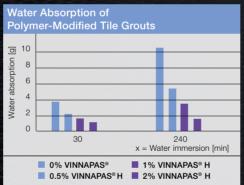
Quality Lasts Longer

A tiled surface looks as good as its joints. The challenge: traditional tile grouts are often not resistant to modern detergents and quickly become dirty or damaged. They can also crack due to thermal expansions

of the tiles or substrate. Some VINNAPAS® grades even offer additional hydrophobicity. The tiles thus maintain appearance and prevent water from seeping in.



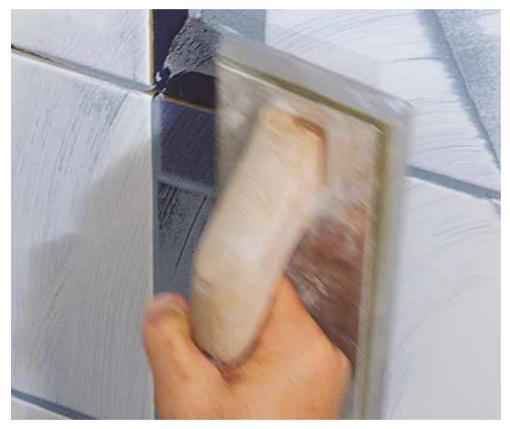
Abrasion resistance of a cementitious tile grout mortar according to EN 12808-2.



Water absorption (g) of a cementitious tile grout mortar according to EN 12808-5 with an 8x4x4 cm mortar prism (stored for 28 days under standard climatic conditions), immersed in water for 30 min and 240 min.



VINNAPAS® polymer powders provide long-lasting hydrophobicity, optimize adhesion to tile edges, increase flexibility, and improve abrasion resistance. This improves the durability and visual appearance of grouts, especially with today's large-format tiles.

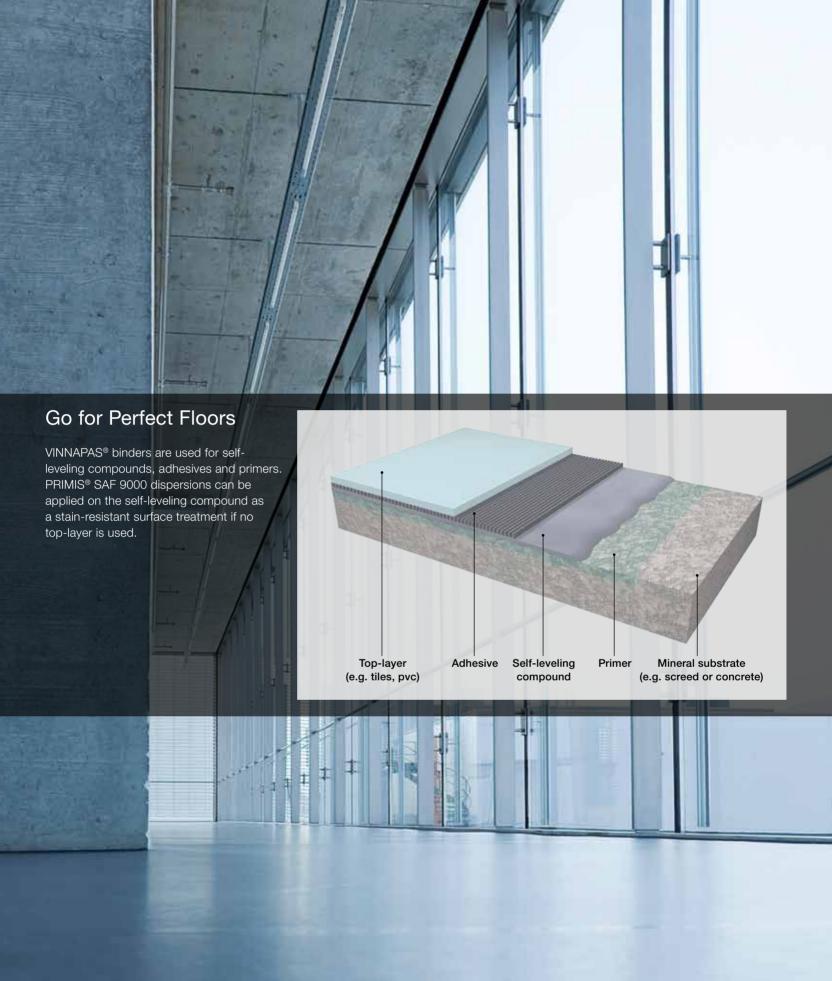




GENERALBENEFITS

- Higher flexibility and better mechanical properties
- Protection against water penetration thanks to greatly improved adhesion to tile edges and reduced shrinkage
- Increased deformability and improved abrasion resistance
- Higher hydrophobicity and water repellency when using VINNAPAS® H Class polymer powders
- High durability

- Natural and artificial stones
- Floor and wall tiles
- Small and large tiles
- Porous and nonporous tiles
- Interior and exterior





SELF-LEVELING SYSTEMS

VINNAPAS® polymer binders ensure perfect surfaces and help installers save time. VINNAPAS® L and F dispersible polymer powders add functionality to self-leveling compounds and can reduce the number of additives needed. The result is void-free, smooth, abrasion-resistant, even surfaces.

Featured Solutions

Perfect Surfaces with Less Ingredients

VINNAPAS® L Class polymer powders improve both mechanical and flow properties. They achieve very smooth, blemish-free surfaces when used in combination with casein and synthetic super-plasticizers. They also reduce surface bleeding and segregation. VINNAPAS® F Class polymer powders act both as a binder and a superplasticizer. This feature is particularly advantageous for mixing pumpable compounds, where machine application minimizes mixing time. The required rheology can be adjusted to the right choice of F Class polymer powder, thereby simplifying handling and logistics.

Meeting the Requirements of Ecolabels

VINNAPAS® L Class powders meet the requirements of European ecolabels such as Blue Angel, Emicode EC1 plus, etc. Compliance with such labels is determined by the dosage level of VINNAPAS® L Class powders and other ingredients.

VINNAPAS® and PRIMIS® primers and adhesion layers are used to prepare underlaying surfaces to ensure optimal performance of self-leveling layers.

PRIMIS® surface finishes protect mineral surfaces such as concrete or self-leveling underlayments against stains or mechanical stress.



Flow test: The influence of VINNAPAS® L Class powders measured with an ABS ring.



VINNAPAS® also improves the workability of the system.

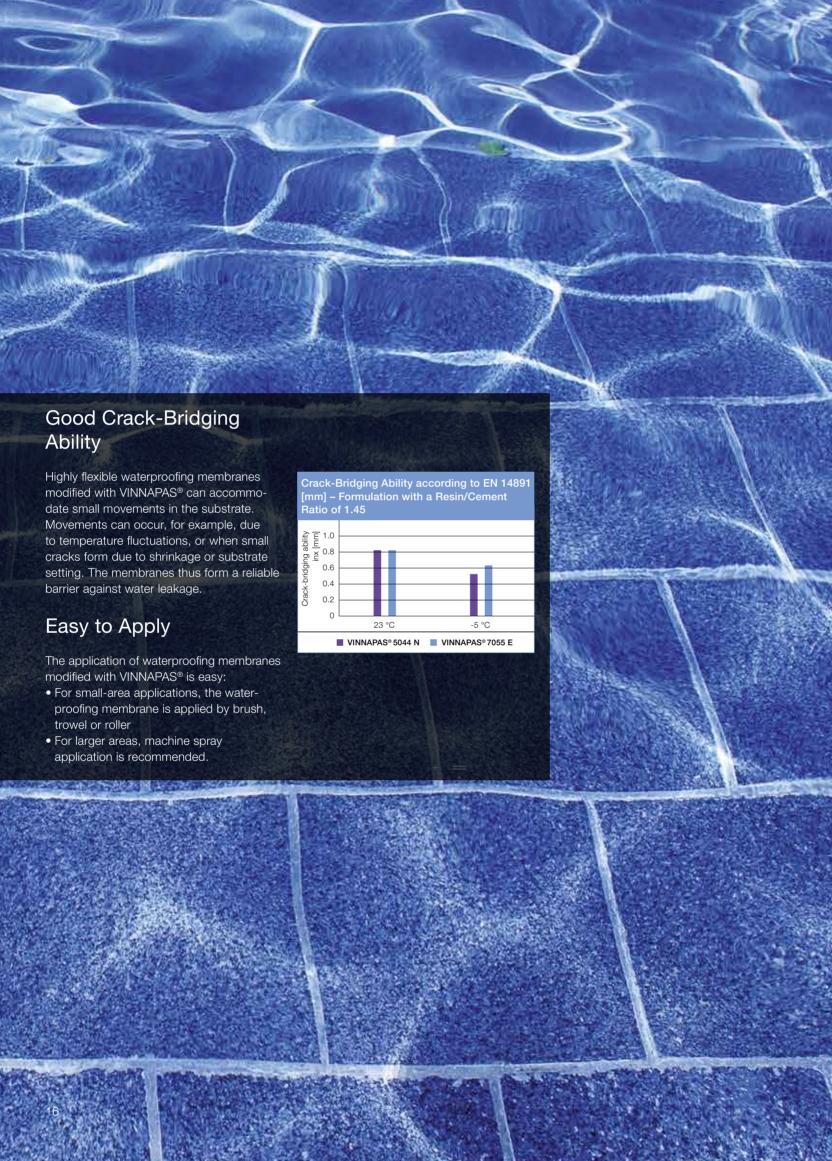
Stain Test

PRIMIS® SAF 9001 renders surfaces stain-resistant: Coffee and blackcurrant juice leave noticeable stains on untreated decorative mineral floors even after they've been wiped with a wet sponge (left). On the treated flooring (right), both substances can easily be completely removed by moist wiping.

GENERALBENEFITS

- Increased adhesion to different substrates
- Improved compressive and flexural strength
- Better abrasion resistance
- Increased tensile strength and deformation capability
- Enhanced flow and self-leveling properties
- Defoaming properties
- Stabilization against bleeding and sedimentation

- Fine smoothing compounds and thick-layer leveling screeds
- Self-leveling under- and overlayments
- Pumpable and hand-applied compounds
- Cementitious and gypsum-based formulations
- Industrial and residential applications





WATER-PROOFING MEMBRANES

Waterproofing membranes (WPM) with VINNAPAS® polymer binders form a reliable barrier against water. The polymer binder provides a high performing combination of adhesion and flexibility. This means the membrane only needs to be a few millimeters thick to provide optimal protection.

Featured Solutions

We offer different solutions for formulating WPMs:

- VINNAPAS® dispersions for 1K readyto-use (pasty) systems
- VINNAPAS® polymer powders for 1K cementitious WPMs
- VINNAPAS® dispersions for 2K cementitious systems



Flexible waterproofing membranes can bridge cracks caused by movement of the substrate.



Water-bearing pipes and sewers can easily be rendered waterproof to prevent leakage and loss of water during transport.

GENERAL BENEFITS

- Reliable barrier against hydrostatic pressure
- Water-vapor permeability
- Protection against water under pressure
- Bridging of cracks due to shrinkage or settling of substrate
- Accommodation of small movements in the substrate
- Excellent adhesion to many different substrates
- High flexibility
- Increased tensile strength
- Excellent workability
- Excellent compatibility with cement

- Basement walls and foundations
- Sewers, canals and water pipes
- Swimming pools
- Showers and bathrooms
- Balconies and patios
- General concrete infrastructure

SKIM COATS



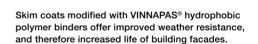
- Enhanced flexibility
- Long lasting hydrophobicity
- Smooth surface for efficient paint coverage
- Durability of facades
- Excellent bonding

APPLICATION SPECTRUM

- Interior and exterior applications
- All types of substrates: concrete, lightweight concrete, block work, bricks, AAC blocks, rendered surfaces and surfaces of thermal insulation systems, cement fiber board, etc.



VINNAPAS® polymer binders improve the adhesion, flexibility and workability of skim coats. Polymer-modified skim coats show excellent adhesion to many substrates and provide a flexible, mechanically stable and smooth surface for paints and wallpaper. The result is increased adhesion of tiles and paints as well as weathering resistance and longevity of building facades.











JOINT COMPOUNDS

With VINNAPAS® polymer binders, wall and joint fillers adhere reliably to the substrate. Workability is improved and the hardened compound exhibits enhanced flexibility, quality and crack resistance.

Featured Solutions

VINNAPAS® T Polymer Powders

enable all joint fillers (including gypsumbased grades) to be used on a wide range of substrates, while at the same time maintaining excellent workability and adhesive properties.

VINNAPAS® H Polymer Powders

make cement-based products water repellent, thus protecting the substrate and improving durability.

Serving the Gypsum Trend

Drywalling with gypsum boards is on the rise. VINNAPAS® polymer powders and dispersions serve as a quality enhancer for gypsum-based joint fillers, putties or troweling compounds. VINNAPAS® grades increase the tensile adhesion strength remarkably. Adhesion is improved to both the gypsum board and paper bands used for stabilization.

GENERAL BENEFITS

- Enhanced adhesion
- Increased cohesion
- Flexibility of joint fillers and prevention of cracking
- Suitable for different substrates
- Improved workability

- Gypsum plasterboards
- Floors, walls, ceilings







RENDERS AND PLASTERS

VINNAPAS® polymer binders improve the quality and increase the life expectancy of renders and plasters. They enhance adhesion as well as flexibility and prevent weathering damage.

Featured Solutions

Improved Hydrophobicity

VINNAPAS® H polymer powders and selected dispersions provide water repellency, protecting the substrate and improving durability.

Flame Retardancy

Using selected VINNAPAS® powder and dispersion grades makes it possible to achieve high flame-retardancy.

Improved Esthetics

VINNAPAS® imparts very good weatherability with low dirt pick-up and high color stability.

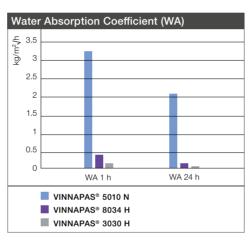
Improved Impact Resistance

By improving the cohesion and the flexibility of the hardened mortar, VINNAPAS® gives plasters improved resistance to impacts and cracks.

Long-Lasting Effects

VINNAPAS® polymer technology ensures long-lasting effects such as water repellency.





Coefficient of water absorption [kg/m²√h] according to ISO 15148 – lime-rich formulation, 1.0% DPP.

GENERAL BENEFITS

- Improved adhesion to a variety of different substrates
- Improved hydrophobicity

- Indoor walls
- Facades





EXTERNAL THERMAL INSULATION SYSTEMS (ETICS)

GENERAL BENEFITS

- Stable bond between insulation board, embedding mortar and wall
- Increased impact resistance in the embedding mortar
- Improved water repellency and weatherability in the top coat can be achieved by the use of VINNAPAS® H powders

APPLICATION SPECTRUM

- Adhesive mortar
- Base coat (embedding mortar)
- Top coat

VINNAPAS® polymer binders improve the characteristics of mortars applied in ETICS, creating a stable and flexible bond between the various layers. They especially enhance the adhesion of mortar on various types of exterior insulation panels used in ETICS.

Featured Solutions

Energy Efficiency

Worldwide, buildings consume 40% of primary energy and generate one-third of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. At the same time, buildings offer the greatest potential for reducing these emission at the lowest cost. Still today, energy consumption in buildings can be reduced by 30% to 80% using proven and commercially available technologies¹.

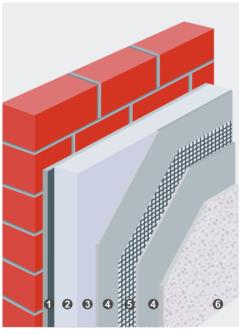
Suitable for Old and New Buildings

ETICS are among the most successful methods for insulating walls from the outside, thus achieving substantial energy savings, among other advantages. Brickwork, concrete, stucco and plaster, wood and just about all other substrates can easily be fitted with ETICS. This means the systems can be used for both for renovation work and in new buildings. In addition, the outer shell can be designed individually, using plasters, paints, skim coats or tiling, for example.

VINNAPAS® polymer powders and selected dispersions with flexible ethylene segments boost the performance of ETICS by offering very good tensile adhesion strength particularly to different insulation materials (organic, mineral, biological-based), very high impact strength, and improving the workability of mortars.

Improved Indoor Climate for All Climates

Facades fitted with ETICS act as heat shields: they keep out the cold and keep in the heat or vice versa. Thus insulated walls also improve the indoor climate by reducing the temperature differences between indoor air and wall surfaces.



Composition of ETICS

- 1 Masonr
- 2 Adhesive cementitious dry mortar containing VINNAPAS® binders
- 3 Insulation material
- 4 Base coat cementitious dry mortar containing VINNAPAS®
- 5 Glass-fiber mesh
- 6 Top coat plaster and coating modified with VINNAPAS®



CEMENT ADMIXTURES



GENERALBENEFITS

- Excellent compatibility with cement
- Increased flexural strength and lower elastic modulus
- High green strength
- Excellent workability with long pot life

APPLICATION SPECTRUM

- Modification of "onsite mortars"
- "Add-on" dispersions to improve adhesion, cohesion and durability of critical substrates or to meet increased requirements

VINNAPAS® dispersions are ideal for modifying all kinds of mortars and grouts, thus improving their properties, especially in critical applications.



Cement admixtures formulated with VINNAPAS® are easy-to-use and provide the basis for a variety of applications.



VINNAPAS® dispersions improve the properties of primers, so providing the basis for optimal performance of subsequent layers. They also act as bonding agents thanks to their excellent adhesion and cohesion properties.

Featured Solutions

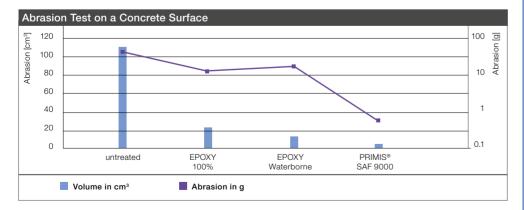
Improved Stability

Primers and bonding agents are essential to ensure long-term stability of layered building systems. VINNAPAS® dispersions provide excellent adhesion to a variety of substrates. VINNAPAS® dispersions with small particle sizes are available for open-pore substrates such as concrete, cement and gypsum plasterboards. They ensure good penetration into the surface, thus consolidating the substrates and controlling their absorbency. In outdoor applications, hydrophobic VINNAPAS® dispersions ensure high water repellency and good barrier properties.

VINNAPAS® dispersions are suitable for formulating bonding agents with or without the use of fillers such as sand or co-binders such as cement.

Surface Finishes

Thanks to their fine-particle size the hydro-phobic-oleophobic PRIMIS® dispersions penetrate deep into the pores of mineral substrates. This makes them ideal for protecting mineral floors and other surfaces against all types of stains while significantly improving their mechanical stability.





BONDING AGENTS, PRIMERS AND SURFACE FINISHES

GENERAL BENEFITS

- Good impregnation due to high penetration into pores
- Excellent barrier properties
- Low and uniform absorbency
- Good adhesion even on critical substrates
- Bridging of small cracks
- Long open time
- Good consolidation of construction surfaces
- Excellent stain and abrasion resistance

- Adhesion-promoting layer
- Barrier layer for migration protection
- Construction surface consolidation
- Stain and blocking resistance
- Surface finishes of mineral substrates

CONCRETE REPAIR



GENERAL BENEFITS

- Slower drying of the thin layers
- Increased impermeability to ${\rm CO_2}$ and pollutants such as road salt
- Improved resistance to freezing/ thawing
- Ideal adhesion to installed concrete and steel
- Increase in deformability and flexural strength
- Drop in modulus of flexibility
- Improved processability and wetting properties

APPLICATION SPECTRUM

- Walls
- Basements
- Bridges

Modification with VINNAPAS® polymer powders improves the technical performance, processability and wetting properties of repair mortars, thereby helping to meet the growing demand for concrete repair in the future.

Reliable and Easy Processing

The first step is to re-shape the concrete with a repair mortar. An adhesive, cementitious slurry that has been modified with VINNAPAS® is added to the mortar to ensure it adheres reliably and permanently to the cementitious substrate (concrete). The repaired concrete structures are generally covered with a layer of fine filler one to three millimeters thick. VINNAPAS® dispersible polymer powder ensures good processing, prevents the thin layers from drying too quickly, enhances the impermeability to CO2 and pollutants such as road salt, and improves resistance to freezing/thawing.





JOINTING MORTARS FOR AAC BLOCKS

VINNAPAS® polymer powders increase the adhesion of jointing mortars to autoclaved aerated concrete (AAC) thus achieving secure bonding with very thin layers of mortars. This saves material, helps to avoid thermal bridges, and avoids load-bearing problems in high-rise buildings.



Building with AAC blocks: traditional unmodified mortars have no wetting capability and need to be applied in thick layers of 10 – 20 mm. Plus: the bricks must be prewetted.



Traditional unmodified mortars show poor adhesion to AAC blocks. The mortar can be pulled off easily.



Mortars modified with VINNAPAS® have good wetting properties and can be applied in thin layers of 3 – 5 mm. No prewetting is necessary. This saves material and time.



Mortars modified with VINNAPAS® have excellent adhesion: tests show a bond strength of 0.6 N/mm.

GENERAL BENEFITS

- Improved adhesion
- Less material consumption
- Better workability
- Reduction of thermal bridges
- Less water absorption
- Higher load-bearing capacity

- AAC/ALC blocks
- Concrete blocks
- Cement fiberboards
- Hollow clay bricks

SIX GOOD REASONS TO BUY FROM WACKER

At WACKER, we believe in building and maintaining close partnerships with our customers, to achieve success together. Today and tomorrow. Talk to us!

Decades of Experience

- 75 years as market leader in VAE polymer dispersions
- 60 years as a leader in polymer powders

Diversified Portfolio

- Products for different performance profiles and different market segments
- Tailor-made products for local markets
- Innovative products for new applications

Constant High Quality

• Worldwide production according to uniform standards and specifications



Powerful Customer Support

- Testing and technical support at technical centers
- Training and collaboration at WACKER ACADEMIES
- Different solutions for ordering, packaging and transport
- Fast and flexible delivery

Strong R&D

- Over 100 years of R&D
- Over 3% of sales spent in R&D (in 2016)
- 5,300 patents granted
- Collaborations with more than 40 academic institutions
- Global presence

Committed to Values

- Sustainability is our company philosophy
- We live up to our social responsibility as corporate citizens

EXPERTISE AND SERVICE NETWORK ON FIVE CONTINENTS



WACKER is one of the world's leading and most research-intensive chemical companies, with total sales of €4.6 billion. Products range from silicones, binders and polymer additives for diverse industrial sectors to bioengineered pharmaceutical actives and hyperpure silicon for semiconductor and solar applications. As a technology leader focusing on sustainability, WACKER promotes products and ideas that offer a high value-added potential to ensure that current and future generations enjoy a better quality of life based on energy efficiency and protection of the climate and environment.

Spanning the globe with 4 business divisions, we offer our customers highly-specialized products and comprehensive service via 23 production sites, 18 technical competence centers, 13 WACKER ACADEMY training centers and 48 sales offices in Europe, North and South America, and Asia – including a presence in China. With a workforce of some 13,450, we see ourselves as a reliable innovation partner that develops trailblazing solutions for, and in collaboration with, our customers. We also help them boost their own success. Our technical centers employ local specialists who assist customers world-

wide in the development of products tailored to regional demands, supporting them during every stage of their complex production processes, if required.

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