Coating material for breaking down bacteria, odors, and harmful substances: just spray it on!



# A totally new type of photocatalyst **DECODED** (R Apatite coating for visible light

# An antiviral, antibacterial, deodorizing, antifouling coating

# What is a Photocatalyst?

Upon exposure to daylight or fluorescent light, a photocatalyst decomposes and removes harmful substances such as organic compounds and bacteria by generating strong oxidation on its surface. Its incredible power degrades harmful substances such as formaldehyde, which causes sick-house syndrome, carcinogenic dioxin, and even bacteria and viruses such as O-157, which causes food poisoning.

The use of photocatalytic technology is attracting world attention as a promising solution to environmental pollution and energy problems.

The photocatalytic coating reacts to light, and decomposes and removes harmful materials.



An antiviral, antibacterial, deodorizing, antifouling coating

# Creates safety Inspires confidence Fosters trust



# That is the mission of "Environmental OPETH"

# This quest led to minacoat<sub>®</sub>: friendly to people and materials.

# The photocatalytic coating

# The light that bathes us is constantly decomposing dirt and viruses.

### Antibacterial and antiviral

In-hospital infection is a serious problem in the medical field. Photocatalysts prevent the breeding of bacteria more effectively than normal antibacterial agents.

## Antifouling

Dirt on the walls or ceilings degrades through the work of photocatalysts which have absorbed light energy. As a result, they prevent dirt buildup and reduce cleaning costs.

### Odor elimination

Acetaldehyde, the source of cigarette smells, is decomposed and deodorized through the operation of photocatalysts. The better the air circulation is, the more efficient the deodorizing will be. Photocatalysts are widely utilized in public spaces or smoking areas.

### Removal of harmful substances

Photocatalysts decompose formaldehyde, a cause of sick-house syndrome. It is highly regarded by those suffering from sickhouse disease.





minacoat® is a hybrid product --- a new type photocatalyst that reacts to visible light--- and an internationally patented technology. This new type of photocatalyst was developed in Japan by an independent organization known as the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology. Reacting to the light from the sun or artificial lighting, it absorbs organic compounds and decomposes harmful substances that would cause contamination and viruses.

Low-cost minacoat® can be applied to textiles or plastics, and it will prevent yellowing. It greatly improves acetaldehyde decomposition performance and antibacterial effects.



Apatite coating for visible light

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# **Photocatalytic Coating**

# Reacts with light, Eliminates harmful substances!

By using only light energy, it provides efficient and reliable deodorizing, anti-bacterial and anti-mold action, exhaust gas decomposition, antifouling, and water purification without any running costs.

A photocatalyst is a kind of catalyst that operates on light energy. Upon absorbing light, it attains high energy status, and the energy enables responding substances to generate chemical reactions. By making use of the strong oxidizing power of titanium oxide when exposed to light, almost every organic compound, including deadly poisonous dioxin, can be decomposed into harmless water and carbon dioxide. The effective use of this photocatalytic

reaction brings about efficient results in deodorizing, antibacterial and anti-mold action, exhaust gas decomposition, antifouling, self-cleaning, and water purification.



Once apatite absorbs bacteria and organic chemicals, the absorbed substances will be decomposed by the photocatalytic operation of titanium oxide and light radiation.

# A photocatalyst that reacts to visible light

A visible light compatible photocatalyst, minacoat  $_{\ensuremath{\oplus}}$  operates even in an indoor environment without daylight's ultraviolet rays. Indoor lighting generates a full photocatalytic reaction.

#### What is visible light?

It is a light that people can see with the naked eye (with a wavelength of about 380-770 nm). It includes both daylight and illumination from light bulbs or LED lamp. Unlike previous types, minacoat® can provide a full photocatalytic reaction with indoor lighting.

#### The application of photocatalytic coatings

The application of minacoat<sup>®</sup> will be done through the use of micro-spraying that does not require any special training. It can be applied to various places including elevators, smoking areas, and bathrooms. The main photocatalyst material, titanium oxide apatite, is used as a food additive in chewing gum and lipstick. It is safe to spray it indoors.



It will take approximately three hours for a total floor area of 300m<sup>2</sup> (ceiling height of 2.5m and floor area of 100m<sup>2</sup>), once hour for a floor area of 25 m<sup>2</sup> and a total area of 100 m<sup>3</sup>, or half an hour for a floor area of 10 m<sup>2</sup>. As for an elevator, after spraying for twenty minutes inside the elevator, the coating will be perfectly fixed in twenty-four hours.

\*\* Total areas given only as a guide. The spray time will vary according to temperature, humidity, and other conditions.

#### Low cost of single layer application; no masking is necessary

Application by spraying 2.5 micron particles with a special sprayer enables the stable fixing of photocatalysts even in small areas. Since minacoate includes



no binder (adhesive), curing for materials such as glass is not necessary. minacoat® enables a speedy application.

Curing is necessary for fire alarms detectors, electronic devices, painting, or furniture.

# **Organic compounds** will be absorbed and decomposed powerfully, using any kind of light.

minacoat<sub>®</sub> absorbs organic compounds powerfully through the effects of apatite. They are decomposed by the photocatalytic reaction of titanium dioxide.

	minacoat®	Existing photocatalyst
Binder (fixing agent for photocatalysts)	Not necessary	Organic binders Inorganic binders
Reacts to visible ray	Yes	No
Reacts in dark places	Absorbs organic compounds & decomposes with visible light	No
Application method	Simple and easy	Skills required
Application cost	Inexpensive	Expensive



The photocatalyst reacts with light on the coated surface, then decomposes and removes viruses

#### The mechanism of the new photocatalyst ]

Upon exposure to light from the sun or a fluorescent lamp, our photocatalyst generates powerful oxidation on its surface, removing harmful substances such as organic compounds and bacteria that are on the surface. Its primary component, titanium oxide, is used as a food additive, which means it is safe.

# Cyclic effects with any light

One of the few weak points of titanium oxide as a photocatalyst is that its reaction is caused by ultraviolet rays, only a few percent of which exist in daylight. In order to solve this problem, a photocatalyst that reacts with any light was developed by utilizing plasma processing techniques based on titanium oxide. minacoat®, the totally new type of photocatalyst, exhibits high performance not only in indoor situations but also outdoors.



#### The absorbing function of apatite Absorbs bacteria and odor factors absorb and resolve absorb The resolving function CO<sub>2</sub> of titanium dioxide H<sub>2</sub>O Decomposes absorbed organic substances Titanium upon exposure to light dioxide TiO<sub>2</sub> Proteins Proteins Function of "absorption" and " resolution Formaldehvde Formaldehvde Bacteria Bacteria **Operates** NOx Apatite NOx 24 hours a day.

# Expanding applications with apatite film titanium oxide

When titanium oxide contacts fiber or resin directly, degradation will occur through a photocatalytic reaction. However, with the intermediary of apatite, titanium oxide is able to directly mix with, or coat high-polymer materials. These materials can be utilized for the purification of air and water, antifouling, bleaching, and washing. It enables the application of titanium oxide to organic base materials such as fiber, resin, plastic, wood, and paper.

It isolates organic substances from titanium dioxide. Degradation of the organic medium base material rarely occurs. \* Organic medium: plastic, fiber, etc.



taken by a scanning electron microscope

# The Indoor Environment

# Antifouling, antibacterial, antiviral, deodorizing, removal of harmful substances in a room

#### [minacoat® product] minacoat® DC (for indoors), HF(for cars), FB/FB-PE (for bathrooms), CD (for hospitals),TX/TX-P(for fibers), ZK (for artificial flowers), KABK (for wallpaper)

A tightly closed house encourages the breeding of mold and bacteria, and indoor air is easily contaminated by various chemical substances like insect repellents, tick repellents, organic solvents, and formalin emitted from building materials, furniture, floor mats, or carpeting.

Through the contact reaction of emitted chemicals and the photocatalyst, harmful chemicals will be resolved into harmless substances such as water and carbon dioxide, thus detoxifying and purifying the indoor environment.



#### Deodorizing and antifouling

#### removal of bad smells

Light reaches inside the extremely light porous ceramic material with fine 10-80  $\mu$  m pores coated with titanium oxide. By using a but module with this material increted complex

deodorizing photocatalyst module with this material inserted, smells in restaurants, hotels, and food-processing plants will be completely resolved and removed through exposure to ultraviolet rays.

In order to neutralize bad odors, only a small amount of substance needs to be treated, which means just a small quantity of light makes for efficient deodorizing. The full deodorant effect in the lavatory can be attained with indoor lighting, since the primary odor components present in small quantities.



## antifouling



Although dirt made from inorganic substances such as sand or dust will not be resolved, minacoat® enables outdoor dirt to be washed off by rain because it decomposes organic oil smears which act as adhesives. It also enables indoor materials to be stain-resistant and easily cleaned. minacoat® is especially effective at preventing yellowing by cigarette tar that gradually accumulates on a surface.







minacoat CD

purified water

the smell of rotten onions or radishes



a suffocating odor, like urine

Test: performed by Japan Food Research Laboratories. (Material: provided by the manufacturer)

#### [ Protection of craft works ]

Applying a liquid type photocatalytic coating can prevent traditional Japanese crafts (cultural treasures) from being stained. It protects cultural treasures from discoloration and dust.



# ntibacteria Anti viral

#### preventing bacteria

Bacteria eradication effect testing

Due to its high affinity with mold and bacteria, apatite attracts germs and mold floating in the air and sterilizes them through the photocatalytic operation. It will prevent bacteria and mold from developing on food. The application of apatite film titanium oxide on its surface is effective at preventing slime caused by bacteria in a swimming pool or hot spring bath. Putting a bath agent mixed with powdered apatite film titanium oxide into water and exposing it to ultraviolet rays enables it to sterilize coliform bacteria; only 33 ppm added to water can eliminate almost all coliform bacteria within an hour.

**Coliform bacteria** viable bacteria count (x10<sup>5</sup>/ml) 2.5 2 1.5 0.5 6 4 8 10 minute causes food poisoning (O-157 etc.)

Virus inactivation

Bird flu

Mold

testing

Staphylococcus aureus viable bacteria count (x10 <sup>5</sup>/ml) 3.5 3.5 3 3 2.5 2,5 2 2 1.5 1.5 0.5 0.5 0 ō food poisoning, MRSA, in-hospital infections

Test: performed by Japan Food Research Laboratories. (Material: provided by the manufacturer)



**Feline Calicivirus** 

It has been proved that minacoat CD makes influenza virus and feline calicivirus (used as an alternative for norovirus) inactive within 30 seconds.

2.5

1.5

0.5



an outbreak

start used as an alternative for norovirus, causes respiratory infection in cats

30 sec

viral infectiousness (x10<sup>7</sup> /ml)

#### Removal of h<u>armful</u> substances

Various chemicals in insect repellents, tick repellents, organic solvents, and formalin are emitted from tatami mats, carpets, and building

Destroying bacteria (anti-bacterial, bacteria reducing, antiviral)



materials. By using a photocatalyst, harmful chemicals can be decomposed into harmless substances such as water and carbon dioxide, thus purifying the indoor environment.

In-hospital infections and in-house infections

O-157, coliform bacteria, staphylococcus aureus

Lamps and shades with photocatalyst coatings will effectively generate photocatalytic reactions through the light from the lamp. Photocatalystapplied artificial plants, artificial flowers, sliding paper doors, wallpaper, window shades, and room partitions will purify the air just using the light coming from windows or indoor lights without using any other energy! In order to attain efficient photocatalytic effects, it is vital that harmful chemicals have good contact with the photocatalyst.

### air purification

1 min 2 min

#### Main indoor harmful substances that contaminate the environment

Source of generation	Contaminant
Plywood (closets, ceilings, walls, furniture, floors, etc.)	Adhesives (formaldehyde), insecticides (fenitrothion, phoxim), preservatives (CCA: copper chromated arsenate)
Wallpaper, coating materials	Plasticizers (phthalate ester, DOP, DBP etc.) solvents (toluene, acetic ether), flame retardants (TCEP), adhesives(unreacted formaldehyde)
Tatami mats, flooring	Insecticides for tatami mats (fenitrothion, fenthion, diazinon, naphthalene), vinyl chloride resinated plasticizers for floors (phthalate ester, DOP, DBP), adhesives for composite wood (formaldehyde)

An airtight house with low air circulation encourages the breeding of mold and bacteria, which can cause allergy, sick-house syndrome, or chemical sensitivity to harmful chemicals from building materials. minacoat® purifies the indoor air by rendering harmful factors harmless.

water

#### purifying contaminated water

With a density of 0.92g/cm<sup>3</sup>, a fine hollow glass ball coated with titanium oxide floats on water and enables contaminated substances to be efficiently decomposed. When purifying laver during processing and drainage, minacoate purified water into a cleaner state than normal seawater. minacoat® can be used for decomposition



The development of slime or algae growth is a problem not only for aquarium or watery areas such as sluices, quay walls, and waterparks, but also for outdoor areas where rain often hits: building walls, roads, stairs, and windows. Versatile photocatalysts can be applied to various places such as kitchen sinks to prevent slime or algae.

# Evervone is happy with the minacoat<sub>®</sub> photocatalyst.

# The Outdoor Environment

#### Purification of air and water, self-cleaning

#### [minacoat® product]

minacoat © CR-50K(for the outer walls of buildings), CD (for farms), CR-C/CR-K (for resin glass), NS (for plants)



Photocatalysts give excellent results with daylight (ultraviolet rays). They are utilized in various places such as outer walls, roads, stairs, bridges, parabolic antennas, solar panels, and power lines to take advantage of their hydrophilic nature.

Street lights and security lights in the OPETH LED light SQ-RAYs® series have photocatalytic coatings for anti-fouling, which effectively prevents luminance reduction.

As for water-parks, pools, irrigation canals, aquariums, or goldfish bowls, the hydroxyl radical, produced through light falling on photocatalysts prevents fouling very powerfully via the double effect of decomposing slime and algae and preventing the breeding of organic microbes.

#### Removal of harmful substances

In order to purify air pollution caused by nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulfur oxides (SOx) emitted from automobile exhausts, a trial has been made by applying photocatalytic

coatings to acoustic boards along the sidewalls of roads. It will trigger complete oxidization of NOx and SOx. They will be decomposed into nitric acid and sulfuric acid by reacting with absorbed water, which will then be washed off by rain.

With the application of apatite film titanium oxide on the surface, the function of absorbing harmful chemicals will be added regardless of the existence of light, and it will exercise decomposition through light exposure.



### detoxifying auto exhausts

#### The performance of photocatalysts for NOx removal

Sample	Density after chemical reaction (ppm)			NOx removal
Sample	NO	NO <sub>2</sub>	NOx	rate (%)
Blank	4.6	0.3	4.9	-
No catalyst light exposure	4.6	0.3	4.9	0
one time dip coat	0.2	0.1	0.3	94
three time dip coat	0.1	0.0	0.1	98

#### The effect of NOx removal with the totally new type photocatalyst

#### [ Apatite film ]

The base component of mineral apatite film is phosphorus and calcium. Coated with apatite film, minacoat® absorbs harmful substances and enables efficient photocatalytic reactions.



#### Antifouling

#### the prevention of dirt on outside walls

By applying apatite film titanium oxide on outside walls, organic substances which cause dirt will be differentiated through photocatalytic

operation. The outer walls of a building are normally cleaned once every five years, so the application of this type of photocatalyst permits a significant cost reduction in maintenance fees.

#### Example of minacoat® application



before application

after application

When the titanium oxide photocatalyst is used as a coating for the outer walls of a building, even if it does not decompose all of the dirt, rain will wash off the dirt as long as the area in contact with the coating has been decomposed. This is due to the superhydrophilic quality of titanium oxide.

Not only organic dirt such as smears, but inorganic substances such as sand or dust tend to adhere to the outer walls of a building. Organic smear

Deadly-poisonous dioxin in exhaust fumes from incinerators for

industrial waste can be efficiently decomposed by photocatalysts. Equipment for photocatalytic decomposition is installed in a place after the dust collector, where industrial waste passes through. Inside

the equipment, transparent silica gel (about 3 mm in diameter)

is filled in with titanium dioxide coating as a photocatalyst film.

Through exposure to ultraviolet rays, more than 95 percent of dioxin

Coplanar PCB, which used to be difficult to treat, can be completely

and other substances can be decomposed and removed.

oil acting as an adhesive attracts inorganic dirt such as sand or dust. A photocatalyst does not decompose inorganic dirt, but it does decompose organic smears, and makes them easy to wash off with rain, which takes away the dirt with them. This process enables self-cleaning.

By utilizing these operations, the self-cleaning function has been applied in various products such as building materials, outdoor walls, window glass, stove hoods, guardrails, and washing machine tubs. Materials such as film or paint with this function are already on the market.



# **Other Environment**

t can be used in this way

#### To maintain freshness by decomposing ethylene

Fruit, grains, and flowers are refrigerated to prevent overripening by ethylene gas, which they emit in order to ripen, but it only limits the ethylene emission and does not eliminate the gas itself, so it is not highly effective.

A photocatalyst, which decomposes the ethylene gas into carbon dioxide and water, is effective, as it enables crops such as fruit, grains, flowers, seedlings and plant bulbs to last. It can also prevent the breeding of bacteria and mold, and eliminate odors, thus stabilizing the quality of the product.

Commodity values will increase through the combined applications of coating the containers/ storehouses/ transportation trucks and using LED lighting SQ-RAYs® series to further promote photocatalytic reactions.



## decomposition of dioxin in the exhaust fumes of incinerators

#### Removal of harmful substances

decomposed and disposed of.

Incinerato Cyclone dust collect ias coolin himne Induction blow Decomposition system for dioxin in exhaust fumes from an incinerator Photocatalyst silica gel is filled in.

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# minacoat® products at a glance

#### minacoat HF

Main composition Form Uses Primary applications Light-activated titanium oxide-coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide Water + Alcohol Form For automobiles Uses Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Antimold/ Primary applications Combating sick-car syndrome



#### minacoat DC

 Light-activated titanium oxide-coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide
Form Water solution
Uses For indoors

Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Antimold/ Combating sick-house syndrome



#### minacoat CR-50K

Main composition | Light-activated titanium oxidecoated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide/ ethyl silicate Form | Water + Alcohol Uses | For outer walls of buildings Primary applications | Antifouling of exteriors



Light-activated titanium oxide/ titanium

hydroxide/ cyclic oligosaccharide/

Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Antimold/

iodide/ natural organic acids/ alcohol

#### minacoat FB

Main composition	Light-activated titanium oxide- coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide/ ethyl silicate	Main composition	Light-activated titanium oxide- coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide/ polyester emulsion
Form	Water + Alcohol	Form	Water solution
Uses	For bathrooms	Uses	For cloth/ fibers
Primary applications	Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Antimold/	Primary applications	Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Antimold/
	Antivirus	,	Antivirus

#### minacoat FB-PE

Main composition	Light-activated titanium oxide- coated hydroxyapatite/ polyester/	Main composition
	titanium hydroxide/ ethyl silicate	Form
Form	Water + Alcohol	Uses
Uses	For film/resin	Primary applications
Primary applications	Antibacterial/ Antifouling	

#### minacoat CR-C

minacoat KAB-K

minacoat TX-PE

composition	Hydroxyapatite-coated titanium
	oxide/ ethyl silicate
Form	Alcohol solution
Uses	For glass/resin
y applications	Antifouling/ Anti-fogging(glazing at
	130°C)/ Solar panels/ Acryl/ Polycarbonate

#### minacoat CR-K

minacoat CD

Form

Uses

Main composition

Primary applications

Main composition	Hydroxyapatite-coated titanium oxide/ ethyl silicate
Form	Alcohol solution
Uses	For glass/ resin
Primary applications	Antifouling/ Anti-fogging (glazing at 130°C)/ Solar panels

Water + Alcohol

For hospitals

Antivirus

#### minacoat TX-P

Light-activated titanium oxide- coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide/ cereal extract	Main composition	Light-activated titanium oxide- coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide/ ethyl silicate
Water solution	Form	Water solution
For cloth/ fibers	Uses	For cloth/ fibers/ wallpaper
Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Antimold/ Antivirus	Primary applications	Deodorizing/Antibacterial
	Light-activated titanium oxide- coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide/ cereal extract Water solution For cloth/ fibers Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Antimold/ Antivirus	Light-activated titanium oxide- coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium hydroxide/ cereal extract Water solution Form For cloth/ fibers Uses Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Antimold/ Primary applications Antivirus

#### minacoat Spray-type

Main composition	Light-activated titanium oxide
Form	Water + Alcohol
Uses	For indoors (S1)/ car interiors (G1)
Primary applications	Deodorizing/Antibacterial/Antimold/
	Antivirus

#### minacoat ZK

Main composition	Light-activated titanium oxide-	Main composition	Light-
	coated hydroxyapatite/ polyester/		coate
	titanium hydroxide/ ethyl silicate		hydro
Form	Water + Alcohol	Form	Water
Uses	For artificial flowers	Uses	For pla
Primary applications	Deodorizing/ Antibacterial	Primary applications	Deodo
	-		produ

#### minacoat NS

nposition	Light-activated titanium oxide-
	coated hydroxyapatite/ titanium
	hydroxide
Form	Water + Alcohol
Uses	For plants
pplications	Deodorizing/ Antibacterial/ Organic
	produce/ High-grade charcoal



#### Mini Sprayer SLV-05F

#### **Sprays ultra-fine particles** (2.5 micron)

This spraver creates ultrafine particles by inflating compressed air in a vortex at the speed of the sound. (340 m/sec) The patented air-atomizing nozzle allows the 2.5 micron particles to float onto surfaces.



#### Tornado 2

#### **Ultra-fine spray gun**

This atomizer produces a 1 to 5 micron particle mist.

\* For application on glass



Visible-light-driven apatite coated Photocatalytic cleaner D ше Thorough cleaning with power of





#### For norovirus measures

Antibacterial and antiviral agents that utilize the photocatalytic function to remove organic substances



Minature is a deodorant and disinfectant by simply adding it to water.





#### Thorough cleaning with power of photocatalysis

Block the dirt on the filter inside the air conditioner just by pasting it on the intake port!





# Application procedure

#### [Normal coating (except outer walls)]

effects and quality.



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Certification of photocatalytic application >

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