

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sikament[®]-520

High Range Water Reducing and Set Retarding Concrete Admixture

DESCRIPTION

Sikament[®]-520 is a highly effective dual action liquid superplasticiser that imparts excellent slump retention for prolonged periods.

It is used for the production of free flowing concrete or as a substantial water-reducing agent for promoting high early strengths.

Suitable for use in hot and tropical climatic conditions.

USES

Sikament[®]-520 can be used as a superplasticizer for the production of free flowing concrete for:

- Slabs
- Foundations
- Walls
- Columns
- Piers
- Slender components with densely packed reinforcement
- Piles
- Fiber reinforced concrete

Sikament[®]-520 is also used as a water-reducing agent leading to high early strength concrete such as:

- Pre-cast concrete elements
- Pre-stressed concrete
- Bridges and cantilever structures

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

Sikament[®]-520 provides the following properties:

As a superplasticiser:

- Workability is greatly improved
- Concrete is placed easily
- Especially suitable for slender components with densely packed reinforcement
- Concrete requires less vibrating
- Improved cohesion of the concrete mix significantly reduces the risk of segregation and allows greater time for placement

As a water reducer:

- Impressive water reduction capability
- Final strength improvement

APPROVALS / STANDARDS

Sikament[®]-520 follows the requirements of ASTM C494; Type D, G and EN 934-2 (T10 / 11.1 / 11.2)

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	Sulphonated naphthalene
Packaging	1000 L flowbin Bulk supply in tanker trucks possible on request
Appearance / Colour	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.
Specific gravity	~1.19 kg/l (+25 °C)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Concreting Guidance

The standard rules of good concreting practice for production and placing must be observed when using Sikament®-520 in concrete. Refer to relevant standards.

Fresh concrete must be cured properly especially at high temperatures and under windy conditions in order to prevent plastic and drying shrinkage and low concrete strengths. It is highly recommended the use of Sika® Antisol® curing agents.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage

0.8 to 2.5% by weight of binder

Higher or lower dosages by weight of binder can be used depending on the mix design, raw materials, climatic conditions and concrete requirements. The use of the recommended dosage does not imply that compliance with the standards will be met over the whole range.

Trial tests should be carried out with the materials to be used on site to find the dosage necessary to achieve the required result.

Compatibility

Sikament®-520 may be combined with all types of Portland cement (OPC and SRC), and may be used for concretes containing pozzolanic materials such as GGBS, PFA and micro-silica.

Sikament®-520 is compatible with the following Sika products:

- SikaPump®
- Sika® FerroGard®-901
- SikaFume®
- SikaFiber®
- Sika Aer®
- Sika® Stabilizer
- Sika®-1 WT

We recommend to perform trial mixes to establish the required performance when combining Sikament®-520 with the above products or other admixtures. Please consult our Sika Technical Department.

Dispensing

Sikament®-520 is added to the gauging water or simultaneously poured with it into the concrete mixer at the batching plant.

Do not add Sikament®-520 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.

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

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.

If frozen and/or if precipitation has occurred, it may

only be used after thawing slowly at room temperature and intensive mixing.

When using Sikament®-520 a suitable concrete mix must be designed for the local material sources and should be trialed.

When accidental overdosing occurs the set retarding effect and workability increases. Additional air may also be entrained.

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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