

RHEOBUILD[®]SP1

A high range water reducing superplasticising admixture for the production of rheoplastic concrete

Description

RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 is a liquid admixture for concrete based on sulphonated naphthalene. The product may be used to effect substantial water reductions or to produce rheoplastic concrete with normal setting times.

Primary uses

- Production of rheoplastic self compacting concrete.
- Precast concrete.
- Low water/cement ratio concrete.
- In complicated formwork or with congested reinforcement.

Advantages

- Powerful plasticising action reduces or eliminates the need for compaction.
- Concretes of similar workability can be produced with 20-30% less water.
- Increased compressive, tensile and flexural strength can be achieved as a benefit of its water reducing properties.
- High early strengths can significantly increase mould utilisation in precast works.

Compatibility

RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 can be used with all types of Portland Cement, including Sulphate Resisting. For use with other special cements, contact BASF Construction Chemicals SA Technical Services Dept.

RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 should not be premixed with other admixtures. If other admixtures are to be used they must be dispensed separately.

Typical properties

Properties listed are for guidance and are not a guarantee of performance

Colour	Dark brown/black liquid
Specific gravity	1.150-1.160 at 25°C
Air entrainment	Maximum 1%
Chloride content	Nil to BS 5075 : 1982
Nitrate content	Nil
Freezing point	0° C. Can be reconstituted if stirred after thawing.

Standards

Complies with ASTM C494 Type F
BS 5075 Part 1 Appendix D

Dosage rate

It is beneficial to evaluate RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 by field trials, but as a general guide, to produce rheoplastic concrete, an addition rate of 600ml per 100kg of cement is usually sufficient to give the desired result. However, up to three times this amount may be required depending on mix design.

Dosage rates will increase in low w/c ratio concrete and concrete where temperatures are high.

To utilise the water reducing properties, a dosage of between 600 and 2000ml / 100kg of cement may be added.

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Directions for use

RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 should be added to the mix with the gauging water. No extension to the mixing time is necessary. Never add RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 to dry cement.

When using RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 to produce flowing concrete at site using ready mix trucks, it can be added to the concrete via the feed hopper at the rear of the truck. Mix before discharge for 5 minutes at 10rpm to produce a fully homogenous mix.

Effects of over dosage

A severe over-dosage of RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 will result in the following:

- Retardation of initial and final set.
- Slight increase in air entrainment.
- Increase in workability.

Providing it is properly cured, the ultimate strength of the concrete will not be adversely affected and will generally be higher than for normal concrete. Due allowance should be made for the effect of fluid concrete pressure on formwork, and stripping times should be monitored.

Dispensing

RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 is introduced into the mixer together with mixing water. The plasticising effect or water reduction is higher if the admixture is added to the concrete after 50-70% of the mixing water has been added. The addition of RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 to dry aggregate or cement is not recommended.

Packaging

RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 is available in bulk or in 200 litre drums.

Storage

Store under cover, out of direct sunlight and protect from extremes of temperatures.

Failure to comply with the recommended storage conditions may result in premature deterioration of the product or packaging. For specific storage advice consult BASF Construction Chemicals SA's Technical Services Department.

Safety precautions

RHEOBUILD[®]SP1 is not a fire or health hazard. Spillages should be washed down immediately with cold water. For further information refer to the material safety data sheet.

Note

Field service, where provided, does not constitute supervisory responsibility. For additional information contact your local BASF Construction Chemicals SA representative.

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