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Dodecyltrimethoxysilane (DTMS)

Penetrating hydrophobic silane for long-term water repellency of concrete, stone, and ceramics

Overview

Dodecyltrimethoxysilane belongs to the long-chain alkyl silane family. The C12 hydrocarbon chain is long enough to form dense, ordered monolayers with strong van der Waals cohesion, providing superior hydrophobicity compared to shorter alkyl silanes, while remaining more processable than C18 variants. The trimethoxysilyl groups hydrolyse to silanols that bond covalently into the pore walls of concrete and stone. The alkyl chains then orientate outwards, creating a hydrophobic lining that repels water while remaining vapour-permeable.

Key applications

- Penetrating water repellent for concrete, poured-in-place structures, bridges, and car parks – protection against chloride ingress and freeze-thaw damage
- Masonry and natural stone protection – invisible treatment that retains natural appearance
- Superhydrophobic coating formulations – especially in combination with fluoroalkyl silanes
- Self-assembled monolayer (SAM) formation on silica and metal oxide surfaces for surface science research
- MXene/silane composite coatings for corrosion protection of aluminium alloys in offshore applications
- Hydrophobic modification of fillers and pigments for paints and coatings

Selected literature

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