

# **Accessories & Ancillaries**



# **Vetoflex PBR**

Closed cell polyethylene backing rod

#### Uses

- Controlling and filling gaps behind sealants.
- Prohibiting sealant bonding to joint fillers.
- Allowing joint sealant freedom of movement to achieve its desired function.

## **Product Description**

Vetoflex PBR is a closed-cell polyethylene foam cord with minimal water absorption for sizing static and dynamic joints in the building industry. Available in different sizes that range from 6mm to 50mm in diameter and could be applied vertically and horizontally. Vetoflex PBR serves as excellent support for elastomeric sealants and efficient backup material for joint sealing applications.

# Advantages

- Easy to install (can be inserted exerting minor pressure into any joint).
- Superior resistance from deterioration.
- Exceptionally flexible.
- Non-absorbent.
- Acts as bond breaker with minimum strain shape for joint sealants.
- Provides firm backing for sealant tooling.
- Withstands adverse weather conditions.
- Economical.

### **Design Criteria**

When using Vetoflex PBR follow standard concrete joints practices. Saveto recommends the use of ACI 224.3-95 (reapproved 2013) for joint design.

Vetoflex PBR is used in order to provide a superior filling system for expansion and fractioning joints before elastic sealing in various areas such as joints between walls and floors, prefabricated concrete panels, masonry and concrete, window and door frames in both ceramic, concrete floors and between standing finish and bearing structures.

### Technical Data

Vetoflex PBR	Typical Values @ 25°C	
Appearance	Compressible, closed cell, extruded polyethylene circular cord	
Color	Grey or White	
Density - ASTM D792	~0.04 g/Ltr.	
Cell Size - ASTM D3576	0.82 mm	
Water Absorption ASTM D570	0.08 mg/cm2	
Moisture Permeability ASTM D570	0.5 g/cm2.24hr	
Longitudinal Elongation ASTM D638	60 %	
Elasticity	10%	
Thermal Conductivity ASTM D5930	0.04 W/m2.ºC	
Resistance to Solvent	Good	
Color Availability	White, Grey	
Permanent Compression Set (100 KG/CM2)	1-2%	
Dimensional Stability	Excellent	



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## Usage Instructions

### **Surface Preparation**

All surfaces where the backing rod is to be inserted must be dry, smooth, clean, free from dust, laitance, or loose materials. When otherwise necessary, it is highly recommended to use compressed air or a wire brush in order to remove further dirt, oil stains, and other inconsistencies.

### **Application**

Cut Vetoflex PBR according to the required length and lay it along the joints accordingly. Next, gently push the cord against the joint with extra caution not to damage the skin of the material.

Ensure that the diameter of Vetoflex PBR is approximately 20% to 25% (required depth to width ratio) greater than the joint's width to ensure that the cord is tightly held in position. This procedure further enhances the aesthetic effect of the material when done on a firm base. Next, seal the joint with a suitable sealant from Saveto's product range.

### Packaging & Coverage

Clean tools with water promptly before material hardens. Hardened material can be mechanically removed.

Vetoflex PBR Rod Diameter (mm)	Piece Length (m) x Pack	Quantity / Pack
6mm	100mx8pcs	800m
8mm	100mx8pcs	800m
10mm	100mx8pcs	800m
12mm	100mx8pcs	800m
15mm	60mx6pcs	360m
20mm	50mx4pcs	200m
25mm	25mx4pcs	100m
30mm	25mx4pcs	100m
40mm	4mx25pcs	100m
50mm	4mx25pcs	100m
60mm	4mx25pcs	100m

### Shelf Life & Storage

Keep Vetoflex PBR stored clear of ground in a dry, shaded place below 35°C.

### **Health & Safety**

Vetoflex PBR is not classified as hazardous.

Vetoflex PBR is a combustible product. Avoid any exposure to all sources of ignition or flame.

#### **Additional Information**

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- Tile adhesives & Grouts.
- Primers & Ancillary Products.
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- Protective Coatings
- Accessories

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