

# DeNOxing the air in urban spaces by building and construction photocatalytic coverings

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**Table S1. Substrate, photocatalytic product and its application method.**

| <b>Name</b>           | <b>Substrate</b>                        | <b>Photocatalytic product</b>  | <b>Application method</b> |
|-----------------------|---|--|---------------------------|
| (PS-WD) <sub>1</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Low-transparency water-based sol with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive      | Paint roller              |
| (PS-WD) <sub>2</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (PS-WD) <sub>3</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (PS-WD) <sub>4</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Moderate-transparency water-based sol with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive | Paint roller              |
| (PS-WD) <sub>5</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (PS-WD) <sub>6</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (PS-WD) <sub>7</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (PS-WD) <sub>8</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (PS-WD) <sub>9</sub>  | Paving slab                             | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (PS-WD) <sub>10</sub> | Paving slab                             | TiO <sub>2</sub> sol-gel   | Sprayer                   |
| (PPS) <sub>1</sub>    | Paving slab                             | Anatase-TiO <sub>2</sub> solution embedded in the surface            |                           |
| (PPS) <sub>2</sub>    | Paving slab                             | N/D  |                           |
| (PPB) <sub>1</sub>    | Paving block                            | Anatase-TiO <sub>2</sub> solution embedded in the surface            |                           |
| (PPB) <sub>2</sub>    | Paving block                            | Nano-TiO <sub>2</sub> embedded in the surface                        |                           |
| (PPB) <sub>3</sub>    | Paving block                            | N/D  |                           |
| (PPB) <sub>4</sub>    | Paving block                            | Nano-TiO <sub>2</sub> embedded in the surface                        |                           |
| (BM-WD) <sub>1</sub>  | Close-graded bituminous mixture AC16S   | TiO <sub>2</sub> dispersion based on water and resins                | Sprayer                   |
| (BM-WD) <sub>2</sub>  | Close-graded bituminous mixture AC16S   | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (BM-WD) <sub>3</sub>  | Open-graded bituminous mixture BBTM 11B | Water-based polymeric microemulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Sprayer                   |
| (BM-CG) <sub>1</sub>  | Open-graded bituminous mixture BBTM 11B | Cement grout with nano-anatase TiO <sub>2</sub> additive             | Paint roller              |
| (BM-CG) <sub>2</sub>  | Open-graded bituminous mixture BBTM 11B | Cement grout with nano-anatase TiO <sub>2</sub> additive             | Paint roller              |
| (BM-CG) <sub>3</sub>  | Open-graded bituminous mixture BBTM 11B | Cement grout with nano-TiO <sub>2</sub> additive                     | Paint roller              |
| (CS-FC) <sub>1</sub>  | Concrete surface                        | Water-based covering with anatase-TiO <sub>2</sub> additive          | Immersion                 |

|                      |                  |   |              |
|----------------------|------------------|---|--------------|
| (CS-FC) <sub>2</sub> | Concrete surface | Silicate microemulsion and silica nanoparticles in aqueous dispersion with nano-TiO <sub>2</sub> additive | Paint roller |
| (FB-FC) <sub>1</sub> | Facing brick     | Water-based covering with anatase-TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Immersion    |
| (FB-FC) <sub>2</sub> | Facing brick     | Water-based emulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Paint roller |
| (FB-FC) <sub>3</sub> | Facing brick     | Moderate-transparency water-based sol with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive                                      | Paint roller |
| (FB-FC) <sub>4</sub> | Facing brick     | Water-based emulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Paint roller |
| (FB-FC) <sub>5</sub> | Facing brick     | Water-based emulsion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Paint roller |
| (FB-FC) <sub>6</sub> | Facing brick     | Water-based dispersion with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Paint roller |
| (FB-FC) <sub>7</sub> | Facing brick     | Water-based covering with TiO <sub>2</sub> additive   | Paint roller |

**Table S2. Impact of physical parameters on NO and NO<sub>x</sub> removal efficiency and nitrate selectivity.**

| (a)<br>Photocatalytic material                                     | (b)<br>Flow-type photoreactor          | $\chi_j$ ( $j=NO, NO_x$ ),<br>S (%)  | (c)<br>System parameters range                |                                 |   |   | (d)<br>Dependence on system parameters                                     |   |  | Ref                     |
|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|-------------------------|
|  |  |  | UV-A Irradiance, I (W m <sup>-2</sup> )       | Inlet [NO] <sub>i</sub> (ppmv)  | Relative Humidity, RH (%)                   | Flow rate, FR (L min <sup>-1</sup> )            | $\chi_{NO}$ (%)  | $\chi_{NO_x}$ (%)                                       | S (%)  |                         |
| P25 slurry   | TiO <sub>2</sub> thin film coated tube |  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =5-40, RH=50)<br>2-8       | (I=2.6, RH=50)<br>5-60          | (I=2.6, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =40)<br>0-75      | 0.4   | I: 15-74; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 70-15; RH: 0-35                              |   | I: 82-100; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 90-100; RH: 100 | Devahasdin et al., 2003 |
| TiO <sub>2</sub> -slurry on asphalt/TiO <sub>2</sub> -paving block | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007              | (*)<br>(slurry on asphalt/paving block)<br>NO: 3-38/4-45   | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, RH=50, FR=3)<br>0.3-13 | (I=10, RH=50, FR=3)<br>0.1-1    | (I=10, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, FR=3)<br>10-80 | (I=10, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, RH=50)<br>1-5      | (paving block)<br>I: 5-24; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 68-37; RH: 30-15; FR: 67-22 |   |  | Hüsken et al., 2009     |
| TiO <sub>2</sub> -concrete paving stone                            | ISO 22197-1:2007                       |  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, RH=50, FR=3)<br>0.3-13 | (I=10, RH=50, FR=3, 5)<br>0.1-1 | (I=10, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, FR=3)<br>10-80 | (I=10, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1-1, RH=50)<br>3, 5 | I: 0-29; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 69-22; RH: 36-20; FR=69-22                    | I: 0-24; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 64-16; RH: 36-20; FR=64-16 |  | Ballari et al., 2010    |
| TiO <sub>2</sub> -concrete paving stone                            | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007              |  | 10  | (FR=1-5)<br>0.1-1               | 50  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1-1)<br>1-5               |  | [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 89-22; FR: 89-22                    |  | Hunger et al., 2010     |
| P25 powder-pressed/P25 paint film                                  | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007              | (**)<br>(I=7, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, RH=50, FR=0.7)<br>(powder-pressed/paint)<br>NO: >60/15-50;<br>S: 42-75/15-40 |   |                                 |   |   |  |   |  | Águia et al., 2011      |
| TiO <sub>2</sub> -concrete paving stone                            | ISO 22197-1:2007                       | (*)<br>NO: 43; NO <sub>x</sub> : 35  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.52, RH=50)<br>2-11      | (I=10, RH=50)<br>0.1-1          | (I=10, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.52)<br>10-70    | 3   | I: 20-58; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 83-43; RH: 89-49                             | I: 15-50; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 72-35; RH: 85-38          |  | Ballari et al., 2011    |

|  |                               |  |   |                               |   |  |  |   |                                  |
|--|-------------------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|---|--|--|---|----------------------------------|
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-nanosized coating over mortar/glass</b>         | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007     | (**)<br>(I=5.8, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.4, RH=31, FR=1.5)<br>(mortar/glass)<br>NO: 45/37.5                    | 5.8   | (RH=31, FR=1.5)<br>0.1-2      | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.4-2, FR=1.5)<br>0-74  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.4, RH=31)<br>1-5       | (mortar/glass)<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> : 45-38/48-35;<br>RH: 45-22/45-25<br><br>(mortar)<br>FR: 52-20 | (mortar/glass)<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> : 45-35/45-15; RH: 45-22/44-12<br><br>(mortar)<br>FR: 52-19 | Martinez et al., 2011            |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-mortar on concrete paving</b>                   | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007     |  | (RH=30-70, FR=1-5)<br>10-40                 | 20                            | (I=10-40, FR=1-5)<br>30-70                  | (I=10-40, RH=30-70)<br>1-5                   |  | I: 10-90; RH: 90-10; FR: 90-10  | de Melo and Trichês, 2012        |
| <b>Nanotubular TiO<sub>2</sub> film</b>                            | Continuous-flow Reactor (1 L) |  | 1.4   | (FR=1-2.5)<br>0.2-1           | 40  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.2-1)<br>1-2.5          | [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 22.6-4.4; FR: 22.6-4.4   |   | Kontos et al., 2012              |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-water suspension onto concrete paving block</b> | ISO 22197-1:2007              | (*)<br>NO: 47; NO <sub>x</sub> : 39  |   |                               |   |  |  |   | Ballari and Brouwers, 2013       |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-water suspension onto asphalt pavement</b>      | JIS R 1701-1:2004 (n.d.)      | (**)<br>(I=20, [NO] <sub>i</sub> = 0.43, RH=50, FR=1.5)<br>NO: 51-77; NO <sub>x</sub> : 39-66              | 0.43  | (RH=50, FR=1.5)<br>5-24       | (I=20, FR=1.5)<br>20-80                     | (I=20, RH=50)<br>1.5-3                       | I: 31-65; RH: 65-9; FR: 65-38  | I: 25-55; RH: 55-8; FR: 55-29   | Hassan et al., 2013              |
| <b>P25 or PC500 paint/PC500 powder-pressed</b>                     | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007     | (**)<br>(I=10; [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, RH=50, FR=0.7)<br>(paint/powder-pressed)<br>NO: 25-70/95; S: 25-45/45 |   |                               |   |  |  |   | Ângelo et al., 2014              |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-mortar slab</b>                                 | ISO 22197-1:2007              |  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, RH=50, FR=3)<br>2-15 | (I=10, RH=50, FR=3)<br>0.11-1 | (I=10, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, FR=3)<br>10-70 | (I=10, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, RH=50)<br>1.5-5 | I: 11-31; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 61-36; RH: 50-27; FR: 49-21  | I: 7-24; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 43-29; RH: 45-20; FR: 42-16  | Sikkema et al., 2015             |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub> onto glass</b>                                  | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007     |  | 10  | 0.5                           | 25-65                                       | 1.2  | RH: 94-82  | RH : 91-51  | Hernández Rodríguez et al., 2016 |

|  |                                   |  |  |                                    |  |  |  |                              |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-coating onto asphalt/concrete</b>             | CSTR stirred flow tank (148 L)    |  | (RH=8)<br>(asphalt)<br>8-80                      | 0.12                               | (I=41)<br>8-80                                     | 10   | (asphalt/concrete)<br>(1)<br>I: 0.3-1.1/ND;<br>RH: 0.5-0.07/6-0.08               | Toro et al., 2016            |
| <b>nano-TiO<sub>2</sub> concrete</b>                             | Based on JIS R1701-1:2004 (n.d.)  |  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =1,<br>RH=30, FR=3)<br>0.3-3  | (I=2, RH=30,<br>FR=3)<br>0.15-2    | (I=2, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1,<br>FR=3)<br>10-80      | (I=2, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =1,<br>RH=30)<br>0.5-9     | I: 11-60; [NO] <sub>i</sub> :<br>68-20; RH: 60-21;<br>FR: 88-13                  | Guo et al., 2017             |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-coating onto mortar/wood</b>                  | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007         |  | 1, 3.3   | 0.4                                | 34   | 1.5  | (mortar/wood)<br>I: 46-50/31-48  | Hot et al., 2017             |
| <b>P25 paint/P25 water suspension onto concrete/plaster</b>      | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007 and CEN | (*)<br>(ISO/CEN)<br>NO <sub>x</sub> : 8-24/28-42<br>(paint/water suspension)<br>NO <sub>x</sub> : 12-42/8-30<br>(concrete/plaster)<br>NO <sub>x</sub> : 8-42/16-35 | 10   | 0.1                                | 50   | 3  | (paint)<br>(ISO/CEN)<br>17-50/32-45<br>(concrete/plaster)<br>45-50/17-32         | Zouzelka and Rathousky, 2017 |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-cement based coating on sandblasted glass</b> | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007         | (**)<br>(I=21, [NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1,<br>RH=50, FR=3)<br>(1)<br>NO: 0.51-0.57   | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1,<br>RH=50, FR=3)<br>3-21 | (I=21, RH=50,<br>FR=3)<br>0.05-0.5 | (I=21,<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1,<br>FR=3)<br>0-83 | (I=21,<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1,<br>RH=50)<br>2-7 | (1)<br>I: 0.13-0.23; [NO] <sub>i</sub> :<br>0.37-0.15; RH: 0.6-<br>0.17; FR: 0.3 | Mothes et al., 2018          |
| <b>NP400 on cement paste/mortar</b>                              | ISO 22197-1:2007                  | (*)<br>(cement paste/mortar)<br>NO: 3-55/11-70   |  |                                    |  |  |  | Rhee et al., 2018            |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-solgel onto ceramic</b>                       | ISO 22197-1:2007                  |  | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =1,<br>FR=3)<br>2.5-10        | (I=10, FR=3)<br>0.5-2              | 50   | (I=10,<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> =1)<br>1.5-4           | I: 32-62; [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 65-<br>57; FR: 82-40                               | Muñoz et al., 2019           |

|   |                              |   |                        |                         |                                       |                                      |  |  |  |                         |
|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|-------------------------|
| <b>P25 mortar</b>   | ISO<br>22197-1:2007          |   | (RH=35, FR=1)<br>10-40 | 10                      | (I=40, FR=1)<br>35-65                 | (I=40, RH=35)<br>1-5                 |  | I: 22-81; RH: 81-12; FR: 81-21   |  | Casagrande et al., 2020 |
| <b>P25/TiO<sub>2</sub>-powdered cement onto glass/asphalt</b>   | ISO<br>22197-1:2007          | (*)<br>(TiO <sub>2</sub> -powdered cement-asphalt)<br>NO: 29;<br>NO <sub>x</sub> : 22 | 10                     | 5                       | 50                                    | 0.1                                  | (P25-glass)<br>93<br>(TiO <sub>2</sub> -powdered cement-glass/asphalt)<br>20/32  |  |  | Suárez et al., 2020     |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-dispersion paint</b>                         | Based on ISO<br>22197-1:2007 |   | 2.1                    | 0.09                    | 6-84                                  | 2.2                                  |  | RH: 93-15  |  | Pill et al., 2021       |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-powder in cement mortar</b>                  |                              | (*)<br>(powder in cement mortar)<br>NO: 34; NO <sub>x</sub> : 33;<br>S: 98            |                        |                         |                                       |                                      |  |  |  |                         |
| <b>TiO<sub>2</sub>-supported aggregates in/on cement mortar</b> | ISO<br>22197-1:2007          | (aggregates in/on cement mortar)<br>NO: 51/52; NO <sub>x</sub> : 51/50; S: 100-98     | solar light simulator  | (RH=50, FR=3)<br>0.05-2 | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, FR=3)<br>17-83 | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =1, RH=50)<br>1-5 | (aggregates on cement mortar)<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> : 60-46; RH: 55-50; FR: 85-29 | (aggregates on cement mortar)<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> : 54-33; RH: 52-40; FR: 78-18 | (aggregates on cement mortar)<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> : 94-71; RH: 95-81; FR: 91-64 | Si et al., 2021         |
| <b>P25 water suspension onto glass</b>                          | Based on ISO<br>22197-1:2007 |   | 10                     | (FR=1.5-11)<br>0.1-1    | 50                                    | ([NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1-1)<br>1.5-11 |  | [NO] <sub>i</sub> : 79-5; FR: 79-5   |  | Mikyskova et al., 2022  |
| <b>P25 water suspension onto glass</b>                          | ISO<br>22197-1:2007          |   | (RH=50)<br>0.5-50      | 0.1                     | (I=10)<br>0.1-95                      | 3                                    |  | I: 42-62; RH:68-36   |  | Nosek et al., 2023      |

<sup>(a)</sup> Regarding the photocatalytic material, in those cases in which the TiO<sub>2</sub> based product is not a constituent part of the sampled material, the substrate on which it is applied is specified.

- (b) In relation to the  $\chi_j$  ( $j=NO, NO_x$ ) and  $S$  (%) determined in fixed conditions, if applicable, the comparison between different types of photoactive product, substrate or type of reactor used is shown; data range is associated to results obtained for different samples; operation conditions are also given, in parentheses and italics.
- (\*) Test carried out under following specified conditions:  $I=10 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ,  $[NO]_i=1 \text{ ppm}_v$ ,  $RH=50\%$  and  $FR=3 \text{ Lmin}^{-1}$ .
- (\*\*) Test carried out under fixed conditions chosen by the author, defined in parentheses and italics.
- (1)  $NO$  and  $NO_x$  removal expressed as uptake,  $\gamma$  ( $10^{-4}$ ).
- (c) Concerning the system parameters, range of operating values for the target variable under test ( $I$ ,  $[NO]_i$ ,  $RH$  and  $FR$ ) are given; setting for the rest of variables is also specified (in parentheses and italics)
- (d) The dependence on system parameters ( $I$ ,  $[NO]_i$ ,  $RH$  and  $FR$ ) of  $\chi_{NO}$  (%),  $\chi_{NO_x}$  (%) and  $S$  (%) is displayed. For every parameter, values range is given.



**Table S3. Photocatalytic NO and NO<sub>2</sub> surface deposition velocities published for different photoactive materials.**

| First order kinetic approximation | Material   | Flow-type reactor         | <sup>(a)</sup> Test conditions                         | $V_{ph,NO}$<br>(10 <sup>-3</sup> m s <sup>-1</sup> ) | <sup>(a)</sup> Test conditions                                       | $V_{ph,NO_2}$<br>(10 <sup>-3</sup> m s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Reference                 |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| Classical                         | TiO <sub>2</sub> -mortar onto fiber cement   | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007 | I=8<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1<br>RH=40<br>FR=ND        | 3.8  | I=8<br>[NO <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>i</sub> =0.1<br>RH=40<br>FR=ND        | 2.9  | Gallus et al., 2015       |
| Classical                         | TiO <sub>2</sub> -polymeric paint/ TiO <sub>2</sub> -cementitious coat/TiO <sub>2</sub> -transparent dispersion onto concrete blocks | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007 | I=4<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> =1<br>RH=50<br>FR=3           | 4.2/2.2/3.2  |  |  | Boonen and Beeldens, 2014 |
| LHM                               | P25 briquettes   | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007 | I=10<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.04-1.4<br>RH=50<br>FR=3   | 11.8   | I=7<br>[NO <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>i</sub> =0.04-1.4<br>RH=50<br>FR=3    | 1.6  | Engel et al., 2015        |
| Classical                         | P25 water suspension onto glass  | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007 | I=10<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.1-1<br>RH=50<br>FR=3      | 31-0.7   | I=10<br>[NO <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>i</sub> =0.1-1<br>RH=50<br>FR=1.5-11 | 30-0.7   | Mikyskova et al., 2022    |
| Classical                         | TiO <sub>2</sub> -water suspension onto PVC  | Based on ISO 22197-1:2007 | I=10<br>[NO] <sub>i</sub> =0.05-0.1<br>RH=50<br>FR=2.2 | 23   | I=10<br>[NO <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>i</sub> =0.05-0.1<br>RH=50<br>FR=2.2 | 17   | Villena et al., 2024      |

(a) UV-A irradiance, I (W m<sup>-2</sup>); inlet [NO], [NO]<sub>i</sub> (ppm<sub>v</sub>); relative humidity, RH (%); flow rate, FR (L min<sup>-1</sup>).

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