

THE BEST RAW MATERIAL AT THE HANDS OF THE BEST TECHNOLOGY



At MASILVA, we are constantly improving in the name of quality and we invest a large part of our revenue in innovation.

Neotech® technology is the latest innovation from MASILVA. It has revolutionised the technical cork stopper market, through a continuous and automatic process that employs controlled steam and pressure to expel TCA and other volatile compounds from the cork granules. All granules come from raw materials carefully selected in our raw material centre in Portugal.

With the Neotech system, the cork chips are carefully selected and processed, and a series of mechanical operations reduce the material to particles of uniform size. After grinding, the granules are treated using fluidised bed technology.

We use this cutting-edge technology to guarantee the highest quality in NEO® micro-agglomerated cork stoppers, in an ongoing commitment to sustainability in the product value chain.

In addition to eliminating TCA, Neotech® technology improves the physical properties of the granules; eliminating their stratification; as well as standardising the performance of the natural characteristics of cork. The consumer feels a difference at the touch.

For all these reasons we have been technological leaders since 1972 and set an international standard for product quality.

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PRODUCTION FLOW

TEA Detectable

RAW MATERIAL



CORK OAK STRIPPING CORK PLANKS ARE STRIPPED FROM CORK OAK TREES



YARD STABILIZATION
PLANKS ARE STORED FROM 6 TO 9
MONTHS ON A CONCRETE FLOOR

BOILING | DYNAVOX® SYSTEM PLANKS ARE STERILIZED AND DISINFECTED THROUGH A







PRODUCTION



STERILIZATION | NEOTECH® SYSTEM 1CORK GRANULES ARE VAPORIZED AND STERILIZED



CORRECTION OF SIZES PRECISE CORRECTION OF CORKS SIZES







PRINTINGCUSTOMIZED PRINTING ON STOPPERS







PACKAGING ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATIONS



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Length: Nominal ± 0.5 mm Diameter: Nominal ± 0.3 mm Standard sizes: 38x24 mm, 44x24 mm, 47x24 mm

PHYSICAL

Moisture: 4 % - 8 % Dimensional recovery: > 96 % Density: Nominal ± 40 Kg/m3 Resistance to boiling water: no disintegration Granule size: 0.5 - 2 mm

Production: Individual Moulding

FUNCTIONAL

Stopper extraction forces: 15 daN - 45 daN (coated stoppers only) Sealing capacity: no leaks at 2 bar Capillarity: < 1 mm **OTR:** 0.023cm3/day under 100% O2 atmosphere TCA: Non Detectable (1)

> Use no later than: 6 months (coated stoppers only) (2)

STORAGE

Moisture in storage: 40 %-70 % RH, non-condensing Storage temperature: 15 C--20 CStorage place: Store the stoppers in a clean, well-ventilated and odor-free place, away from products containing chlorine.

(1) Releasable TCA content below the 0,5 ng/Ldetection limit; analysis performed in accordance to ISO 20752.

(2) As a good practice, the product should be used according to the FIFO methodology and as soon as possible, keeping the bags closed.



