

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sika® ViscoCrete®-386

POWERED BY VISCOCRETE® HIGH-EFFICIENT SUPERPLASTICIZER

DESCRIPTION

Sika® ViscoCrete®-386 is the latest development superplasticizer for concrete. It meets the requirements for range water reducing superplasticizers according to ASTM 494 Type F.

USES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-386 is a unique multi-purpose superplasticizer that is particularly suitable for the production of ready-mixed concrete. Additionally it provides high water reduction and improved fresh concrete characteristics. With its outstanding cost/performance Sika® ViscoCrete®-386 is used for the following:

- A wide range of application where excellent workability is requested
- Concrete with high water reduction
- High efficient concrete applications
- Variable use in different concrete systems with different raw materials

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-386 is a powerful superplasticizer based on advanced technology which gives the following advantages:

- Strong water reduction, resulting in high density, high strength and reduced permeability
- Less sensitive against variations in aggregates and / or different cement types
- High efficiency even at low dosage rates
- Extended workability in conjunction with subsequent strength development
- Superior plasticizing effect, resulting in improved flow, placing and compaction characteristics
- Reduced shrinkage during curing and reduced creep when hardened
- Provides many opportunities for cost improvement e.g.: Cement replacement/reduction More economic mix design

Sika® ViscoCrete®-386 does not contain chloride or any other ingredients which promote the corrosion of steel. It is therefore suitable for use in reinforced and prestressed concrete structures.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	Polycarboxylate ether
Packaging	210 Liter Drum, 1000 Liter Bulk Tank
Appearance / Colour	Brown
Shelf Life	12 months from date of production if stored properly
Storage Conditions	undamaged, unopened, original sealed packaging, in dry conditions at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C. Protect from direct sunlight.
Specific Gravity	~ 1.03 kg/L
Recommended Dosage	0.6% - 2.0% by weight of cement

Dispensing

Sika® ViscoCrete®-386 is added to the gauging water or added with it into the concrete mixer. To take advantage of the high water reduction, a wet mixing time, which is depending on the mixing conditions and mixer performance, of at least 60 seconds is recommended.

To avoid excess water in the concrete, the final dosage must begin only after 2/3 of the wet mixing time.

Restrictions

When using Sika® ViscoCrete®-386 a suitable mix design has to be taken into account and local material sources shall be subjected to trial. Sika® ViscoCrete®-386 shall not be added to dry cement. Excessive water addition or overdosing may cause bleeding or segregation.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The standard rules of good concreting practice, concerning production and placing, are to be followed. Laboratory trials shall be carried out before concreting on site, especially when using a new mix design or producing new concrete components. Fresh concrete must be cured properly and curing applied as early as possible.

Cleaning Tools

Clean all tools and application equipment with water immediately after use. Hardened / cured material can only be removed mechanically.

BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this Product Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Please note that as a result of specific local regulations the performance of this product may vary from country to country. Please consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact description of the application fields.

ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

For information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the most recent Safety Data Sheet (SDS) containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

LEGAL NOTES

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