

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC

HIGH RANGE WATER REDUCING / SUPERPLASTICIZING ADMIXTURE FOR PRECAST CONCRETE

DESCRIPTION

Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC is a polycarboxylate based superplasticizer particularly developed for use in the precast industry to give high workability at low water: binder ratios with normal setting times. Suitable for use in hot and tropical climatic conditions.

USES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC has been specially developed for:

- High flow concrete
- Concrete with a low water / binder ratio
- High strength concrete
- Production of precast concrete elements
- Panels, beams, columns etc.
- Steam or normal curing conditions

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC acts as a powerful superplasticizer by both surface adsorption and steric hindrance effects separating the binder particles resulting in:

- Higher dispersion
- The possibility to work with very low water/binder ratios and avoiding the high stickiness common to such kind of mixes
- Easier to control during casting due to sufficient retention period and high early strength development
- Extremely high water reduction (resulting in high density and strengths) even in double or triple blend mixes (e.g. cement, GGBS, and silica fume)
- Low water permeability and chloride migration
- Increased high early strength and strength development even with the use of low cement content mixes
- Improved shrinkage and creep behavior
- Excellent flow ability resulting in minimal placing and compacting efforts leading to much denser concrete
- Does not contain chlorides or other steel corrosion promoting ingredients

APPROVALS / CERTIFICATES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC follows the requirements of ASTM C494; Type F and EN 934-2

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	Aqueous solution of modified polycarboxylates, co-polymers
Packaging	1000 L flowbin. Bulk supply in tanker trucks possible on request
Appearance / Colour	Brown liquid
Shelf life	12 months from date of production if stored properly
Storage conditions	Store in undamaged, unopened, original sealed packaging in dry conditions at temperatures between +5 °C and +45 °C. Protect from direct sunlight and frost.
Density	~1.11 kg/l (+25 °C)
Total Chloride Ion Content	Nil (EN 934-2)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Concreting Guidance

The standard rules of good concreting practice for production and placing must be observed when using Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC in concrete. Refer to relevant standards.

Fresh concrete must be cured properly especially at high temperatures in order to prevent plastic and drying shrinkage. Use Sika® Antisol® products as a curing agent or apply wet hessian.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage

0.7 - 1.5 % by weight of binder

Higher dosages by weight of binder can be used depending on the mix design, raw materials, climatic conditions and concrete requirements.

Trial mixes must be performed to establish the exact dosage rate required.

Compatibility

Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC may be combined with all types of Portland cement (OPC and SRC), concretes containing pozzolanic materials such as; GGBS, PFA, micro-silica and the following Sika products:

SikaPump®, Sika® FerroGard®-901, SikaFume®, SikaFiber®, Sika Aer®, Sika® Stabilizer, Sika®-1 WT, Sika® WT-10

We recommend to perform trial mixes to establish the required performance when combining Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC with the above products or other admixtures. Please consult our Sika Technical Department.

Dispensing

Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC is added to the gauging water or simultaneously poured with it into the concrete mixer at the batching plant.

Do not add Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC directly to the dry mix.

For optimum utilization of its high water reduction property we recommend thorough mixing at a minimal wet mixing time of 60 seconds. The addition of the remaining gauging water (to fine tune concrete consistency) may only be started after two-thirds of the wet mixing time to avoid surplus water in the concrete.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

When using Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC a mix design must be selected for the local material sources used and trial mixes performed to verify suitability.

If frozen and/or if precipitation has occurred, it may only be used after thawing slowly at room temperature and intensive mixing.

Sika® ViscoCrete®-200 EPC should not be added to dry cement. Before pouring, suitability tests on the fresh concrete must be carried out. Due to the high workability take special care that formwork is properly installed and secured.

Sika® ViscoCrete® products are not compatible with admixtures based on sulfonated naphthalene or melamine.

When accidental overdosage occurs bleeding and segregation of the concrete and retardation of initial set will be observed. When the setting time of concrete is extended, if cured properly, other properties may not be affected and higher ultimate strength visualized.

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

The information, and, in particular, the recommendations relating to the application and end-use of Sika products, are given in good faith based on Sika's current knowledge and experience of the products when properly stored, handled and applied under normal conditions in accordance with Sika's recommendations. In practice, the differences in materials, substrates and actual site conditions are such that no warranty in respect of merchantability or of fitness for a particular purpose, nor any liability arising out of any legal relationship whatsoever, can be inferred either from this information, or from any written recommendations, or from any other advice offered. The user of the product must test the product's suitability for the intended application and purpose. Sika reserves the right to change the properties of its products. The proprietary rights of third parties must be observed. All orders are accepted subject to our current terms of sale and delivery. Users must always refer to the most recent issue of the local Product Data Sheet for the product concerned, copies of which will be supplied on request.

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under a management
system certified to conform
to the requirements of the
quality, environmental and
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