

# PENESEAL™ FH-PS

POLYSILICATE-BASED REACTIVE HARDENER, DENSIFIER AND SEALER

## DESCRIPTION

PENESEAL™ FH-PS is a clear, reactive penetrating sealer for concrete and masonry building materials designed to permanently protect, preserve and strengthen them. PENESEAL™ FH-PS penetrates deep into concrete and reacts with the elemental concrete ingredients to solidify them into a harder, denser, stronger concrete mass. Alkali salts and minerals are flushed out in the process, eliminating efflorescence and leaching and increasing the bond of surface coatings.

PENESEAL™ FH-PS is formulated from nano-sized ingredients that are capable of filtering through and penetrating deep into concrete pores. Its electrical charge allows it to react with the free lime to form a stable and insoluble gel, which makes the concrete more resistant to water. The nanosized particles are also more effective at filling in uneven surface profiles, making the concrete more resistant to abrasion, chemical attack, dusting and bacterial growth and imparts a highly reflective concrete surface when polished.

## APPLICATIONS

Exterior & interior slabs  
New & old concrete  
Food & drug processing plants  
Warehouses  
Manufacturing facilities

## SHELF LIFE / STORAGE

24 months from the date of manufacture, when unopened, undamaged original container is properly stored in a cool and dry place, unexposed to moisture and sunlight. Always tightly reseal container after use. DO NOT ALLOW TO FREEZE!

## PACKAGING

1-gallon (3.8-l) jugs and 5-gallon (19-l) pails.

## TECHNICAL DATA

### Flash point:

Does not flash

### Drying time:

1-2 hours

### Mechanical properties after 7 days of full cure:

Results may vary depending upon concrete mix design and concrete porosity.

**Abrasion (ASTM C779):** Up to 81% increase in abrasion resistance

**Bonding (ASTM D3359):** Up to 60% increase in epoxy and polyurethane adhesion

**Hardening (ASTM C39):** Up to 40% increase in compressive strength

**Schmidt Hammer (ASTM C805):** Up to 16% increase in impact resistance

### Curing:

>60% reduction moisture retention during initial 24 hours.

### Permeability:

Approximately 98% reduction in permeability at 100 psi.

### Weathering (ASTM G2381):

No adverse effect on exposure to UV light.

### Coverage:

Approximately 400-500 sq ft per gallon (10-12 m<sup>2</sup>/L). Coverage can vary depending on the temperature and porosity of the concrete.

**NOTE:** Cooler temperatures, inadequate ventilation and higher humidity can extend drying times. All data derived from tests under laboratory conditions; field conditions may yield slightly different results. General soundness of the concrete substrate (porosity, strength, absorption, etc.), as well as ambient conditions, as already noted, may yield varying results.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

**Mixing:** PRIOR TO USE, agitate bucket or drum.

**Note:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS is ready to use and not to be diluted with water.

**Application methods:** Spray or pour followed by brooming or squeegeeing to saturate the surface.

**Tools:** Low-pressure sprayer, soft-bristle broom, squeegee, and water hose.

**Surface preparation:** Surfaces to be treated should have an open pored surface so that PENESEAL™ FH-PS can be absorbed. Remove all coatings, form oils, curing or sealing agents through chemical or mechanical means. Remove dust, dirt, laitance or any other contaminants by sweeping all areas to be treated with a soft-bristle broom or scrub brush. Hose off with water and let dry. Remove any standing or puddled water to avoid dilution of PENESEAL™ FH-PS before it is able to penetrate the surface.

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## For new concrete:

**Step 1:** Apply PENESEAL™ FH-PS immediately following the concrete finishing as soon as the concrete surface is firm enough to walk on and before hairline or temperature cracking can occur. Keep the entire surface wet with PENESEAL™ FH-PS for 30 minutes, working it into the surface with a soft-bristle broom.

**Step 2:** As PENESEAL™ FH-PS becomes slippery underfoot, lightly mist the surface with water to keep the material in solution, providing maximum penetration and to prevent surface drying. Do not allow PENESEAL™ FH-PS to dry on the surface. Should ponding occur, blot ponded areas with exploded tip cotton mop. Avoid drying with a squeegee as this may damage the concrete finish.

## For old concrete:

**Step 1:** Saturate the surface with PENESEAL™ FH-PS so that the entire surface is wet for at least 15 minutes. Time may vary depending upon ambient weather condition.

**Step 2:** If after 15-20 minutes the majority of PENESEAL™ FH-PS has been absorbed into the surface, broom or squeegee any excess material from all low spots and puddles so that all remaining PENESEAL™ FH-PS is totally removed from the surface. Porous surfaces may require an additional application of PENESEAL™ FH-PS to achieve maximum protection.

**Step 3:** If excess material does not penetrate within 15-20 minutes of application, mist surface with water and scrub off by using an automatic floor scrubber. Where a burnished or polished finish is required, refer to Technical Bulletin for guide recommendations.

## GENERAL APPLICATION NOTES

**Application temperature limits:** 40°F to 100°F (4°C to 38°C). The reaction of PENESEAL™ FH-PS will be slowed at low temperatures. In these cases, the concrete should be protected from freezing for six days.

**Drying time:** 1 to 2 hours, depending upon surrounding weather condition. The surface shall be ready for grinding and polishing immediately after drying.

**Number of applications required:** Typically, only one application is required. An additional application may be required on porous substrates to achieve maximum performance.

**Time requirement for curing, sealing and hardening:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS, being a highly reactive material, has the reaction time of 7-14 days. PENESEAL™ FH-PS imparts sealing qualities from within by locking the pores, thus strengthening and protecting the concrete throughout. This process is essentially complete within 56 days but may continue at a much slower rate up to a year.

**Color:** Clear. PENESEAL™ FH-PS will not change the natural appearance of the masonry or concrete. During application, all treated surfaces must be flushed clean with clean water to prevent impurities from drying on the surface.

**Duration of effectiveness:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS is permanent. The concrete durability and appearance improves with age.

**Painting or covering preparation:** On old concrete, allow 3-7 days and on new concrete allow 30 days for proper curing before applying paint or coverings to PENESEAL™ FH-PS treated surfaces.

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## CLEAN UP

Clean all equipment with water only. Do not use thinners.

## MAINTENANCE

**Floors:** Wash or wet mop with neutral or high pH detergent. Detergents must not contain caustic soda, sulfates or hydroxides. Acids and acidic cleaners will dull the surface sheen and/or etch the surface.

**Walls:** Flush with clean water.

## SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Protect glazed and finished surfaces, such as glass and aluminum, from PENESEAL™ FH-PS. In case of contact, flush immediately with water.
- Do not apply to frozen or freezing surfaces, when temperatures fall below 40°F (4°C) or if temperatures will drop below freezing during the curing period (approximately 24 hours).
- Protect surfaces from equipment leaks or other leaks, such as oil, hydraulic fluid, etc.
- PENESEAL™ FH-PS treated surfaces can become slippery during application. Exercise caution and wear appropriate footwear and protective clothing.
- PENESEAL™ FH-PS is not a vapor barrier.

## JOB MOCKUPS

Penetron Specialty Products recommends that when our products are used in any application or as part of any system that includes other manufacturers' products, the installer and/or design professional shall test all the system components collectively for compatibility, performance and long-term intended use in accordance with pertinent and accepted industry standards prior to any installation. Written documentation of the tests performed shall be satisfactory to the design professional and installer. Test results must include the means and methods of application, products used, project specific conditions being addressed, and standardized tests performed for each proposed system or variation.

## SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

Before using this product, review the PENESEAL™ FH-PS Safety Data Sheet (SDS). Avoid contact with eyes and wear suitable protective eyewear. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Wear gloves and suitable protective clothing. Do not inhale. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear respiratory equipment. For additional information regarding first aid and emergency procedures, refer to the product Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

**Waste disposal:** See SDS

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

## ADVANTAGES

**Curing:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS allows concrete to cure uniformly through its chemical and moisture retention reaction. This aids in a more complete hydration process and reduces hairline and temperature cracking.

**Sealing:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS penetrates deep into the concrete, which allows its chemical reaction to lock the pores from within, providing an integral and permanent seal.

**Hardening:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS binds the elemental parts of the concrete, solidifying them into a denser, tougher, harder mass. This results in a more durable concrete with higher surface-abrasion resistance and compressive strength.

**Dustproofing:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS densifies the surface of the concrete through its chemical bonding and flushing of the weaker concrete salts and minerals. This permanently seals the surface and eliminates surface dusting.

**Improved bonding:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS eliminates the alkali salts and minerals that weaken and delaminate surface coatings. PENESEAL™ FH-PS leaves the concrete surface free of these salts and minerals, which improves bonding of any type of covering.

**Protection from efflorescence and leaching:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS penetrates deeply into concrete, neutralizing the alkali salts and minerals that cause efflorescence and salt leaching. These weakening salts and minerals are forced to the surface and flushed away during the application process.

**Fast drying:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS is ready for polishing in 1-2 hours.

**Reduced maintenance cost:** Nanotechnology ensures deep penetration and maximum reactivity with the concrete matrix, thus reducing maintenance cost.

**High sheen:** PENESEAL™ FH-PS provides high sheen that improves over time to glossy with proper maintenance.

**Low VOC and odorless**

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