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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CRETE-LEASE® 880-VOC-Xtra BUGS-OUT VOCS: ECO-FRIENDLY FORMULATION MAXIMIZES VISUAL IMPACT, MIMICS FORM SURFACES & EXCEEDS VOC REGULATIONS.

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Since the EPA defined the allowable amounts of VOCs (volatile organic compounds) for concrete release agents that may be released into the atmosphere at 450 grams per liter in the late 1990s, industry-leading manufacturer of site cast and precast concrete release agents, Cresset Chemical Company (Weston, OH), has remained ahead of the curve with its Chemistry “Green” technology line of products.

At the forefront of this effort is the advanced Crete-Lease® 880-VOC-Xtra Release Agent – an environmentally friendly version of the industry staple Crete-Lease 880 – The Original. The proprietary blend is comprised of neutralized vegetable oils in mineral oil that contains no waxes, silicones, or carcinogens; it’s also solventless and non-toxic. Notably, this advanced composition exceeds Federal, OTC State, and California (250 g/L) VOC Regulations.

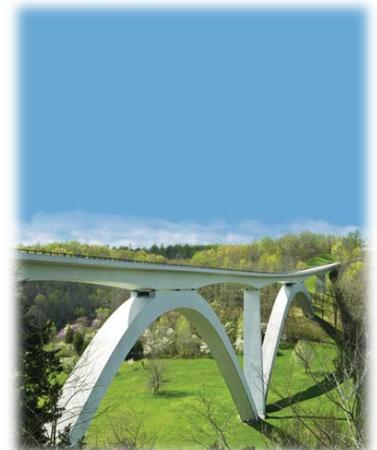
Ultimately, Crete-Lease 880-VOC-Xtra provides easy and stain-free clean stripping of forms and form liners from concrete. The end result mimics the surface of molds and site amenities with a superior finish for visually stunning concrete surfaces – without bugholes. When applied properly, it eliminates concrete build-up – cutting labor costs of form cleaning time up to 70%.

Regular use keeps forms clean when used on non-porous forms and form liners made of plastic (ABS and PVC), elastomeric (urethane and silicone rubber), steel, high density plywood, and medium density plywood overlays. It will not stain or stick from heat curing, and doesn’t interfere with adhesion of caulk, architectural coatings, paint, sealers, and curing compounds on cured concrete surfaces.

Additionally, the release agent strips clean and promotes longer form life by keeping the form clean and accommodating easier stripping. Green technology enhancements also allow for storage of higher quantities, while helping producers simplify DOT driver / HazMat regulations, and eliminates the need for HazMat CDL endorsements.

CRETE-LEASE 880-VOC-Xtra / SPECIFICATIONS:

- VOC = 240 g/L
- Cost on hard/smooth surfaces is approximately \$0.008 per square foot
- Will not wash off in a light mist
- Can be applied in sub-freezing or very hot temperatures
- Keeps indefinitely (when sealed) at temps from -20°F to 140°F
- Coverage (hard/smooth surface): 1,600 sq. ft. per gal
- Coverage (pretreated plywood): 1,100 sq. ft. per gal
- Coverage (untreated plywood): 800 sq. ft. per gal





CRETE-LEASE 880-VOC-Xtra / APPLICATION:

Crete-Lease 880-VOC-Xtra comes ready to use.

For optimal results, form surfaces must be clean and dry before spraying, rolling, brushing, or wiping it on. Simply apply in an ultra-thin film (0.0005 inches thick) to get a CCS1 finish that promotes easier stripping, less form clean-up and the complete elimination of discoloration, dusting, bugholes, and concrete build-up. Spray in a fine mist and wipe down evenly with a damp rag with the release agent. If puddles should form, simply wipe them off.

Conveniently, it can be applied in minutes, hours, days, or up to two weeks before the concrete is placed.

CRETE-LEASE 880-VOC-Xtra / CONCLUSION:

The intent of regulating VOCs is to reduce the amount of ozone (O3) produced at ground level. From the EPA's point of view, manufacturers of form release agents are responsible for meeting the VOC criteria. While the standard allowable amount of VOCs is 450 g/L, more stringent standards are emerging in states such as California – in which some dedicated regions require a 250 g/L standard.

Crete-Lease 880-VOC-Xtra exceeds environmental regulations, while offering concrete producers and architects a myriad of integrated solutions to match specific job application challenges such as: high visual impact, longer form life, easy stripping, non-staining, bughole-free surfaces, reduced clean-up time, no bonding interference, and extreme temperature application amongst others.

Today's high-impact concrete jobs demand using the right release agent – Crete-Lease 880-VOC-Xtra is relied upon as one of the best release agents in the industry. Because it uses high-end virgin materials, 880-VOC-Xtra naturally performs better as a release agent to consistently deliver a superiorly pleasing aesthetic result.

Crete-Lease 880-VOC-Xtra is available in the USA and Canada in 1 and 5 gallon containers, Cresset's familiar 55 gallon orange and white striped drums, and 275 gallon MegaPaks®. Shipping options are designed for reconditioning to save on disposal costs, are not federally regulated, and do not require following hazardous shipping requirements. Cresset also offers a limited warranty against defects in materials for a period of 1 year from purchase.

For more detailed information call 800-367-2020, or visit our website at: www.cresset.com

CORPORATE PROFILE: Cresset Chemical Company® has been an industry leading manufacturer of architectural and structural release agents for over half a century. Innovative development of eco-responsible products for the concrete industry includes a full line of release agents, form treatments, and cure and seals to meet demanding aesthetic environmental, LEED, and traditional needs. © 2013 CRESSET CHEMICAL COMPANY. ### All rights reserved.

