

Morcemsec® Active

SELF-CLEANING AND **DECONTAMINATING MORTARS**









ACTIVE TECHNOLOGY



The mortars in the MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE range by Grupo Puma have two technologies that contribute towards the cleaning of buildings where they are applied as the surrounding environment:

- Self-cleaning technology
- Depolluting technology







The mortars in the MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE range allow the façades and other architectural elements to stay clean.

How does it work?

The photocatalytic effect of the MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE mortars acts in two different ways, depending on the biologically-originated dirt they need to remove:

- It is either dissolved (partial destruction) and later removed by rain water or sprayed water.
- Or it decomposes (total destruction).

The high solar reflectance index (SRI) of MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE mortars, is maintained over time thanks to its self-cleaning capacity, thus contributing to the HEAT ISLAND effect.

How is it measured?

The photocatalytic effect of MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE mortars is evaluated in a laboratory using a test described in the CSTB catalogue, consisting of colourimetric monitoring of the deterioration of Rhodamine B (a pink organic substance) applied over a sample of MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE, which is later exposed to UV radiation. With MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE mortars, the colour completely disappears in 4 days.



Application of a rhodamine solution to the surface of a sample.



Measuring the colourimetric parameters.



Discolouration tendency test.

What does its effectiveness depend on?

The self-cleaning property is a constant battle between the factors favouring the accumulation of biological dirt and the photocatalytic effect of MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE mortars.

The higher the degree of exposure to solar light and the lesser the degree of roughness of the surface, the greater the self-cleaning effectiveness of ACTIVE mortars.

Decontamination Technology



According to the OCDE, atmospheric pollution reduces life expectancy and increases respiratory problems such as bronchitis and asthma, which are both causes of premature death.

Normally, these effects are combated with passive restrictive measures, thus reducing atmospheric emissions.

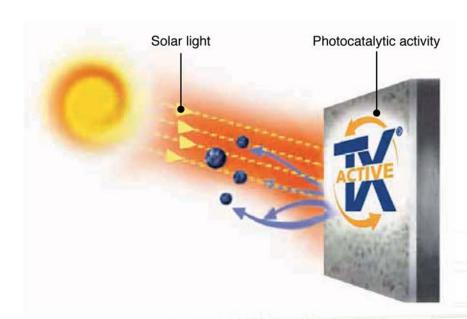
The MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE range of mortars work in an active way, eliminating hazardous gaseous substances from the atmosphere (Nitrogen oxides (NOx), suspension particles PM 10 and PM 2,5, volatile organic compounds (VOC) such as benzene, toluene, etc.) thanks to its photocatalytic effect.



How does it work?

Gaseous contaminants remain trapped on the surface of the MORCEM-SEC® ACTIVE mortars. In these mortars, the oxidation-reduction reactions indicated by photocatalysis transform the Nitrogen oxides into inorganic salts such as nitrates, carbonates and sulphates.

How photocatalytic activity works



Solar rays activate the photcatalytic reaction in MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE mortars which destroy organic and inorganic compounds before they become stuck to the surface.

RANGE OF MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE MORTARS

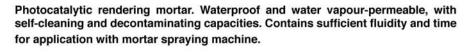


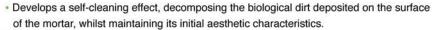
MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE FINE COAT CR CSIV W2

Photocatalytic rendering mortar for finishing façades, interior work, patios, etc. Waterproof and water vapour- permeable, with self-cleaning and depolluting properties. For plastering and rendering work.

- Develops a self-cleaning effect, decomposing the biological dirt deposited on the surface of the mortar, whilst maintaining its initial aesthetic characteristics.
- Reduces the concentration of hazardous gases originating from urban and industrial contamination through decomposition, thus generating a healthier environment with a lower degree of pollution.
- There is no consumption of photocatalysing agents, meaning the effect lasts for the useful life of the façade.
- · Long-lasting white finishes that keep their initial characteristics.
- Suitable for both indoor and outdoor applications.

MORCEMSEC® ACTIVE SPRAY MORTAR CR CSIV W2





- Reduces the concentration of hazardous gases originating from urban and industrial pollution through decomposition, thus generating a healthier environment with a lower degree of pollution.
- There is no consumption of photocatalysing agents, meaning the effect lasts for the useful life of the façade.
- Suitable for both indoor and outdoor applications.







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Grupo Puma and green building



The daily use of buildings and infrastructures indirectly represents one of the most intensive human activities related to energy consumption. In this regard, the fact that buildings are responsible for approximately 50% of energy used makes them the main cause of polluting emissions in the atmosphere.

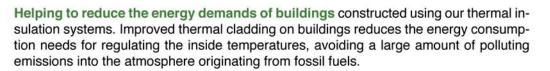
The application of sustainable building criteria makes it essential to respect the environment and the development of current and future companies. For this, the use of building materials that have a lower environmental impact and do not contain toxic or hazardous elements is fundamental.



Here at **Grupo Puma**, we contribute towards reducing the environmental impact of construction in three key areas:

Introducing natural raw materials into our production processes. Not only does the actual obtaining of these materials not effect the environment negatively, but also the only conglomerate used in the mortar range is natural hydraulic lime; a material that provides added transpiration properties to the mortars to assist with improving the air quality inside buildings.





Developing a line of ecologically active mortars that remove part of the pollution caused by human activities, factories, vehicles and domestic heating from the environment. Thanks to the unique formula, Active mortars react with pollution from circulating air and eliminate it, transforming it into biodegradable products. They are mortars with self-cleaning properties that contribute towards cleaning the building itself and its environment.

All of **Grupo Puma's** activities are influenced by a social and ecological awareness. This has led us to continually research and develop increasingly more environmentally-friendly construction materials, worthy of being granted the ECO seal.





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