

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sika® ViscoCrete®-20 HE (NZ)

HIGH PERFORMANCE SUPERPLASTICISER FOR CONCRETE

DESCRIPTION

Sika® ViscoCrete®-20 HE (NZ) is a third generation polymer-based ultra-high range superplasticiser combined with strength accelerating components, which results in high early strength.

USES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-20 HE (NZ) is suitable for concrete mixes which require high early strength development. Sika ViscoCrete-20 HE (NZ) is mainly used for the following applications:

- Precast concrete
- Fast track projects such as airport runway repairs and bridge repairs
- In situ concrete requiring fast stripping times
- Self compacting concrete

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

Concrete containing Sika® ViscoCrete®-20 HE (NZ) has the following advantages:

- High density and high strength
- Pronounced increase in early strength development resulting in early stripping times for precast and in situ concrete
- Reduced energy costs due to reduction in use of steam curing systems
- Reduced closure times for repairs of roads and runways

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	Aqueous solution of modified polycarboxylate and strength accelerators
Packaging	20 litre pails, 200 litre drums or bulk delivery
Appearance / Colour	Cloudy brown liquid
Shelf Life	Twelve (12) months from date of manufacture when stored as stated.
Storage Conditions	Store in unopened original containers protected from direct sunlight and frost at temperatures between +5°C and +35°C.
Density	~ 1.1 kg/litre
pH-Value	~ 8.0

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage	0.5 - 1.5% by weight of cement. Note: Dose rate will affect workability, setting time, early and ultimate strength. Trials are recommended to determine the dose rate for each application.
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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

DISPENSING

MIXING: Sika® ViscoCrete®-20 HE (NZ) is added to the concrete immediately prior to pouring. To optimize the water reducing effect, mixes containing Sika® ViscoCrete®-20 HE (NZ) require extended mixing times (minimum 5 minutes). With higher dose rates, water content of the concrete should be reduced to avoid segregation.

LIMITATIONS

Sika ViscoCrete-20 HE (NZ) can be used in conjunction with the following Sika products (trials are recommended):

- SikaPump
- Sika Stabilizer-4 R
- Sika Rapid
- Sika Retarder
- Sika Ferrogard-901

The air content must be checked on each individual mix. As with all concrete it is essential to protect mixes containing Sika® ViscoCrete®-20 HE (NZ) from water evaporation during placement and the crucial early age curing period. We recommend the use of SikaFilm evaporation retardant and Sika Antisol curing membranes for this purpose (refer to the separate SikaFilm and Antisol data sheets for further information).

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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