

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sikacrete® W

ADDITIVE FOR UNDERWATER CONCRETING

DESCRIPTION

Sikacrete® W is a microsilica-based additive for underwater concrete. It is formulated with silica fume and special additives and it greatly enhances concrete cohesion thereby reducing washout.

USES

Sikacrete® W inhibits separation of the fine elements (cement + fines), a phenomenon that occurs in ordinary concrete. Sikacrete® W is therefore suitable for all water-exposed concreting work such as:

- Embankment reinforcement
- Dyke construction and repair
- Underwater slabs (example, in navigation locks)
- Building pits
- Foundation piles

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Contains ultra-fine particles of sub-micron size which, when in contact with mixing water, form a viscous paste that significantly improves concrete cohesion
- Suitable for use with all types of cement
- Contains special anti-washout additives

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging	8 kg bag
Appearance / Colour	Grey powder
Shelf life	12 months from the date of production
Storage conditions	Store properly in original, unopened and undamaged sealed packaging in dry conditions.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage	The standard dosage of Sikacrete® W is 3 % - 10 % by weight of cement. Sikacrete® W must be dry-mixed with other concrete components before adding the mixing water. After adding the water, mixing must continue thoroughly for at least 2 minutes to ensure an even distribution of all ingredients.
Compatibility	Sikacrete® W is compatible with most Sika admixtures. For more information, please consult our Technical Service Department.

Equipment

Users are advised that Sikacrete® W makes the concrete “sticky” (thixotropic effect).
For easier cleaning, we suggest that equipment be treated with oil prior to use.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Due to its effect on the cohesiveness of the mix, an increased dosage of plasticizer or superplasticiser may be required in order to maintain the desired or specified w/c ratio
- In combination with certain plasticizers (retarder type) or superplasticisers (retarder type) increased retardation may occur. In order to maintain the desired w/c ratio, it is then recommended to use a non-retarding type superplasticiser
- In all cases, trial mixes incorporating setting time-tests are recommended

BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

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

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Note that as a result of specific local regulations the declared data and recommended uses for this product may vary from country to country. Consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact product data and uses.

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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