PRODUCT DATA SHEET
Plastocrete®-18 SC

WATER REDUCING AND SET RETARDING

DESCRIPTION
A highly efficient and economical water-reducing and set-retarding concrete admixture with a wide dosage range. Complies with A.S.T.M. C 494-92 Type D

USES
Plastocrete®-18 SC is used as a water reducing-retarding admixture in structural and mass concrete where a controlled extension of setting time and high quality structure is required, such as:
- Large volume pours
- Avoidance of cold joints
- Difficult placing conditions
- Long hauls
- Revibrated concrete

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES
Plastocrete®-18 SC is a ready to use concrete admixture which provides the following properties:
- Controlled extension of setting times
- Improve workability of the fresh concrete
- Long lasting control of workability of concrete
- Reduce shrinkage and creep
- Chloride free – does not attack reinforcement

PRODUCT INFORMATION

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<th>Chemical base</th>
<th>A blend of special organic agents</th>
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<td>200 L drum</td>
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<td>Appearance / Colour</td>
<td>Liquid / Dark brown</td>
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<td>Shelf life</td>
<td>12 months from date of production if stored properly in undamaged unopened, original sealed packaging.</td>
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<td>Storage conditions</td>
<td>Store in dry conditions at temperatures between +5 °C and +30 °C. Protect from direct sunlight and frost.</td>
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<td>Density</td>
<td>1.14 ± 0.01 kg/L (at +20 °C)</td>
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TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Concreting Guidance
The standard rules of good concreting practice, concerning production and placing, are to be followed. Laboratory trials before concreting on site are strongly recommended when using a new mix design or producing new concrete components. Fresh concrete must be cured properly and as early as possible.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage
0.2 % - 0.6 % by weight of cement. The retardation rate achieved is directly dependant on the dosage rate which in turn is influenced by quality of cement and aggregates, water-cement ratio and temperatures. It is advisable to carry out trial mixes to establish the exact dosage rate required.

Compatibility
Plastocrete®-18 SC is compatible with all types of Portland cement including SRC.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

DISPENSING
Plastocrete®-18 SC should be dispensed directly into the mixing water prior to its addition to the aggregates. When accidental overdosing occurs, Plastocrete®-18 SC does not entrain excessive amounts of air, however the set retarding effect increases. During this period the concrete must be kept moist in order to prevent premature drying out.

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

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