

Technical Datasheet

X-Mix SRA

Shrinkage Reducing Admixture

Product Description

X-Mix SRA is a high effective shrinkage-reducing admixture was developed specifically to reduce drying shrinkage of concrete and mortar, and the potential for subsequent cracking.

X-Mix SRA operates by interfering with the surface chemistry of the air/water interface within the capillary or pore, reducing surface tension effects and consequently reducing the shrinkage as water evaporates from within concrete.

Advantages

- Enhances durability.
- Minimizes curling
- Reduces drying shrinkage cracking
- Control micro-cracking thereby improving aesthetics, watertightness and durability
- Reduction in drying shrinkage minimizes prestress loss
- Improves permeability.
- Improves compaction.
- Watertight Concrete.

Uses

X-Mix SRA is suitable for use in the following condition:

- Self compacted concrete.
- Ready-mixer or precast concrete structures requiring shrinkage reduction and long term durability
- Concrete screed.
- Shotcrete, grout and mortars.

Packaging

20 liter jerrys, 210 liter drums, 1000 liters Bulk Tanks.

Shelf Life

X-Mix SRA has a minimum shelf life of 12 months under shaded area. Must be protected from direct sunlight and frost.

Product Properties

Form	Liquid
Color	Clear to pale yellow
Specific gravity @25°C	1.08±0.02
pH	N/A
Main action	Shrinkage reducing admixture
Alkali content (Na ₂ O equivalent) according to EN 480-12 (%)	N/A
Nitrate content	Nil

Specification Compliance

- ASTM C 157

Dosage

Dosage is 0.3 – 1.5% of weight of cement @ 25° C, including any pozzolanic materials and cement replacements. The actual dosage rates and water reduction rate are dependent on the :

- 1- Cement rate in mix design
- 2- Quality of cement & aggregates.
- 3- Water/Cement-ratio.
- 4- Ambient temperature (Weather).

Therefore, it is advisable to carry out trial mixes.

Dosages outside this range can be used to produce particular mix requirements, provided that extensive trial mixes and laboratory have been conducted.

Dispensing

X-Mix SRA should be added to the concrete while being mixed using a suitable dispenser. Add to the concrete with the mixing water to obtain best results.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Add X-Mix SRA into the mixer after the other ingredients (water, cement, aggregates). X-Mix SRA is most effective if added when cement and aggregate granules are already wet, and least effective when the admixture is mixed with dry solids which partially absorb it (especially if porous). It is advisable to begin adding the admixture with an automatic dispenser after adding at least, half of the batching water required.

Compatibility

X-Mix SRA is compatible with a wide range of admixtures used in the same concrete mix. All admixtures should be added to the concrete separately and must not be mixed together prior to addition. X-Mix SRA is compatible with all types of portland cement including sulphate resisting and cementitious materials such as ggbs, fly ash and micro silica.

Clean Up

Clean up spillages of by absorbing onto sand and transferring to suitable containers. Any residue should be washed down with large quantities of water. The disposal of excess or waste material should be carried out in accordance with local regulations.

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