

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sika® ViscoCrete® RM-200

# HIGH RANGE WATER REDUCING / SUPERPLASTICIZING ADMIXTURE FOR CONCRETE

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Sika® ViscoCrete® RM-200 is a polycarboxylate based superplasticizer developed particularly for use in ready mixed concrete to give extended slump retention and high strength development of normal grade concrete mixes.

Sika® ViscoCrete® RM-200 is suitable for use in concrete mixes incorporating pozzolanic materials such as GGBS, PFA and microsilica.

Suitable for use in hot and tropical climatic conditions.

#### **USES**

- Production of site mixed and ready-mix concrete
- During hot weather production of concrete with extended transportation or placing times
- Concrete with low water / cement ratio
- Concrete placement in congested steel reinforcement
- Self compacting concrete
- Slim elements requiring a high standard of surface finish
- High performance / high strength concrete

# **CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES**

Sika® ViscoCrete® RM-200 acts by surface absorption on the cement particles producing steric hindrance as well as electrostatic repulsion between cement particles which results in higher dispersion, flow and retention.

Sika® ViscoCrete® RM-200 provides the following beneficial properties:

- Powerful plasticising action
- Production of workable concrete at low w/b ratio
- Improved shrinkage and creep characteristics
- Excellent flowability results in minimal placing and compacting efforts
- Slower rate of carbonation ingress
- Cost effective, structurally economic
- Higher strengths allows greater flexibility for engineers to design
- Reduces surface defects so improving aesthetic appearance.
- Durable concrete
- Does not contain chlorides or other steel corrosion promoting ingredients

## **APPROVALS / CERTIFICATES**

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

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	Aqueous solution of modified polycarboxylates, co-polymers	
ackaging 1000 L flow bins Bulk supply in tanker trucks possible on request		
Appearance / Colour	Light 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.	

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Density	~1.10 (+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® RM-200 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 - 1.8 % 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® RM-200 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® SikaFiber® Sika Aer® Sika® Stabilizer Sika® -1 WT We recommend to perform trial mixes to establish the required performance when combining Sika® ViscoCrete® RM-200 with the above products or other admixtures. Please consult our Sika Technical Department.	
Dispensing	Sika® ViscoCrete® RM-200 is added to the gauging water or simultaneously poured with it into the concrete mixer at the batching plant. Do not add Sika® ViscoCrete® RM-200 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® RM-200 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® RM-200 should not be added to dry

Before pouring, suitability tests on the fresh concrete must be carried out. Due to the extended workability take special care that formwork is properly installed and secured. In case the setting time of concrete is extended, if cured properly, other properties may not be affected and higher ultimate strength is visualized. Sika® ViscoCrete® products are not compatible with admixtures based on sulfonated napthalene or melamine.

When accidental overdosage occurs bleeding and segregation of the concrete and retardation of initial set will be observed.

#### **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.

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#### **LEGAL NOTES**

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