

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## SikaGrind®-294 LF

### STRENGTH ENHANCING GRINDING AID FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CEMENT

#### DESCRIPTION

SikaGrind®-294 LF is a liquid cement grinding aid with performance enhancing properties. SikaGrind®-294 LF has been specifically designed to increase the output of cement grinding plants and obtain improved early strength development for cements.

#### USES

- Improve the production rate of the cement grinding system
- Increase the early strength of the cement

#### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

SikaGrind®-294 LF is a dispersant with the following characteristics:

- Neutralisation of electrical charges on the surface of the cement particles
- Separation of the cement particles

SikaGrind®-294 LF provides the following advantages in the cement production:

- Enhanced grinding properties of the cement mill due to less accumulation of material on grinding balls and mill-liners

- Higher separator efficiency due to improved cement particle dispersion
- Reduced relative power consumption per ton of cement due to increased output of the grinding system (tons per hour)
- Easier achievement of the desired cement fineness (Blaine, particle fraction > 32µm, granulometry) due to reduced re-agglomeration of the sufficiently ground cement particles
- Minimized problems with “plugging” due to improved powder flow characteristics

SikaGrind®-294 LF gives the following advantages to the finished cement:

- Reduced quantity of “over-milled” particles in the cement granulometry
- Easier discharge of the silos
- Increased early strengths after 1, 2, and 7 days
- Economic cement design with clinker replacements

#### APPROVALS / STANDARDS

SikaGrind®-294 LF is produced under Quality management systems according to EN ISO 9001.

SikaGrind®-294 LF does not contain chlorides.

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

<b>Chemical Base</b>	Aqueous blend of minerals and polymers
<b>Packaging</b>	210 Liter Drum, 1000 Liter Bulk
<b>Shelf Life</b>	At least 12 months in undamaged, unopened and sealed original container
<b>Storage Conditions</b>	Store at temperatures between +5°C and +35°C. Protect from direct sunlight and contamination. <i>Note: When delivered in bulk, the tanks and equipment used must be free from contaminants.</i>
<b>Density</b>	1.20 ± 0.03 kg/l

## Recommended Dosage

Typical dosage rates of SikaGrind®-294 LF is between 0.3 – 1.0 kg per ton of cement (0.03% - 0.10% of total weight = cement clinker + additions). The optimum dosage to achieve the desired characteristics shall be determined in Plant trials. Influencing factors are e.g. the properties of clinker source, type of cement and other plant variables. For consistent results, SikaGrind®-294 LF must be accurately dispensed.

## Compatibility

Cements treated with SikaGrind®-294 LF are compatible in concretes produced with all commercial admixtures including air entrainers, water reducers, retarders and superplasticizers. The performance of concrete admixtures is not adversely affected by the use of SikaGrind®-294 LF.

## Dispensing

SikaGrind®-294 LF is added onto the clinker feed shortly before the mill entrance or directly into the grinding mill (first or second compartment). Suitable dosage pumps with adjustable flow rates shall be used for accurate dosing.  
Note: Periodically, the end of the additive tube/hose shall be checked to ensure that it is not blocked!

## 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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