

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## SikaFume®

### Concrete Additive based on Silica Fume Technology

#### DESCRIPTION

SikaFume® is a concrete additive in powder form, based on silica fume technology.

#### USES

SikaFume® is used in shotcrete, structural concrete, pre-cast concrete and other fields of concrete construction where high demands are imposed on the quality of fresh and hardened concrete.

#### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

SikaFume® contains extremely fine latently reactive silicic dioxide.

The presence of this substance imparts greatly improved internal cohesion and water retention in the fresh concrete. The concrete becomes extremely pliable and pumpability is substantially improved. In the hardened concrete the latently reactive silica fume forms a chemical bond with the free lime ( $\text{CaOH}_2$ ). The additional formation of hydration products results in a significantly denser cement matrix.

With the use of SikaFume® the concrete will show the following properties:

- High stability of green concrete
- Highly increased durability
- Excellent frost and de-icing salt resistance if an air entraining agent is used at the same time
- Increased ultimate strengths
- Increased abrasion resistance
- Increased water tightness
- Increased gas tightness
- Reduced chloride penetration

SikaFume® does not contain any chlorides or other steel corrosion promoting substances, and can therefore be used without any restriction for reinforced and pre-stressed concrete construction.

#### APPROVALS / STANDARDS

SikaFume® conforms to EN 13263-1:2005 table 4, ASTM C-1240 and AS/NZ 3582.3/2016.

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	A blend of latently reactive ingredients.
Packaging	10 kg bags and ~1000 kg bulk bags
Shelf Life	18 months shelf life from date of production if stored properly in undamaged, unopened, original sealed packaging.
Storage Conditions	Storage in a dry environment, not sensitive to frost.
Appearance / Colour	Light to dark grey powder
Density	~0.65 kg/l
Total Chloride Ion Content	< 0.3 M-%

#### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

## Concreting Guidance

The standard rules of good concreting practice, concerning production and placing, are to be followed.

Laboratory trials shall be carried out before concreting on site, especially when using a new mix design or producing new concrete components.

Fresh concrete must be cured properly and curing applied as early as possible.

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## Concrete Mix Design

When using SikaFume® a suitable mix design has to be taken into account and local material sources shall be tested.

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## Concrete Mixing Time

SikaFume® is added with the cement and aggregates at the batching plant before the gauging water. Optimum wet mixing time: 60 seconds.

**IMPORTANT! 10kg bags of SikaFume® are not soluble and should not be thrown 'whole' into the mix.** However, they are designed to be repulpable (break down during wetting and grinding of the paper during the concrete mixing), but some mixes with low water:cementitious ratios and smaller sized aggregates may not develop sufficient mixing energy to fully repulp the bags. It is therefore recommended that the top seal of the bag is torn off each bag and discarded before the remaining bag and contents are added to the mix.

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

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### Recommended Dosage

5 - 15 % by weight of cement.

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## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## LEGAL NOTES

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