

Photocatalytic Air Depollution in Contaminated Cities

Creating Healthy Environments




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AIR QUALITY IN LARGE CITIES - A SERIOUS PROBLEM



**Majority of large
cities suffer
from air pollution**

The main source: car traffic and industrial production

CONSEQUENCES

- **increased incidence of cancer, respiratory diseases and asthma and allergic diseases**
- **the overall weakening of the immune system, especially in young children, elderly and sick people**
- **negative impact on soil and water quality**
- **economical losses**

INSTRUMENTS FOR SOLVING THE POLLUTIONS PROBLEM

I. REDUCTION OF EMISSIONS

- **Legislation and administrative legal measures**
- **Support for introduction of modern low-emission technologies and equipment for air purification at source into practice**

II. CLEANING THE ATMOSPHERE FROM AIR POLLUTANTS

- **Support for outplanting of greenery and to sustain.**
- **New technologies for atmosphere purification ??? Are there any in the world?**

NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR ATMOSPHERE PURIFICATION

They must have huge capacity and the ability to clean even very low concentrations of pollutants.

Dimensions? Power consumption? Noise? Investment costs? Maintenance costs? Lifetime? Disposal costs?



TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS FILTRATION, ADSORPTION, EM SEPARATION AND PLASMA BURNING ARE NOT USABLE!

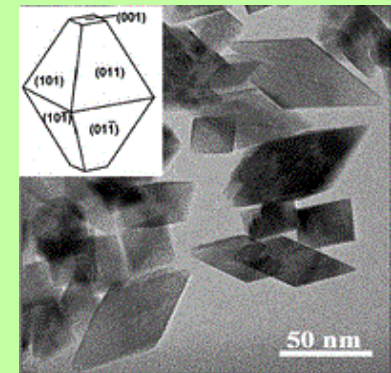
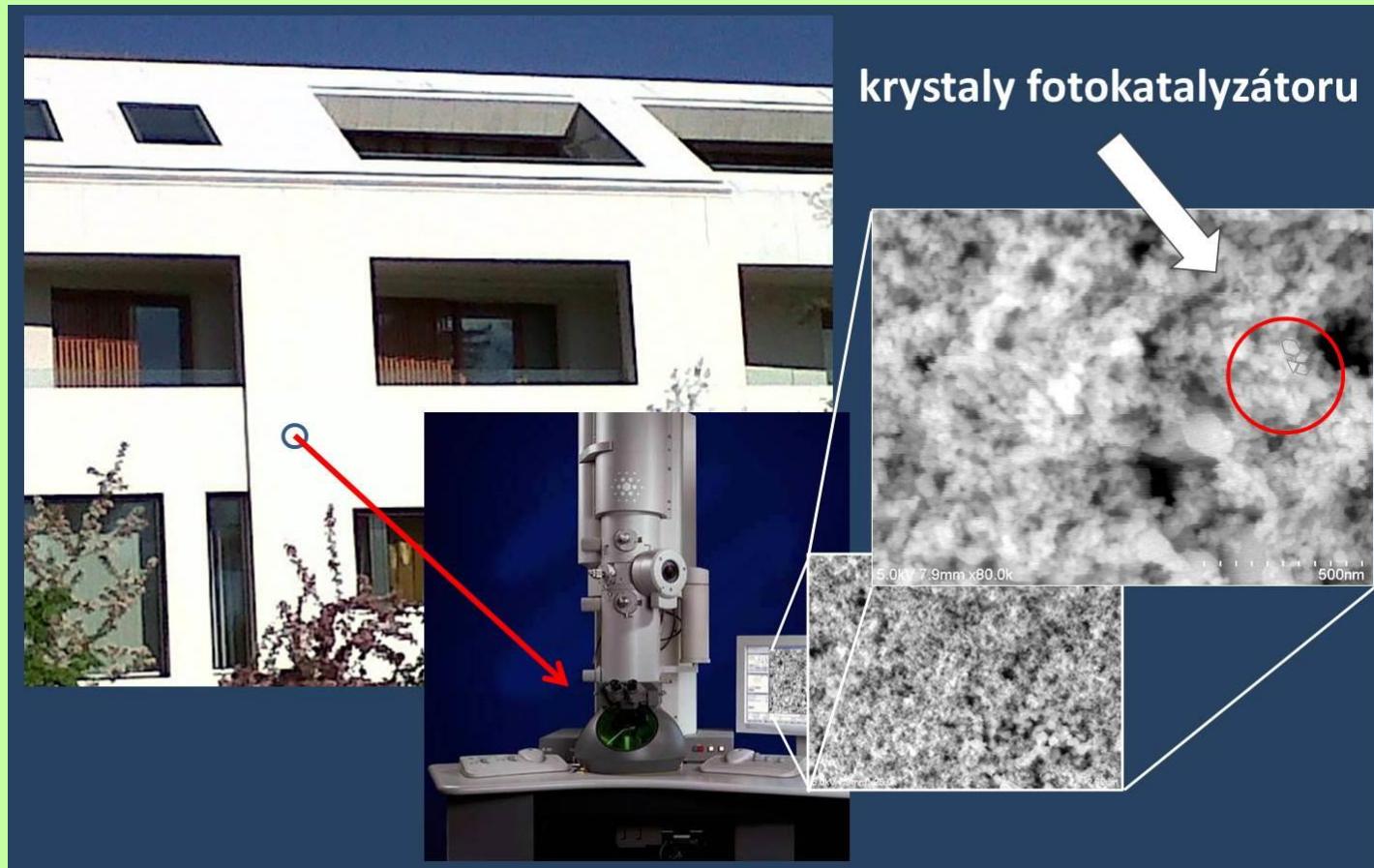
SOLUTION: HIGHLY EFFICIENT PHOTOCATALYTIC SURFACES

VILLA BIANCA MARBLE FACADE (WHICH IS TREATED BY PHOTOCATALYTIC TECHNOLOGY FN[®]) CLEARS FROM 40% OF POLLUTANTS OVER A BILLION M³ OF AIR PER YEAR!!!

1,000,000,000 m³



PHOTOCATALYTIC SURFACE TECHNOLOGY



The surface is formed by the semiconductor nanocrystals - TiO_2

The photocatalytic surface transforms light energy into electro-chemical power, which effectively cleans the air, destroys microorganisms and ensures self-cleaning surfaces.

PHOTOCATALYSIS



ORGANIC PARTICLES



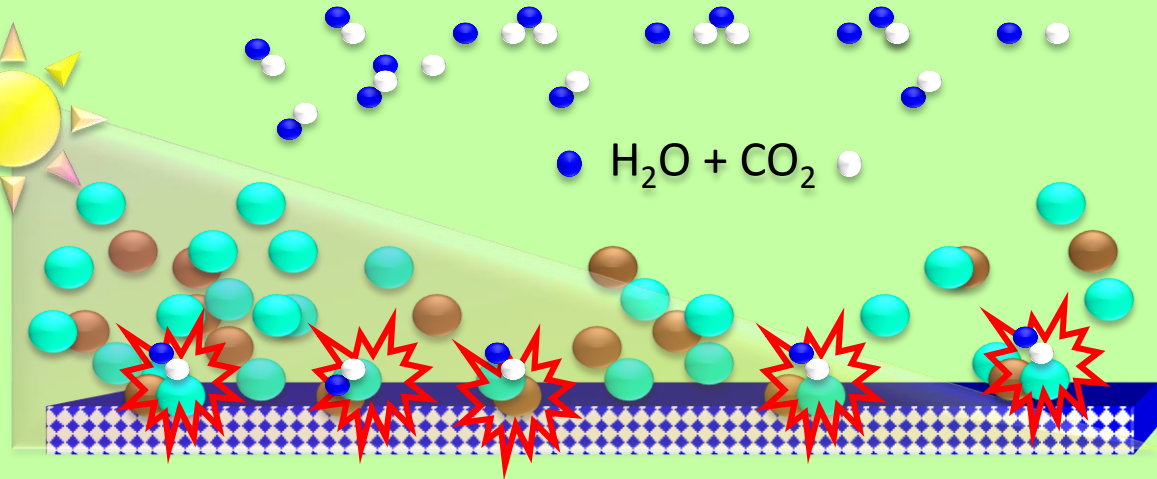
OXYGEN

(smoke, toxins, organics, microbes)

+ LIGHT



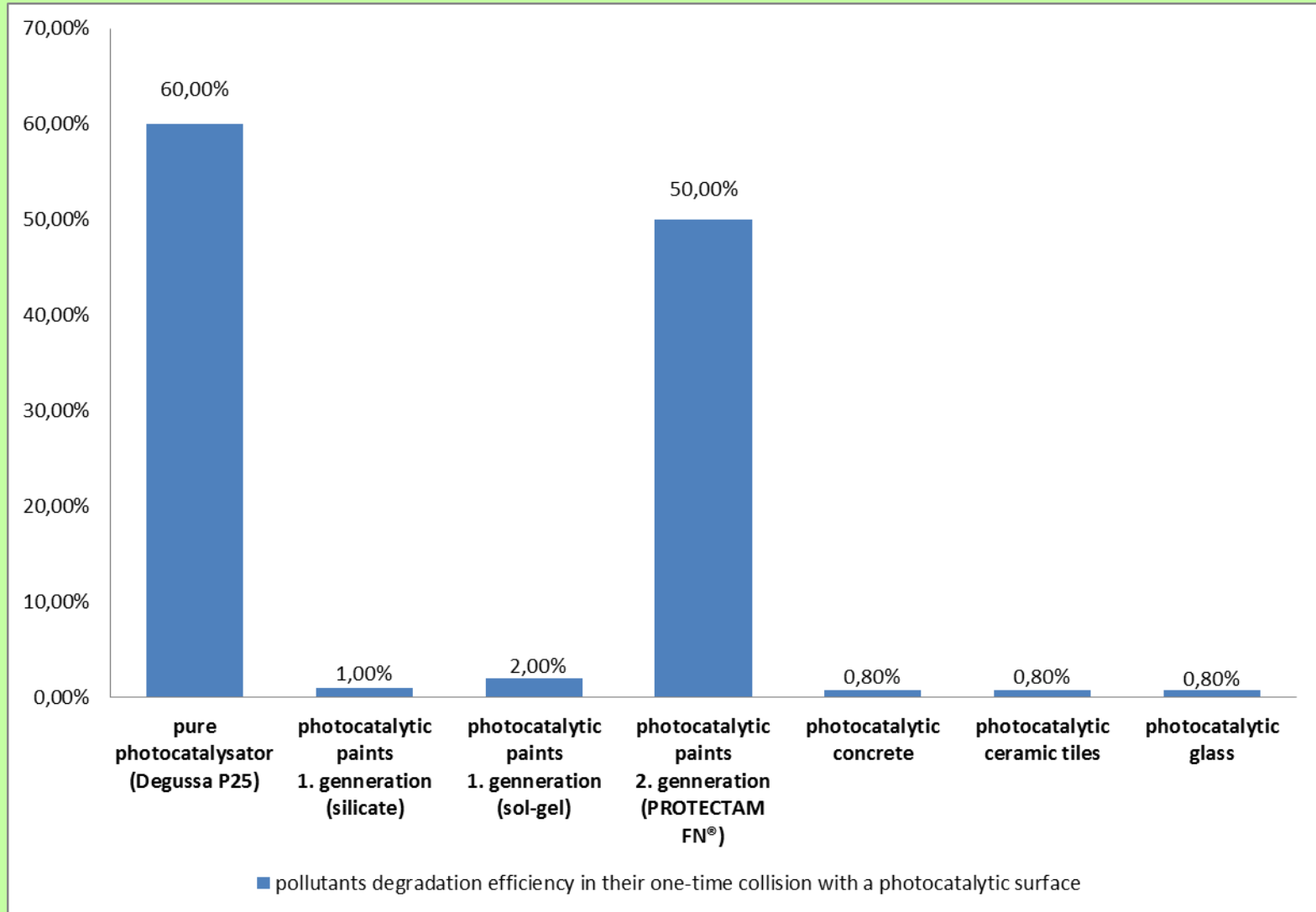
+ TiO₂ SURFACE



E_g ~ 3.2eV

Higher oxidation potential than chlorine or ozone !!!!!!!

PHOTOCATALYTIC PRODUCTS EFFICIENCY



PROTECTAM FN[®]-EFFICIENCY UP TO 100%

Multifunctional coatings PROTECTAM FN[®] with photocatalytic effect

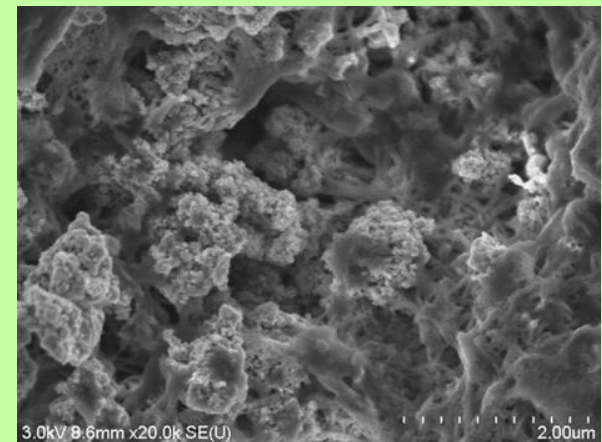


- patented in all major global markets
- sale in 15 countries
- certified and tested
- nanotechnology - awards: Innovation of the Year 2010 (2nd place); nominations: CZECH HEAD AWARD 2011 - MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT PRICE, EUROPEAN BUSINESS AWARD 2011, MEDICAL FAIR BRNO AWARD, CZECH INNOVATION 2014 (AWARD FOR SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION)

The coating creates a highly porous 3D spatial microstructure on the surface of which are securely anchored TiO₂ nanoparticles. Those confer of this coating layer covering by water molecules (H₂O) and a highly oxidative effect caused by the photocatalytic property.



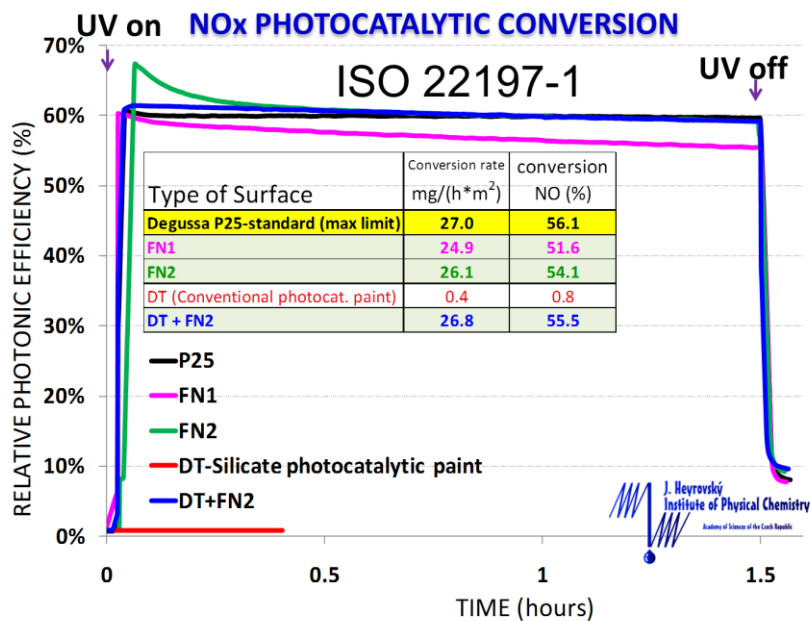
AIR PURIFICATION, SELF-CLEANING SURFACE, ANTI-GRAFFITI EFFECT



TESTING OF FN[®] POLLUTANTS DEGRADATION

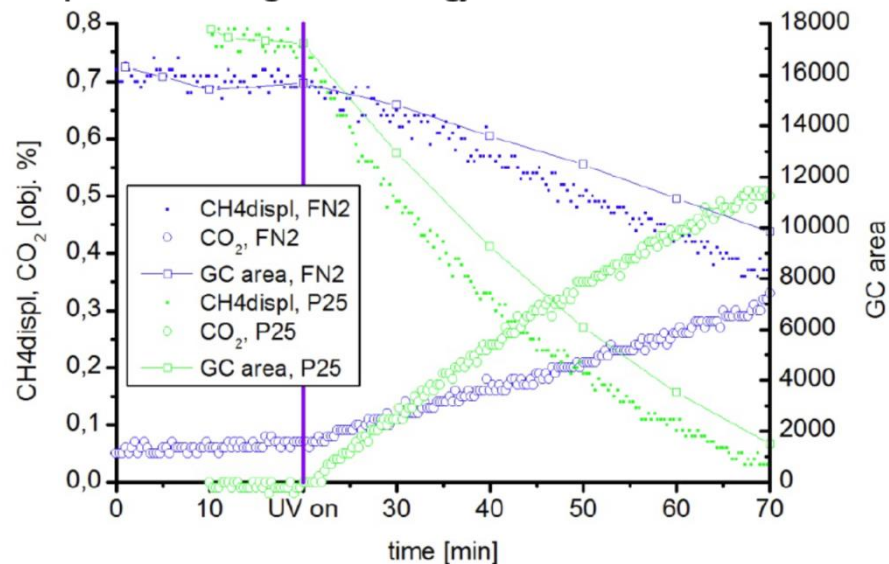
FN[®] COATING APPLIED ON A HIGH POROSITY SUBSTRATE CAN DEMONSTRATE NO_x CONVERSION AS HIGH AS **100% AT 6 ppm NO** AND EVEN VERY HIGH NO_x CONVERSION OF **20% AT 500ppm NO**

NO concentration on 6 ppm	Elimination of NO (ppm)
FN2	6,15
FN3	6,1
FN1	5,99
P25	6,09
P90	6,07



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Tests of hexane degradation in the FN2[®] paint on the roof bag.

FN2[®] - Hexane Degradation : The concentration of hexane was 700 ppm (10 microL injection) at the beginning of the experiment. The experiments conducted in stages: 20 min dark and a further 50 minutes of UV.

Reference: pure nano - TiO₂ Degussa P25 (5 g TiO₂/m²) - the theoretical maximum.

Conclusion - photoactivity proven air cleaning.

Comparison of degradation rate according to GC:

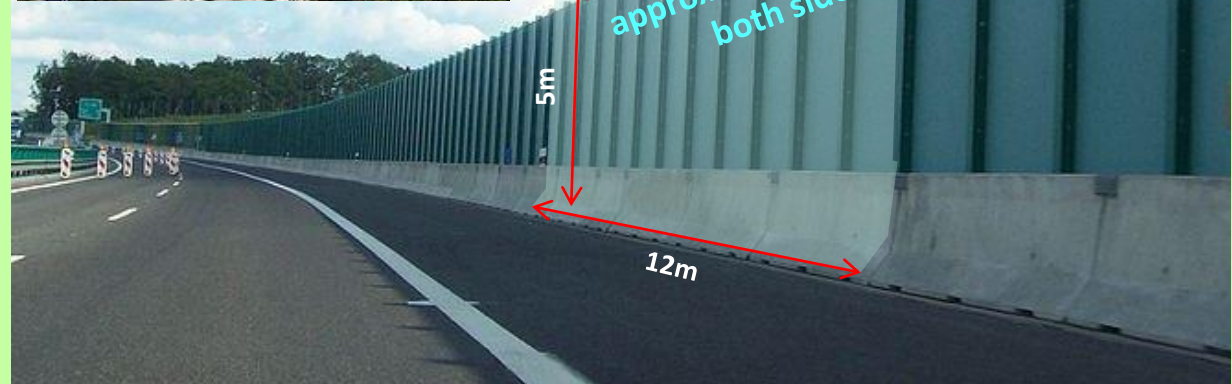
P 25 - 4.1 mmol/h/m²; FN2[®] - 2.4 mmol/h/m².

FN2[®] surface = 59% of the photocatalytic efficiency of Degussa P 25 (100 %)

1 M³ OF CLEANED AIR FOR € 0.00005

For improving the air quality is best to apply FN in areas with the highest concentration of pollutants - for example noise barriers and other structures near roads.

- FN photocatalytic surface decontaminate from the air 40% of the decomposable pollutants regardless if their concentration is 100 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ or only 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- By deploying of photocatalytic surfaces in the most polluted areas will reduce spreading of pollutants into the environment and achieve the lowest concentration of harmful substances also on surrounding area



1 km of noise barriers with a height of 5m, which are painted on both sides FN, reduced for one day about 40% of the pollutants concentration of in the air volume of 700 to 900 thousands cubic meters. Price per coat – 131 000 €, functionality warranty - 10 years.

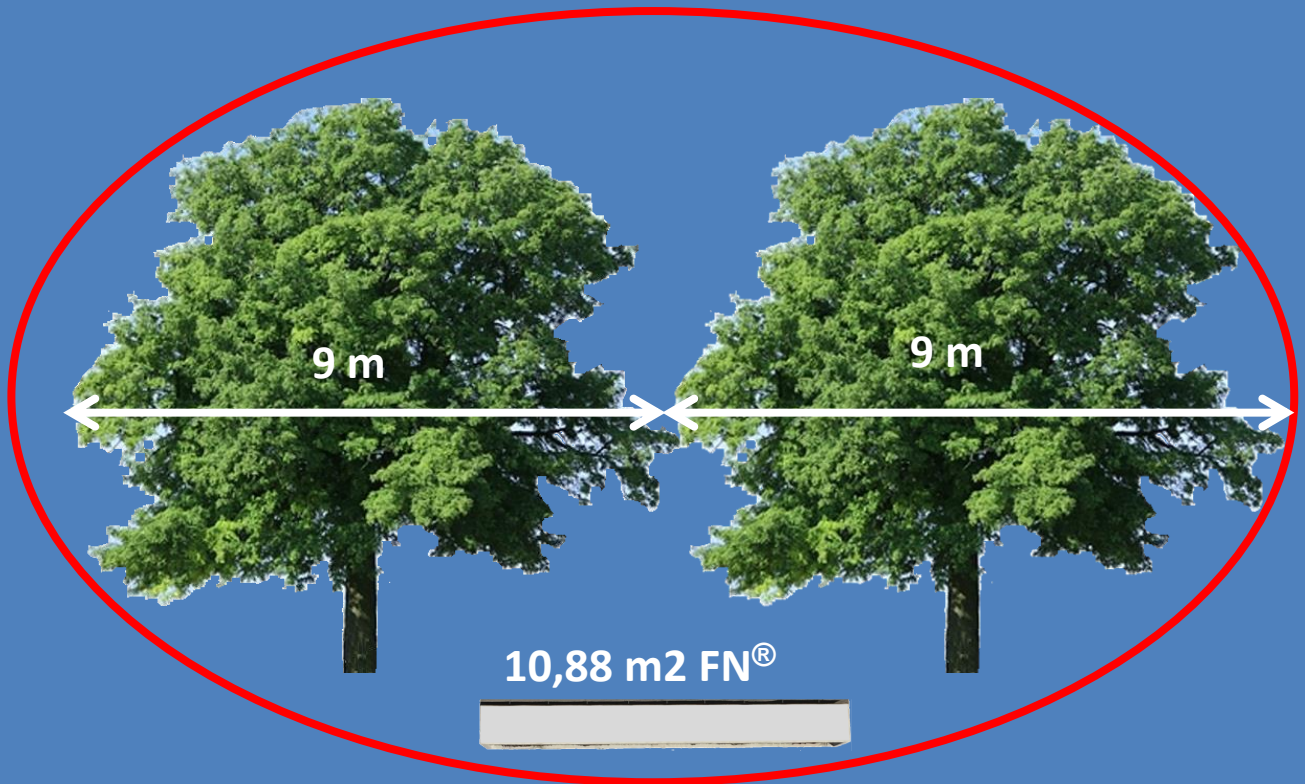
PHOTOCATALYTIC TECHNOLOGY AND THE TREES ARE COMPLEMENTARY



One FN painted container (10.88 m² FN surface) clean from pollutants (NO_x, SO_x, PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and PAH) the same volume of air as two trees with a treetop diameter of 9 meters (32.6 million cubic meters per year)

Trees absorb harmful pollutants from the air with their leaves, cooling the air, produce oxygen and shades noise. They can not be planted everywhere

FN coating photocatalytic technology can, together with trees, contribute to a significant improvement in urban air and industrial agglomerations



FN[®] TECHNOLOGY CERTIFIED AS A CONCRETE PROTECTION

- HIGH WATER PERMEABILITY $S_d[m]=0.06$
- HIGH ADHESION TO THE SURFACE 3.4MPa
- DURABILITY IN DECADES (SEE MANUFACTURER'S DECLARATION AND WARRANTY)
- CHEMICALLY RESISTANT (1542:2000; EN 13529:2004)
- FREEZE RESISTANT 3.2MPa AFTER 25 FREEZING CYCLES (ISO 4628-1,2)
- SALT WATER RESISTANT
- NO VOC; FULLY MINERAL COMPOSITE
- NO HEALTH RISK (ISO 16000-10, 16000-10/11)
- ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND SAFE
- MECHANICALLY REMOVABLE WITHOUT DAMAGE TO THE SURFACE
- FUNCTIONAL EVEN AT THICKNESS UNDER ONE MICRON
- PHYSICAL EFFECT – NO CHEMICALS INVOLVED
- LONG SHELF LIFE (3-5 YEARS)



FN[®] TECHNOLOGY - EXAMPLES OF APPLICATION



Applied nano-technology



Patented technologies

US 8,647,565

US 8,435,915

CA 2,707,319

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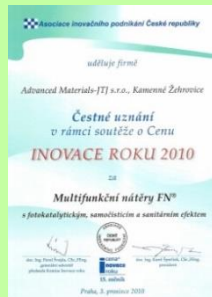
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