

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Stonchem 888 is a silica-free and spark-proof, vinyl ester lining system applied at a nominal thickness of 140 mil/3.5 mm. The carbon-filled mortar, engineering fabric, carbon-filled mortarcoat and silica-free topcoat provide a smooth, heavy-duty, and non-sparking chemical barrier, which is resistant to thermal shock, thermal cycling, static cracks, permeation, and abrasion. The Stonchem 888 system has excellent resistance to hydrofluoric acid and oxidizers such as concentrated nitric and chromic acid.

### USES, APPLICATIONS

- Pumping stations
- Trenches
- Truck ramp containment
- Pulp liquor storage
- Heavy-duty chemical process flooring
- Tanker loading/unloading areas

### PRODUCT ADVANTAGES

- Excellent chemical resistance to hydrofluoric acid
- Silica-free topcoat
- Mortarcoat for added abrasion resistance
- Engineering fabric resists cracking
- Factory proportioned units for easy application
- Non-sparking

### CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Stonchem 888 is formulated to resist a variety of chemical solutions. Refer to the Stonchem 800 Series Chemical Resistance Guide, which lists reagent concentration and temperature recommendations for each product.

### PACKAGING

Stonchem 888 is packaged in units for easy handling. Each unit consists of:

#### **Mortar**

3.25 cartons of Stonchem 800/820 Resin  
Each carton contains:  
2 cans of Resin

3.25 cartons of Peroxide (700/800 PRIMER-700/800/820 LIQUIDS-BPO)  
Each carton contains :  
2 jars of Peroxide  
6.5 bags of X20 Mortar aggregate

#### **Engineering Fabric**

1 roll @ 200 sq. ft./18.58 sq. m roll

#### **Saturant**

0.7 carton of Stonchem 800/820 Resin  
Each carton contains:  
2 cans of Resin  
0.7 cartons of Peroxide (700/800 PRIMER-700/800/820 LIQUIDS-BPO)  
Each carton contains:  
2 jars of Peroxide

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Compressive Strength .....	11,000 psi (ASTM C-579)
Tensile Strength.....	2,800 psi (ASTM D-638)
Flexural Strength .....	8,000 psi (ASTM C-580)
Flexural Modulus of Elasticity .....	1.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup> psi (ASTM C-580)
Hardness .....	85-90 (ASTM D-2240, Shore D)
Abrasion Resistance.....	0.1 gm max. weight loss (ASTM D-4060, CS-17)
Thermal Coefficient of Linear Expansion .....	1.2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> in./in.°F (ASTM C-531)
Color .....	Gray
Cure Rate .....	2 to 4 hours tack-free (@70F°/21°C) 24 hours chemical service
VOC .....	800 SF Topcoat 83 g/l (ASTM D-2369, Method E) 800/820 Liquids 53 g/l

Note: The above physical properties were measured in accordance with the referenced standards. Samples of the actual floor system, including binder and filler, were used as test specimens. All sample preparation and testing is conducted in a laboratory environment, values obtained on field applied materials may vary and certain test methods can only be conducted on lab-made test coupons.

### **Mortarcoat**

1.5 cartons of Stonchem 800/820 Resin  
Each carton contains:  
2 cans of Resin  
1.5 cartons of Peroxide (700/800 PRIMER-700/800/820 LIQUIDS-BPO)  
Each carton contains:  
2 jars of Peroxide  
3 bags of X20 Mortarcoat aggregate

### **Topcoat**

1 carton of Stonchem 800 SF Resin  
Each carton contains:  
2 cans of Resin  
1 cartons of Peroxide (700/800SF/COND TPCT-BPO)  
Each carton contains:  
2 jars of Peroxide

### **COVERAGE**

Each unit of Stonchem 888 will cover approximately 180 sq. ft./16.72 sq. m at a thickness of 140 mil/3.5 mm.

Note: If utilizing chopper gun applied fiberglass, there will be a reduction in saturant coverage. Questions regarding coverage rates should be directed to your local Stonhard representative or Technical Service.

### **STORAGE CONDITIONS**

Store all components between 50 to 75°F/10 to 24°C in a dry area. Keep out of direct sunlight. Avoid excessive heat and do not freeze. The shelf life is 6 months in the original, unopened container. Store all engineering fabric in a clean and dry area.

### **SUBSTRATE**

Stonchem 888, with appropriate primer, is suitable for application over concrete and the following uncoated newly applied Stonhard mortars and grouts: GS, HT, UR, UT, TG6, TG8, CR5, and PM8. For questions regarding other possible substrates or an appropriate primer, contact your local Stonhard representative or Technical Service.

### **SUBSTRATE PREPARATION**

Proper preparation is critical to ensure an adequate bond and system performance. The substrate must be dry and properly prepared utilizing mechanical methods. For existing coated surfaces, the coating must be completely removed back down to an intact mortar or substrate. Once the coating is removed, prime the prepared surface with Stonchem Epoxy Primer and broadcast with silica aggregate to refusal. Remove any excess silica aggregate prior to system overlayment. Omitting these steps could result in uncured material. Questions regarding substrate preparation should be directed to your local Stonhard representative or Technical Service.

### **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

For optimal working conditions, substrate temperature must be between 60 to 80°F/15 to 27°C. Cold areas must be heated until the slab temperature is above 55°F/13°C to ensure the material achieves a proper cure. A cold substrate will make the material stiff and difficult to apply. Warm areas or areas in direct sunlight must be shaded or arrangements made to work during evenings or at night. A warm substrate (60 to 80°F/15 to 27°C) will aid in the material's workability; however, a hot substrate (80 to 100°F/27 to 37°C) or a substrate directly in the sun will shorten the material's working time and can cause other phenomenon such as pinholing and bubbling. Substrate temperature must be greater than 5°F/3°C above dew point during application and curing period.

Application and curing times are dependent upon ambient and surface conditions. Consult Stonhard's Technical Service Department if conditions are not within recommended guidelines.

### **FIELD GEL TESTS**

Due to the unique nature of the 800 Series resins, their reactivity is affected by storage conditions and age; therefore, it is important to test the cure of the materials prior to application. Gel tests should be performed for each lot of each product shipped to a job to prevent problems related to material curing. Field gel test kits are included in every shipment of 800 Series material. One gel test contains directions and all the necessary materials to conduct the testing. Test all lots of material prior to use.

### **PRIMING**

Vacuum the surface before priming, and make sure the concrete substrate is dry. The use of Stonchem 700/800 Series Primer is necessary in all applications of Stonchem 888. This ensures maximum product performance. (See the Stonchem 700/800 Series Primer Product Data sheet for details.)

Note: Stonchem 700/800 Series Primer must be wet during installation of the Mortar.

### **APPLYING**

#### **Mortar**

Pre-mix the peroxide and resin in a 5-gallon mixing bucket on a J.B. Blender for one minute. Next, gradually add the Mortar aggregate while mixing for an additional 150 seconds. Mixing is complete when no clumps of dry material exist. For vertical applications use vertical

mortar aggregate. Apply the mortar onto the substrate with a 3/8 in. x 3/8 in. V-notched trowel. To obtain the proper thickness, hold the trowel at approximately 45 degrees and keep the tips of the V-notches in contact with the substrate. The material must be applied evenly over the substrate with no clumps or ridges present before embedding the engineering fabric. The engineering fabric will not remove or hide any un-evenness in the troweled mortar layer. If applying mortar on a vertical surface, use the same V-notched trowel to spread the material, then finish smooth with a flat steel finishing trowel. A smooth and even distribution of the material must exist on a vertical surface before embedding the reinforcement.

### **Engineering Fabric**

Place the engineering fabric on the mortar immediately after the mortar is applied. Press the engineering fabric onto the mortar using a dry, medium nap roller and allow the wet mortar to begin saturation of engineering fabric. Overlap adjacent fabric 1 in./26 mm.

### **Saturant**

Mix the peroxide and resin in a 5-gallon mixing container using a heavy-duty, slow-speed drill (400 to 600 rpm) with a Jiffy Mixer for one minute. Apply the saturant to the engineering fabric with a saturated medium nap roller. To wet the roller, dip it into the mixing container. Always work from the bucket. Do not pour the saturant directly onto the glass. This will decrease the saturant's coverage. The use of plastic mixing buckets will increase the pot life of the material during warmer working conditions. The engineering fabric is completely

saturated when white strands are no longer present. When the engineering fabric is completely saturated, roll with a ribbed roller to release air pockets in the reinforcement and to embed the engineering fabric into the mortar. To saturate the overlaps, roll several times over the length of the overlap with a saturated roller, then roll with a ribbed roller several times until the overlap is no longer visible. Allow the mortar, engineering fabric and saturant to cure (usually 2 to 4 hours) before proceeding.

### **Mortarcoat**

Lightly sand the engineering fabric/saturant layer in areas with protruding fibers. Pre-mix the peroxide and resin in a 5-gallon mixing container with a heavy-duty, slow-speed drill (400 to 600 rpm) with a Jiffy Mixer for one minute. Next, gradually add the mortarcoat aggregate while mixing for an additional 2 minutes. For vertical applications, use vertical mortarcoat aggregate. Mixing is complete when no dry clumps of material exist. Pour the material onto the floor and spread out with a 15-mil notched squeegee. Backroll the area with a medium nap roller to remove squeegee lines. The material may appear rough at first but will level out to a smooth finish. For vertical surfaces, use a large steel trowel or knife to pull an initial coat of vertical material onto the wall, then finish smooth with a flat rubber squeegee.

### **Topcoat**

Lightly sand the mortarcoat in areas where ridges or imperfections exist. Vacuum the area completely. Mix the peroxide and resin in a 5-gallon mixing container using a heavy-duty, slow-speed drill (400 to 600 rpm) with a Jiffy Mixer for one minute. Pour the material onto the floor and spread out with a 15-mil notched squeegee. Backroll the area with a medium nap roller to remove squeegee lines, using long roll strokes to decrease the visibility of roller lines. For vertical surfaces, pour a bead of material along the base of the wall and, using a medium nap roller, roll the material onto the vertical surface. The wet film thickness of the coating is 10 to 12 mil/250 to 300 microns.

Check the thickness with a wet film gauge.

### **CURING**

The surface of Stonchem 888 will be tack-free in one hour. Area may be returned to dry service after 4 hours and full service after 48 hours of cure at 70°F/21°C. Ultimate physical characteristics will be achieved in 7 days.

### **PRECAUTIONS**

- Avoid contact with Stonchem 888 resin (vinyl ester resin and styrene monomer) and peroxide (catalyst/organic peroxide), as they may cause skin, respiratory, and eye irritation.
- Acetone is recommended for cleanup of Stonchem 888 resin (vinyl ester resin and styrene monomer) and peroxide (catalyst/organic peroxide) material spills. Use these materials only in strict accordance with the manufacturer's recommended safety procedures. Dispose of waste materials in accordance with government regulations.
- The use of NIOSH approved respirators using an organic vapor/acid gas cartridge is mandatory.
- The selection of proper protective clothing and equipment will significantly reduce the risk of injury. Body covering apparel, safety goggles or safety glasses, and impermeable gloves are required.
- In case of contact, flush area with water for 15 minutes and seek medical attention. Wash skin with soap and water.
- If material is ingested, immediately contact a physician. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING.
- Use only with adequate ventilation. Inhalation of vapors may cause severe headaches, nausea, and, possibly, unconsciousness.

## NOTES

- Safety Data Sheets for Stonchem 888 are available online at [www.stonhard.com](http://www.stonhard.com) under Products or upon request.
- Specific information regarding chemical resistance of Stonchem 888 is available in the Stonchem 800 Series Chemical Resistance Guide.
- A staff of technical service engineers is available to assist with installation or to answer questions related to Stonhard products.
- Requests for literature can be made through local sales representatives and offices or corporate offices located worldwide.
- The appearance of all floor, wall and lining systems will change over time due to normal wear, abrasion, traffic, and cleaning. Generally, high-gloss coatings are subject to a reduction in gloss, while matte-finish coatings can increase in gloss level under normal operating conditions.
- Surface texture of resinous flooring surfaces can change over time as a result of wear and surface contaminants. Surfaces should be cleaned regularly and deep cleaned periodically to ensure no contaminant buildup occurs. Surfaces should be periodically inspected to ensure they are performing as expected and may require traction-enhancing maintenance to ensure they continue to meet expectations for the particular area and conditions of use.

### IMPORTANT:

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