

ComfortCapsule Concrete

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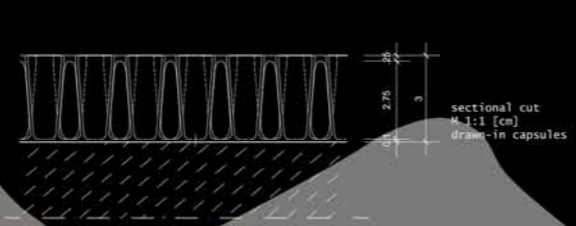
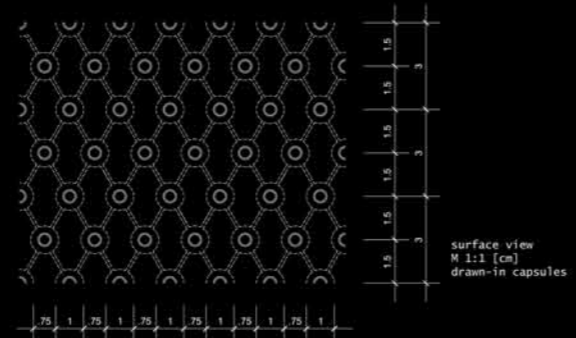
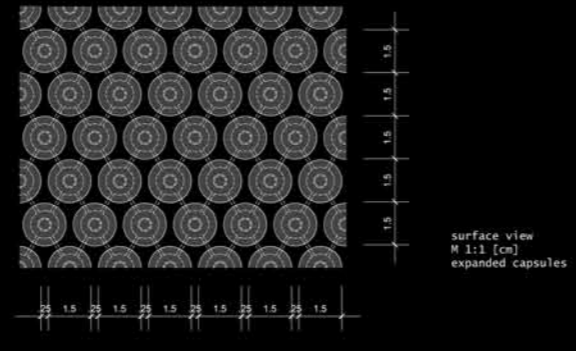
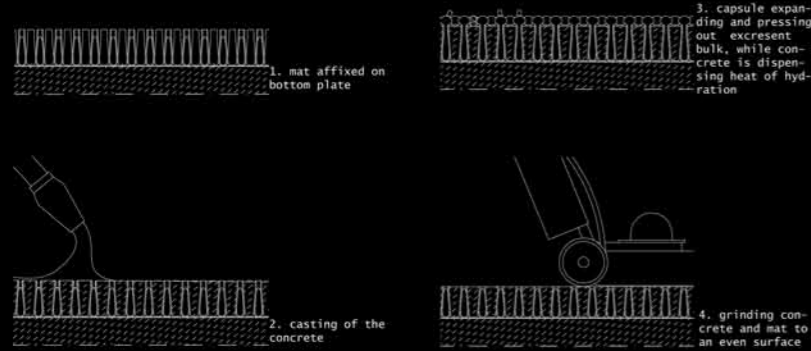
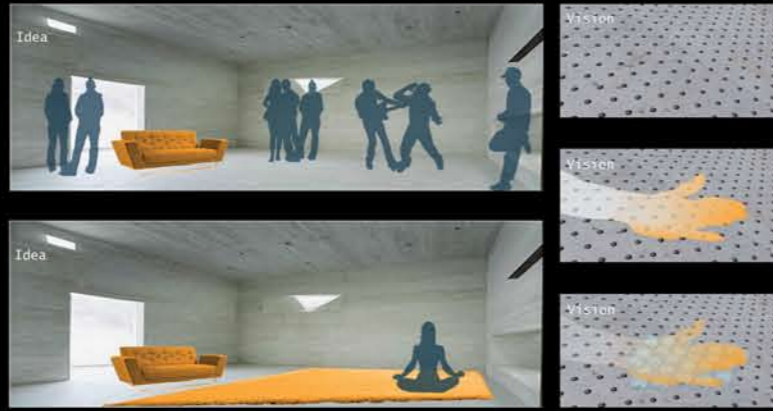
Concrete, nowadays, combined with different kinds of materials and features appears to achieve every quality one can imagine; There is concrete glowing in the dark, concrete which one can see through, building components of concrete that are exceptionally thin and concrete, plants can be raised on... Hence, even concrete's most obvious lack has been abolished: In concrete embedded Comfort Capsules make it an enjoyable and exciting surface for every interior room.

Comfort Capsule Concrete is designed to obtain the visual appearance of fairfaced concrete. Therefore it reacts to the alternating utilization of an interior room. The Comfort capsules, embedded into the surficial area of the screed, respond to the heat a persons body on the floor pavement dispenses:

they increase their volume so that a dense bubble carpet appears upon the concrete surface. This carpet is not only soft to lay and sit on; As it absorbs noise, it also features an acoustic benefit to the comfort in a room. When it is not needed, the carpet automatically disappears in the screed so that one can enjoy the plain visual appearance of concrete.

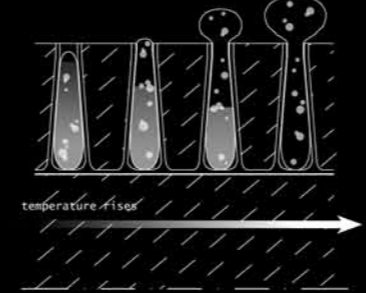
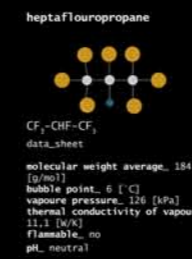
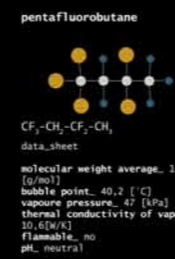
The thermo-dynamic actuation of the capsule does not necessitate any other source of energy than the heat of human body and works with an ecologically harmless and non flammable chemical mixture.

The Comfort Capsule Concrete keeps concrete up in the league of interior room's surfaces as it convinces in the level of comfort, flexibility aesthetics.



Blend of pentafluorobutane and heptafluoropropane

Company: Solvay
Product name: Solkane®
Components: pentafluorobutane/
heptafluoropropane



The comfort capsules utilize the substance's feature, to expand their volume by changing the phase [liquid to gas]. The change of phase depends on the temperature. Comfort capsules use the human body heat for the expansion. To create the necessary boiling point of approximately 22-24 °C the used liquid is composed of two different substances, one with a high boiling point at 40.2°C and one with a lower boiling point at 6°C. The ratio of mixture is 87/13. The substances consist of carbon, hydrogen and fluorine. Thanks to the large percentage of fluorine it is non flammable, non toxic and ecologically harmless.

TPE_thermo plastic elastomer_capsule skin

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physical properties_ elastic
heat resistant_ 70 [°C]
thermal conductivity_ 14 [W/K]
Flammable_ no
pH_ neutral

The capsule skin consists of extra adjusted polyblend (polymers with different degrees of hardness), which provides the special properties to meet the requirements. TPE is able to extend up to 800 times of it's original surface. Therefore it can easily capture the volume expansion of the gas inside. As it is thermal deformable, it can be produced and recycled effortlessly. The surface feel is comfortable and close to natural rubber. On top it is available in various colors and range of translucency.

PET_ Polyethylenterephthalat plastic mat

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physical properties_ solid
heat resistant_ 250 [°C]
thermal conductivity_ 14 [W/K]
Flammable_ no
pH_ neutral

The plastic mat containing the TPE capsules, eases the handling on the building site. It can be fitted, by cutting, in every form and size. The material is base resistant and deformable only at extreme heat. As it is non toxic it can be applied in any environment. Commonly PET is used as food wrapping, plastic bottles, film material, or also as stents in medicine.

