

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

SikaRapid®-8 Slag

Hardening accelerator

DESCRIPTION

SikaRapid®-8 Slag is a chloride-free hardening accelerator specially developed to promote the early age strength of concrete manufactured using slag without negatively influencing final strengths.

USES

SikaRapid®-8 Slag is especially suitable for any application where fast early strength development plays a major role or is of crucial importance.

SikaRapid®-8 Slag is used for the following applications:

- Precast concrete
- Ready-mixed concrete where early demoulding is essential
- Ready-mixed concrete where minimum time delays are critical.

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

SikaRapid®-8 Slag provides the following advantages through accelerated hardening of the concrete:

- Faster turnaround of formwork in precast applications
- Reduced or eliminated steam curing
- Fast construction processes and early load bearing capacity
- No negative effects on final strengths

When used with a superplasticizer, SikaRapid®-8 Slag will not change the fresh concrete properties produced by the superplasticizer.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging	Bulk
Shelf Life	Thirty-six (36) months from date of production when stored as stated.
Storage Conditions	Store at temperatures between +5°C and +30°C. Protect from direct sunlight and frost.
Colour	Reddish liquid
Density	1.13 ± 0.03
pH-Value	~9
Total Chloride Ion Content	≤ 0.1 %

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Concreting Guidance

REMINDER: Concreting in cold weather

The role of an accelerator is only to activate the cement hydration process. This process is only possible if the initial temperature of the concrete is greater than or equal to + 5°C. In this case, the accelerator activates the

exothermic setting reactions and generates an internal temperature sufficient to ensure the hardening of the concrete, even if the outside temperature drops below 0°C.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage	0.5% to 5% of the weight of binder or cement depending on the performance sought.
Dispensing	SikaRapid®-8 Slag is added to the gauging water, or added with it, into the concrete mixer. SikaRapid®-8 Slag may also be added into the ready-mix truck on site. When added on site the truck mixer shall rotate its drum at maximum revolutions for at least 1 minute per m ³ of concrete and a minimum of 5 minutes to achieve a uniform mix. The concrete should be visually checked for uniform consistency before discharging.
Compatibility	SikaRapid®-8 Slag is compatible with Sika® ViscoCrete and Sika Plastotcrete®/Plastiment® admixtures. When used with a plasticizer or a superplasticizer, an increase in the fluidity of the concrete can be observed. It is then necessary to reduce the dosage of the plasticizer / superplasticizer and / or reduce the dosage of water. In all cases, a preliminary test is recommended.

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.

LIMITATIONS

SikaRapid®-8 Slag shall not be added to the dry cement/slag blend.

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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