




**ACRYLIC POLYMER**  
**CRETE-MOD™**  
**U.V. RESISTANT – WATERPROOFING – LOW ODOR**  
**CEMENT MODIFIER/STRENGTHENER**

**PRODUCT DATA**  
**#5410**  
**04/01/10**  
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**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**

**CRETE-MOD™** is a low-odor acrylic polymer emulsion designed for modifying Portland cement compositions. The superior adhesion, ultraviolet light resistance, water resistance, and increased mortar strength properties provided by previous acrylic emulsions have been complemented by improved sprayability in a low-odor formulation.

Cement mortars modified with **CRETE-MOD™** are hard, tough, and durable to exterior exposure. Compared with unmodified mortars, acrylic polymer-modified mortars have superior flexural, tensile, and impact strengths, as well as excellent abrasion resistance and adhesion. These qualities are especially important in thin section applications (i.e. spray coatings, stuccos, and underlayments) and applications where excessive vibration and heavy traffic are encountered.

**CRETE-MOD™** modified cement mortars have excellent adhesion to a variety of surfaces such as concrete, masonry, brick, wood, rigid polystyrene and polyurethane foam, glass, and metals.

**CRETE-MOD™** modified mortars are uniform in color and resistant to yellowing or discoloration due to exposure to ultraviolet light. They also provide excellent water resistance to decrease spalling, cracking, and surface degradation caused by repeated freeze/thaw cycles. These mortars are also resistant to many industrial chemicals.

**CRETE-MOD™** is ammonia-free, this low-odor feature is especially beneficial for interior construction or repair projects. **CRETE-MOD™** emulsion has also been optimized to provide a longer mortar pot life, an important feature for warm weather, low humidity application conditions. Further, the emulsion properties have been improved to enhance the flow characteristics of the modified cement for spray coat applications.

**PRODUCT™ USES:**

**CRETE-MOD™** is a product with exceptional versatility. It can be used in a variety applications including: regular weight and lightweight spray-applied coatings, traditional trowel-applied stuccos, basement waterproof coatings, general purpose patching and repair mortars, floor resurfacing and underlayments, terrazzo, and heavy use industrial/commercial cement flooring. **CRETE-MOD™** also provides a superior binder for certain non-cementitious products such as one-package tile grouts.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

The general procedure for preparing **CRETE-MOD™** modified mortar for evaluation begins by thoroughly premixing the sand and cement. The **CRETE-MOD™** and water are blended together and added to the premixed sand and cement. The entire composition is mixed thoroughly for about two to four minutes. To avoid overly fluid compositions, a portion of the water should be withheld and added gradually to the modified mortar mixture until the desired consistency is obtained.

Although the procedures generally remain the same, the formulation varies according to the performance needs of the application situation. These formulations can vary in both the type and quantity of materials used. While numerous component relationships exist, some key formulation concepts are presented below:

- Choice of Filler – The type and particle size distribution of fillers are selected for reasons which include cost, density, color/texture of the final product, leveling characteristics and workability.
- Sand (filler)/Cement Ratio – For a typical modified mortar application, a 2:1 sand/cement ratio provides excellent mechanical strength properties. However, different ratios of filler to cement may be appropriate for applications with different performance requirements.
- Level of Water – Maximum density and strength are obtained when a minimum amount of water is used. This minimum water requirement refers to the lowest water/cement ratio which provides adequate workability.
- Level of Polymer Modification – An optimum balance of modified mortar properties (adhesion, tensile strength, flexural strength, compressive strength, impact resistance, water resistance and abrasion resistance) is obtained by incorporating 10 to 20 percent polymer solids, by weight, on cement. Higher modification will increase flexibility and water resistance. Lower levels of polymer will decrease the benefits of the polymer modification.

**RECOMMENDED MIXING RATIO:**

Cementitious materials should be pre-mixed to achieve a ratio of 2 Parts Sand and 1 part Cement. (Refer to the Data Sheet of the product to determine if sand is already in the mixture.) Use approximately 2 to 3 Quarts of **CRETE-MOD™** and 2 to 3 Quarts of Water to 50 pounds of pre-mixed cementitious material. Hold out some water to avoid an overly fluid mixture.

Ambient Temperature of 77°F and RH of 50%

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS:**

Rates & Times May Vary Beyond Specifications

POLYMER TYPE:	Acrylic Emulsion	ADDITIVE RATIO (approx.):	2-3 Qts. per 50 lbs. Cement
VISCOSITY:	25-500 cps	pH:	9.0-10.0
VEHICLE TYPE:	Polymer Emulsion	PARTICLE SIZE:	0.20 microns
SOLIDS by WEIGHT:	48% +/- 2%	Tg (Glass Transition):	10° Celsius
SOLIDS by VOLUME:	46% +/- 2%	SIZES:	1 Gal., 5 Gal. & 55 Gal.
V.O.C.'s (averages):	0 lbs./gal. • 0 g/liter	GALLON WEIGHT:	8.77 lbs./gal.

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Information contained herein is meant as a guideline. Nationwide recommends users of this product to perform their own testing to determine the suitability in their application.

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# MATERIALS HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SHEET

**MSDS#:  
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<b>Product Identification</b>	Product Name: <b>CRETE-MOD™</b> Product Code #: <b>5410</b> General Usage: Cement Modifier General Description: Acrylic Polymer Resin C.A.S. Number: None Established; Mixture	
<b>Manufacturer Information</b>	Manufacturer's Name: Nationwide Chemical Coating Mfrs., Inc. Address: 7106 24th Court East; Sarasota, FL 34243-3993 Emergency Telephone: 1-800-423-7264 or 941-753-7500 Information: 1-800-423-7264 or 941-753-7500 Web Site: www.nationwidecoatings.com E-Mail: info@natcoat.net Date Effective: October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2009	
<b>Chemical and Physical Properties</b>	Color: Clear Physical State: Liquid Boiling Point: 212 Fahrenheit Specific Gravity (H <sub>2</sub> O=1): >1 Vapor Presence: about same as H <sub>2</sub> O Percent Volatile: 47-52% Evaporation Rate (Butyl Acetate=1): <1	Odor: Low Odor Odor Threshold: Unknown Melting Point: N/A Freezing Point: 32 Fahrenheit Solubility in H <sub>2</sub> O: Soluble pH (undiluted): 5 Vapor Density (Air=1): <1
<b>Fire Protection Information</b>	Decomposition/Combustion: N/A Flash Point: N/A; Does Not Burn Recommended Extinguishing Media: N/A Flammable Limits: N/A	
<b>Storage and Reactivity</b>	Hazardous Polymerization: Will Not Occur Storage Conditions: Keep from Freezing Toxic Products Which May Form: None	
<b>Transportation</b>	Hazard Classes: None; Not Hazardous Hazard Labels: Not Required Hazard Determination: MSD Sheet Shipping Containers: Varies Shipping Class: Class 55; Water Based Paint	
<b>Container Labeling</b>	Explanation of Unique Labeling System: None Used	

<b>Health Hazard Data</b>	<b>SHORT TERM EXPOSURE</b>	
	Route of Entry: Inhalation: Skin:  Eyes:  Ingestion:	Precautionary Treatment Expected None Expected None  Flush Immediately with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes, holding eyelids open. Call a physician if irritation persists  Call a physician if significant amounts have been Swallowed. Give patient large amounts of water or milk for dilution.
	<b>LONG TERM EXPOSURE</b>	
	Carcinogen: Target Organ Effects: Other Health Hazards:	None None None Known
<b>Personal Protection</b>	Respiratory Protection: Protective Clothing: Ventilation: Other Protective Measures: Eye Protection:	No inhalation hazard expected None Required Local None Safety Glasses
<b>Spill or Leak Protection</b>	Accidental Release or Spill:  Neutralizing Chemical/Media:	Collect liquid or solidify with absorbent package for disposal  N/A
<b>Treatability</b>	Biodegradability: With water prior to cure. Influence on Biological Wastewater Treatment: None Other Impacts on Wastewater Treatment: None Recommended Wastewater Treatment: Dilutable Constituents Interfering With or Not Amenable to Biological or Wastewater Treatment: None	
<b>Recommended Waste Disposal</b>	Dispose of in accordance with Federal, State and Local guidelines.	

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