

Environmental protection with engineered pollutant filters



# Global challenges

The requirements in the areas of contaminated site remediation and groundwater protection are constantly increasing and call for ways to implement environmental protection measures in the best possible way.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

The protection of the environment is playing an increasingly important role socially, politically and industrially

## WATER PROTECTION

Water quality and the protection thereof are intensively regulated and tested more frequently

### PREVENTION

HEALTH

The accumulation of pollutants in organisms is a pathway of entry into the food chain

**REMEDIATION OBLIGATION** 

Obligation for environmental

remediation according to the

polluter pays principle

The prevention of pollutants entering the environment is becoming increasingly important for the economy as a whole

## **POLLUTANTS**

Knowledge about environmentally harmful substances is increasing

## CONTROL

Stricter environmental controls and penalties for violations

# GUIDELINES

Stricter state environmental protection guidelines for industry, infrastructure and agriculture

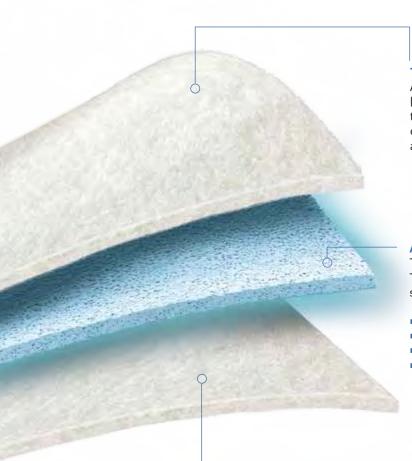
# **Active environmental protection**

# Tailor-made permeable contaminant barriers for almost every application

Tektoseal Active are active geocomposites installed as large-area contaminant filters or contaminant barriers for soil and groundwater protection, as well as for contaminated site protection. They reliably absorb pollutants and allow the purified carrier medium (water, soil air, landfill gas, etc.) to pass through. The surface filters provide uniform and erosion-resistant pollutant filter layers over a large area.

The active geocomposites allow passive water treatment of contaminated leachate, pore water, drainage, and traffic run off water etc. Contamination of soils and groundwater by inorganic, organic or petrochemical pollutants is therefore prevented. Pollutant carry over from already contaminated soils and sediments is also prevented by filtering out pollutants washed out by precipitation or groundwater.

In the process, the earth body is also successively decontaminated, or passively cleaned, as more and more pollutants are flushed into the pollutant filter and safely sorbed over time.



A nonwoven or woven fabric made of polypropylene (PP) or polyester (PET), which serves as a stabilizer for the active material and as a protective layer against external influences. Raw material and basis weight are adapted to the specific requirements.

The active layer is the heart of the Tektoseal Active products. It may contain the following substances, among others:

- Activated carbon
- PFAS selective ion exchanger with carbon
- Heavy metal binder
- Oil absorber

The material of this layer can be varied according to the field of application to ensure the required strengths or protective properties. Possible materials are nonwovens or fabrics, optionally with geogrids as reinforcement.



Quick installation of a filter layer with a permanent constant layer thickness



Increase of water quality through filtration of dissolved pollutants



Pollutant removal without surface sealing or alteration of the natural flow paths of the water



Contribution to health and environmental protection by reducing pollutant effects



Reduction of transport through polluted soils in the field



Higher performance with savings in mineral pollutant barrier layers

# Application examples using Tektoseal Active



Soil capping



Groundwater protection

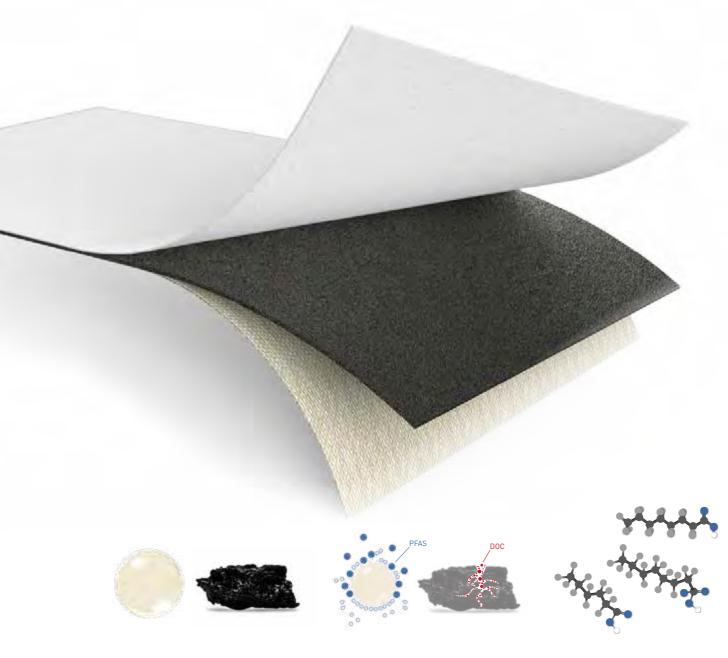


Isolation of contaminated sediments

# **Tektoseal Active PFAS** for Forever Chemicals

Pollutant barriers for per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS)

Tektoseal Active PFAS combines the benefits of geotextiles with proven reliable contaminant adsorbers. This way, contaminated soils can be reliably contained and remediated. Our pollutant filters can be installed in soils and under water. The fast reaction kinetics and high uptake capacity of the sorbents allow reliable application to a wide range of PFAS pollutants.





High capacities due to ion exchange and adsorption

For all short and long chain carboxylic and sulfonic acids



Removal of all PFAS with a proven effectiveness of > 99.9 % (tested at concentration ranges of  $< 1 - 4,000 \mu g/l$ 



Sorption speeds of less than 3 minutes allow the use even at high seepage flow velocities



The durability of our materials enables the protection or even the reuse of contaminated soils in technical structures for long periods of time while at the same time passive soil decontamination with the help of natural precipitation



### **Efficient**

Proven high loading capacity at all concentrations leads to a significantly higher pollutant absorption capacity than many other adsorbers



### **Strong**

Extremely high binding strength ensures that the bound PFASs are not released again (desorption)



It has been proven that our active geocomposite material can also be used for applications with landfill

# Highest performance for short and long chain PFAS

An application is possible for contaminated site remediation with short and long chain per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances such as PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxA, PFHxS, PFBS, PFBA and PFPeA. For a more in-depth analysis of your individual problem, our team of experts is always at your disposal.



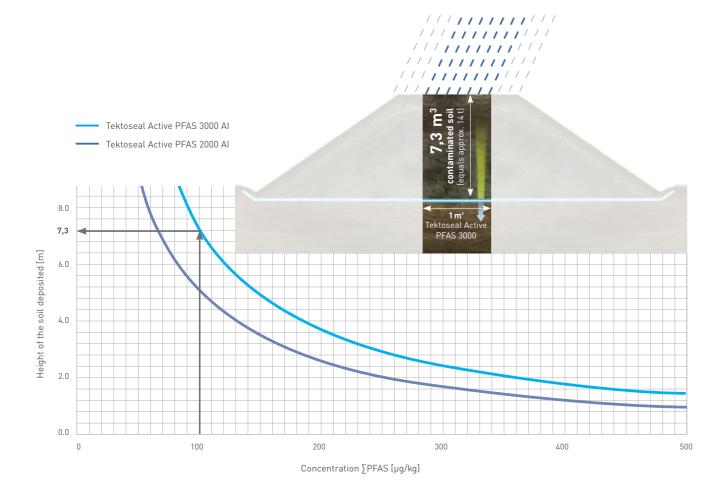
Our product solution of engineered geotextiles, combined with the selective ion exchanger, can be used for virtually any PFAS remediation project and can be used safely over the long term. The PFAS are permanently and reliably bound by ion exchange and adsorption. The use of active geocomposites enables soil stabilization with a simultaneous

passive soil decontamination.



# Life expectancy Tektoseal Active PFAS

Independent, international laboratories have proven that our geocomposites with selective ion exchanger and activated carbon remove both long and short-chain PFAS better than many other adsorbers. Depending on accelerated extraction tests, desorption at a later stage is more than 99% excluded due to the extremely high bond strength. The high effectiveness of Tektoseal Active PFAS has been proven in laboratory and field tests. It is shown that the pollutants are reliably taken up at first contact with leachate.



# Application examples using Tektoseal Active for PFAS



In-situ securing of contaminated soils



Retaining wall from contaminated soils

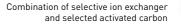


Landfill sealing

# Excelent composition – Ion exchanger and carbon

In laboratory and field studies, a specific strong anion exchange media has shown to be highly effective for the removal of a wide range of individual PFAS compounds even with a comparatively short contact time with the contaminated water or leachate. Kinetics are very important in active geocomposites to ensure an effective pollutant uptake. In addition to the media's high effectiveness, the removal capacity for many individual PFAS compounds is also high when using the selective anion exchanger. Depending on the composition of the leachate, the capacity of the anion exchanger used by HUESKER is much larger than activated carbon or organophilic clays.

Another advantage is the strong bond between the PFAS and the amendment material. The PFAS is not only sorbed by means of van-der-Waals forces, but even more substantially through the exchange of ions, which significantly strengthens the bond between the PFAS and media. These mechanisms make it extremely difficult for desorption to occur, even with the aid of solvents. This attribute is critical and highly relevant for long-term applications in the field. Please contact HUESKER to obtain the test results from independent laboratories on the properties described.





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More information about our

Tektoseal Active PFAS can be found here.

# Your product configuration kit

Deciding which active ingredient has the best properties should be investigated on a project-specific basis. For a more in-depth analysis of your individual problem, our team of experts is always at your disposal.



Geotextile cover and supporting layer



Geotextile cover and supporting layer



Ion exchanger



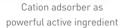
Activated carbon

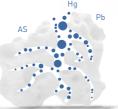
# **Tektoseal Active HM** for heavy metals

# Surface filter for inorganic pollutants

With Tektoseal Active product solutions for inorganic pollutants, you can reliably secure, remediate or preventively protect contaminated soils, sediments and waters from pollutant discharge. Our product solutions combine the advantages of geotextiles with the active substances particularly suitable for this purpose - our cation adsorber. Thanks to the fast and high pollutant absorption, it is possible to build very thin and at the same time long-term safe pollutant filters.







High capacity due to pollutant adsorption



Applicable for inorganic pollutants



Arsenic, lead or mercury etc. can be removed from the carrier medium (water or gas)



Radionuclides such as uranium, radium or strontium have also been proven to be adsorbed



The mineral structure neutralizes acidic waters and buffers the pH value to a level of approx. 7 (neutral)



## **Maximum performance**

Based on laboratory studies, large quantities of metals and radionuclides can be bound \*(Mercury)



Thanks to the fast reaction kinetics of less than 3 minutes, large quantities of water can be filtered in a very short time



## **Variable**

High cation exchange capacity enables application in diverse installation situations on land and under water

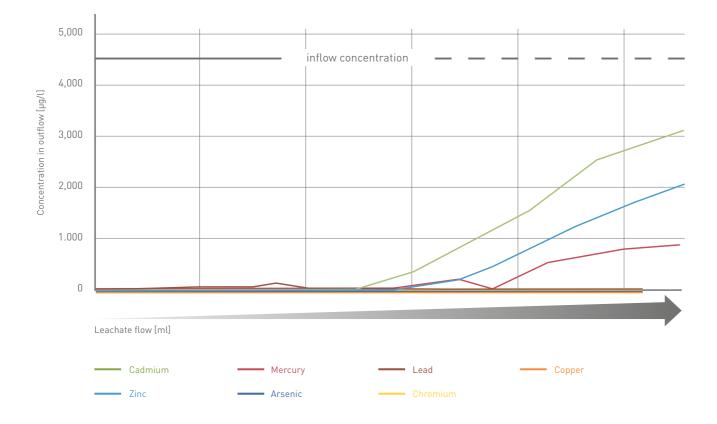
# Maximum performance with heavy metals

In addition to removing dissolved inorganic substances from water, the active ingredient neutralizes acidic water to a neutral pH. The pollutant filter can be used over a large area to prevent environmental contamination by nickel, aluminium or copper. For example, sediments and soils near mine dumps, heavy industry, and other potential hazard sources can be treated. This protects surface and groundwater, people, animals and our environment without the need for costly treatment plants.



# Confirmation of highest effectiveness by independent laboratories

Our geocomposites with special cation adsorber bind a variety of harmful inorganic substances. The cation adsorber is a proven highly effective active substance for the treatment of pollutants and can be laid in combination with our geotextiles in a permanently mechanically stable manner and over large areas.



# Application examples using Tektoseal Active HM



Soil air filter on contaminated sites



Filtration of polluted surface waters

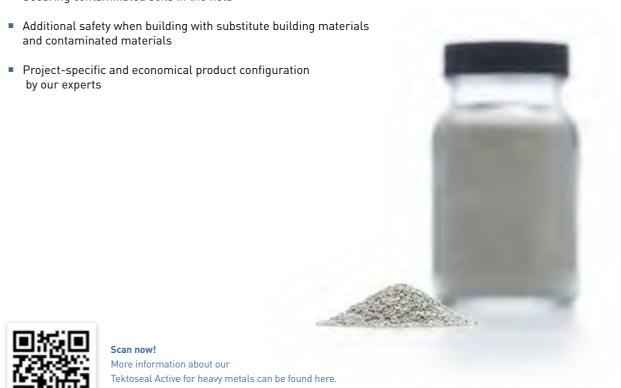


Securing contaminated sediments

# Removal of metals with Tektoseal Active HM at a glance

Our Tektoseal Active solutions with the particularly powerful cation adsorber can be used as permeable barriers for substances such as lead, mercury, arsenic, etc. Our team of experts will, at any time, be happy to provide you with a detailed analysis of any project-specific queries you may have.

- Realization of a high cation binding in the filter or barrier layer
- Securing contaminated soils in the field



# Your product configuration kit

Here you will find our selection of geotextiles to be used along with the active substances. Our team of experts will be happy to provide you with an in-depth analysis of your individual issues at any time.



Nonwoven geotextiles as top layer or carrier layer



Geo-fabric as carrier layer



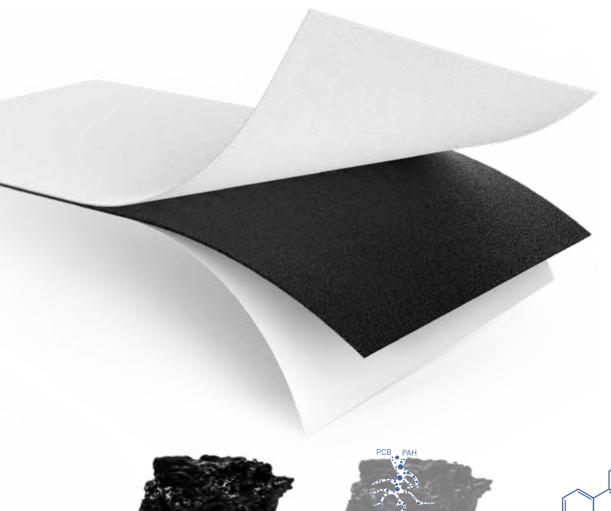
Cation adsorber

# Tektoseal Active AC for organic pollutants

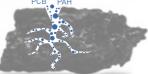
# The pollutant filters for long-lasting persistent organic pollutants

With Tektoseal Active product solutions for organic pollutants, you can reliably secure and remediate contaminated soils and waters. Persistent organic pollutants (POP) occur in gaseous form, dissolved in water or in dust particles as well as in soils. With our products, these pollutants can be safely absorbed at any stage. Our product solutions combine the advantages of geotextiles with the pollutant adsorbers - activated carbon and Organoclay - which are particularly suitable for this purpose.

Our Tektoseal Active solutions (with special activated carbon) can be used as permeable barriers for dissolved organic pollutants such as VOCs, TBTs, PAHs, PCBs, etc. in soil, air and gases as well as in surface and groundwater. A product configuration with Organoclay is especially recommended for organic pollutants with oil compounds. For example, loads from coal tar and creosote (so-called non-aqueous phase liquids, NAPLs) can be reliably adsorbed or treated.







Effective pollutant adsorption



Use on a wide range of dissolved organic pollutants such as VOCs, TBTs,



Securing of contaminated soils on land as well as sediments under



Reliable removal of dissolved organic pollutants such as VOC, TBT, PAH, PCB and many more.



Pollutant adsorption from liquids and gases possible



Large surface area (1 g activated carbon corresponds to approx. 1,000 m²) leads to high pollutant absorption capacity



### **High-performance**

Project-specific product configuration with suitable activated carbon types for maximum performance



Activated carbon is known and recognized as a highly efficient adsorber of organic pollutants

# Highest performance for dissolved organic pollutants

High-performance textiles, combined with special activated carbon, ensure reliable adsorption of pollutants from water and gases.



High-performance textiles, combined with swellable organoclay, provide reliable pollutant adsorption.



# Proven excellent pollutant protection with geotextiles and activated carbon

Tektoseal Active (with special activated carbon) in combination with our geotextiles can be used for large-scale treatment of dissolved organic pollutants. The persistent substances adsorb permanently and reliably on the activated carbon. The easy solubility of many organic substances with water is used to specifically induce leaching of the pollutants. This allows sediments and soils to be treated in-situ and protects groundwater, people, animals and the environment.



Activated carbon is known as an adsorber for pollutant treatment and can be permanently mechanically stabilized and laid over large areas in combination with our geotextiles. In this project video, you can see how a very complex protection concept can work with a multifunctional and multi-layer surface sealing system made of geobuilding materials and Tektoseal  $\Delta r_{tive}$ 

# Application examples using Tektoseal Active AC and OC



Landfill sealing





Securing contaminated sediments

Soil air filter on contaminated sites

# Tektoseal Active OC with Organoclay for organic pollutants in oily environments

Our Tektoseal Active OC product variant with Organoclay offers more effective pollutant protection for organic pollutants in an oily environment. Contaminants originating, for example, from heavy industry or from the impregnation of wood cannot, in some cases, be treated effectively with activated carbon, since the oily substances cover the activated carbon like a film. Tektoseal Active OC is the best solution for these applications. In contact with the substances, the adsorber swells so that the product becomes almost impermeable to pollutants flowing in.

- Protection for contaminated soils on land and sediments under water
- First choice for organic pollutants with oil compounds
- Chemical treatment of the base material bentonite makes it an oliophilic pollutant adsorber
- Pollutant filters with constant and erosion-proof layer thickness throughout
- Project specific product design



### Scan now!

More information about our Tektoseal Active for organic pollutants can be found here.

# Your product configuration kit

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Geo-fabric as carrier layer



Selected activated carbon



Organophilic clay

# Tektoseal Active AS for oils and petrochemicals

# The pollutant barrier for oil, gasoline, diesel and kerosene

Today, it is impossible to imagine infrastructure and industry without oils, diesel, gasoline and kerosene. Through leaks or in accidents, they find their way from unsealed traffic areas into the subsoil and therefore into our environment. Tektoseal Active AS absorbs the substances and helps prevent surface contamination and contain the spread. Preventive protection against these contaminants is important for adjacent soils and

Our Tektoseal Active AS solutions with mechanically solidified and oil-absorbing polymer are suitable for separating oil-water mixtures. By using different geotextiles, stable composites are produced which, depending on the area of application, can also be buoyant or withstand high UV radiation for a certain period of time. This way, the products can be integrated into our infrastructure or contaminated sites can be secured. Application areas include ports and harbours, railways, temporary fuelling and service areas on site and under parking lots as well as in the road shoulder and many other situations.



High performance polymer

Effective pollutant absorption

Use with oil, gasoline, diesel and kerosene



High-performance

1 m² binds up to 7 litres of oil



Water-permeable

Absorbs oil and allows water to pass



High mechanical strength even when driven over with heavy equipment



Uncomplicated

Easy installation in-situ and easy to cut



The product can be configured to float



Considered a certified oil binder in Germany

# Preventive protection against contamination of oil, diesel and gasoline

Many oil binders on the market today are not able to withstand external influences; granular absorbents can be carried away by wind and water. Nonwoven-based oil binders have low strength, especially after oil absorption. Our Tektoseal Active AS solution combines a high-performance, consolidated and adsorbent polymer with the mechanical stability of geotextiles. This combination extends the range of applications and the service life of the oil absorber and can be individually adapted to new challenges. The composite material can be guickly laid out as roll material and also disposed of again. In addition, it can be easily cut on site and adapted to the specific situation.



# The even more ecological product variant

In our ecoLine product line you will find various geotextiles made from recycled PET bottles. Our Tektoseal Active AS is also available in the ecoLine range. The backing and top layer of the product are made of recycled PET to the benefit of the circular economy, whilst also increasing the tensile strength of the product. This ensures that Tektoseal Active AS ecoLine can be removed, e.g. with an excavator. After dismantling, it is possible to recycle the material.



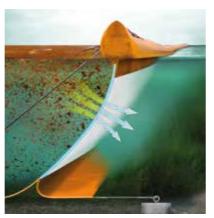
# Application examples using Tektoseal Active AS



Decentralized precipitation treatment on



Environmental protection on maintenance and Absorbent protective curtain in water bodies parking areas



# Proven excellent pollutant protection with geotextiles and oil binder

Our high-performance geocomposite uses special polymers that are processed into fibers and can therefore serve as long-lasting barriers against pollutants in the terrain. By combining them with resistant protective nonwovens, they are permanently mechanically stabilized and enable large-area installation. Tektoseal Active AS retains lubricants and fuels in its inner structure, even under load, and offers a correspondingly high capacity.







about our Tektoseal Active for petrochemicals and oils can be found here.

# Your product configuration kit

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Nonwoven geotextiles as top layer or backing layer



Nonwoven geotextiles as top layer or backing layer



Polymer as official oil binding agent



Organophilic clay

# The best product for every project

Together we always find the best possible product configuration for your project!



### 1. Situation analysis and target definition

Together with you, we evaluate project-specific issues such as the pollutant situation and local soil and groundwater conditions. Since no two projects are the same, we develop appropriate product configurations and solution approaches for the specific objective.



### 2. Project-specific preliminary tests

For projects with challenging baseline conditions and targets, we are happy to perform laboratory tests on the contaminated leachate or your soil sample. The best project-specific active ingredient is selected by simulating the specific site conditions, and its effectiveness is determined.



## 3. Final product configuration

Based on the successful preliminary tests and the planning of the installation concept, your Tektoseal Active product solution is finally designed by combining the best active ingredient and the right geotextiles.



## 4. Development of the installation concept

After the successful pre-testing phase, we develop the installation concept taking into account the specific application. Finally, a laying plan containing all the construction details is formulated.



## 5. Delivery & construction supervision

The product is manufactured as requested and delivered to the construction site. Our engineers will also be happy to assist you with the installation on site.

# Your product configuration kit of Tektoseal Active products for ...

Per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS)	Heavy metals (HM)	Organic pollutants (AC/OC)	Oils and petrochemicals (AS)	5	
<b>✓</b>				lon exchanger	
<b>✓</b>		<b>√</b>		Selected activated carbon	
	<b>√</b>			Cation adsorber	
		<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>	Organophilic clay	
			<b>√</b> Po	olymer as official oil binding agent	

# **Project examples**



## Securing of contaminated sediments

Australia | Securing sediments with high PAH and CHC contamination in a Sydney bay. Installation of approx. 5,000 m² of Tektoseal Active AC as a pollutant barrier layer for improving the water quality.



## Pollutant and odour filter on contaminated site

Germany | Covering a contaminated site as a safety measure for construction work. Easy installation of Tektoseal Active AC. Pollutants and odours are bound by the activated carbon and do not reach the ground surface. Application as a temporary or permanent contaminated site protection.



## **Precipitation treatment**

Finland | Precipitation runoff from sealed surfaces contaminated with PAHs and CHCs is treated in a stormwater retention basin. By installing Tektoseal Active AS and AC in the bottom of the pool, pollutants are filtered out of the water before it seeps away. The basin walls are largely impermeable to water and lined with a clay liner.



## Mine water treatment in mining

Finland | Water containing metal can also be treated in basins in the mining industry. For mine water treatment in a closed nickel mine, two filter basins were lined with Tektoseal Active HM.



### Pollutant filter under parking lot

Luxembourg | Tektoseal Active AS was laid underneath the gravel layer of a parking lot to prevent contaminants from entering the subsoil. Tektoseal Active AS allows water to pass through and has been proven to reliably absorb oils and fuels as well as pollutants such as metals that stick to particles. This allows for the safe design of water-permeable traffic areas.



### Oil absorption in the siding

Austria | In the siding of a train station, trains are maintained, cleaned and refueled. The rolls are cut to the appropriate width at the factory and are therefore easy to install. To increase the resistance to UV radiation, the product was equipped with a UV-stabilized



### Temporary construction site gas stations

Germany | A temporary refueling area for construction machinery was created for a "greenfield" construction project. The use of Tektoseal Active AS protects the substrate from fuel spills. The wooden planks above the filter mat ensure trafficability and protection of the mat e.g. against UV radiation and mechanical impacts.



### Working in groundwater protection zones

Germany | Construction work in groundwater protection zones requires special attention to soil and water protection. Leaking lubricants and fuels from construction machinery are a hazard that is contained by Tektoseal Active AS. In this project, the contaminant filter was used under a large rotary drilling rig.

# **HUESKER Services**

HUESKER services begin with providing the customer with initial advice and it ends with supporting the realisation of the project on site. What we provide are safe, customised, ecologically sound and economically viable project solutions

# **Engineering Services**

### Technical consulting

We will recommend the appropriate product types for your specific requirements.

## Technical design

Our engineers assist design practices by performing verifiable design calculations in accordance with international codes of practice.

# Project-specific placement plans

We will prepare installation and placing recommendations plus installation diagrams.

# International knowledge transfer

Best-practice solutions and techniques from our global network.

## **Product Services**

## **Custom-designed project solutions**

We will partner with you in developing custom-fabricated products to meet your particular requirements.

### Alternative solutions

We will propose alternative design solutions as well as recommendations for adjustments and optimisations.

## **Documents**

### Certificates and approvals

Our products have numerous certifications and approvals that are issued, for example, by BAM, BAW, BBA, EBA, IVG and SVG, depending on the product type.

### Tender documents

We would be happy to provide you with proposals for your specification texts.

### Technical guidelines

Technical guidelines will help you to ensure the best-practice installation of your product on site.

# On-The-Spot

## On-site instruction

Where required, our application technicians can offer installation assistance related to the specifics of product installation.

### Installation aids

We can offer you practical installation aids to facilitate the application of our products.

### Trainin

Product and application specific instruction.



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