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**Quantitative Determination of the antimicrobial effectiveness according to ASTM Standard E 2180.**

**Sample-Designation:** ceramic tiles coated with Bacoban  
ceramic tiles non-coated (Reference) (Sa.-No. 5155083)  
(Sa.-No. 5155084)

Testprocedure using 5 microorganisms at standard-temperatures

The testprocedure is suitable for the determination of antimicrobial effectiveness of surfaces. The testing-samples were coated with a defined number of microorganisms and counted after incubation times of 0 and 24 hours. As a reference non-coated, non-antimicrobial treated samples were used.

Incubation-temperatures: Bacteria 36°C±2°C, Fungi 22,5°C±2,5°C

The testprocedure takes place after 72h of pre-treatment of the ceramic-tiles with the testing-substance.

**Basis for Assessment:**

Reduction after 24 h < 1 decimal power  $\triangleq$  no significant bactericidal/fungicidal effectiveness

Reduction after 24 h  $\geq$  1 decimal power < 2 decimal powers  $\triangleq$  low bactericidal/fungicidal effectiveness

Reduction after 24 h  $\geq$  2 decimal powers < 3 decimal powers  $\triangleq$  significant bactericidal/fungicidal effectiveness

Reduction after 24 h  $\geq$  3 decimal powers  $\triangleq$  strong bactericidal/fungicidal effectiveness

The basis of assessment is only valid if the reduction of the control/reference (starting from 0-value) is lower than 0,5 decimal powers within 24h.

Test-Suspensions of the following microorganisms are used:

<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC 8739	$3,4 \times 10^8$	cfu/ml
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	ATCC 15442	$2,8 \times 10^8$	cfu/ml
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ATCC 6538	$3,1 \times 10^8$	cfu/ml
<i>Candida albicans</i>	ATCC 10231	$3,3 \times 10^8$	cfu/ml
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	ATCC 16404	$2,1 \times 10^8$	cfu/ml

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Test-Microorganism	Sample-No.: 5155083 cfu*/test-sample			
	after 0h	Standard-deviation	after 24 h	Standard-deviation
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	< 100		< 100	
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	< 100		< 100	
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	< 100		< 100	
<i>Candida albicans</i>	$1,2 \times 10^4$	$9,6 \times 10^2$	< 100	
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	$9,3 \times 10^3$	$1,5 \times 10^3$	< 100	

\*cfu: colony-forming units

**Assessment:**

The product „ceramic tiles coated with Bacoban“ Sample-No. 5155083 has a strong bactericidal effectiveness against the test-microorganisms *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus*. The product has a strong fungicidal effectiveness against the test-microorganisms *Aspergillus niger* and *Candida albicans*.

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Test-Microorganism	Sample-No.: 5155084 (Reference) cfu*/test-sample			
	after 0h	Standard-deviation	after 24h	Standard-deviation
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	$4,7 \times 10^5$	$3,2 \times 10^4$	$3,0 \times 10^5$	$4,5 \times 10^4$
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	$4,0 \times 10^5$	$2,0 \times 10^4$	$3,9 \times 10^5$	$2,2 \times 10^4$
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	$4,4 \times 10^5$	$2,3 \times 10^4$	$3,5 \times 10^5$	$5,1 \times 10^4$
<i>Candida albicans</i>	$4,8 \times 10^5$	$2,6 \times 10^4$	$4,6 \times 10^5$	$2,1 \times 10^4$
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	$2,8 \times 10^5$	$2,8 \times 10^4$	$2,7 \times 10^5$	$2,4 \times 10^4$

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You sincerely

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