

MasterGlenium 51

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High range water reducing admixture for concrete - EN 934-2: T3.1 & T3.2

DESCRIPTION

MasterGlenium 51 is an innovative admixture based on modified polycarboxylic ether (PCE) polymers. The product has been primarily developed for the use in the concrete industry where the highest durability and performance is required.

MasterGlenium 51 complies with EN 934 part 2 and is compatible with all types of cement.

THE CHEMISTRY

What differentiates MasterGlenium 51 from the traditional superplasticizers is a unique mechanism of action that greatly improves the effectiveness of cement dispersion. Traditional superplasticizers based on melamine and naphthalene sulphonates are polymers, which are absorbed by the cement granules. They wrap around the granules' surface areas at the very early stage of the concrete mixing process. The sulfonic groups of the polymer chains increase the negative charge of the cement particle surface and disperse these particles by electrical repulsion.

This electrostatic mechanism causes the cement paste to disperse and has the positive consequence of requiring less mixing water to obtain a given concrete workability. MasterGlenium 51 has a different chemical structure from the traditional superplasticizers. It consists of a carboxylic ether polymer with long side chains.

At the beginning of the mixing process it initiates the same electrostatic dispersion mechanism as the traditional superplasticizers, but the side chains linked to the polymer backbone generate a steric hindrance, which greatly stabilises the cement particles' ability to separate and disperse.

Steric hindrance provides a physical barrier (alongside the electrostatic barrier) between the cement grains. With this process, flowable concrete with greatly reduced water content is obtained.

FIELDS OF APPLICATION

- The excellent dispersion effect makes MasterGlenium 51 the ideal admixture for the high quality concrete industry.
- The ability to work with an extremely low water/cement ratio allows for the manufacture of high performance concrete with high early (18-24 hours) and final strengths. Concrete of high density, low permeability is also produced.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

MasterGlenium 51 offers the following benefits:

- Flowable concrete with the lowest water/cement ratio without segregation or bleeding.
- Allows reduction of curing cycles - i.e. time or temperature.
- Possibility of elimination of steam curing.
- Allows concrete production at low temperature.
- Less vibration required even in case of congested steel reinforcement.
- Less workmanship required.
- Improves concrete surface finish and texture.
- Compared to traditional superplasticizers, the addition of MasterGlenium 51 will improve the physical properties and thus the durability of concrete.

MasterGlenium 51 **increases:**

- Initial and final compressive strength.
- Initial and final flexural and tensile strength.
- E-modulus.
- Adhesion to reinforcement and prestressed steel.
- Resistance to carbonation and chloride ion attack of concrete.
- Resistance to aggressive atmospheric conditions.

MasterGlenium 51 **decreases:**

- Risk of shrinkage.
- Creep.

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DOSAGE

The normally recommended dosage rate of MasterGlenium 51 is approximately:

- *By Volume* - 0.18 to 0.91 litres per 100 Kg of cement (binder).
- *By Mass* - 0.20 to 1.00 kg per 100 Kg of cement (binder).

The dosage rates given above are for typical usages, they are not meant as absolute limits, as other dosages may be utilised in special cases according to specific job conditions. If required consult BASF Construction Chemicals Technical Services Department for advice. Trial mixes should be carried out to ensure optimum dosage and effect. Where the concrete is to be machine finished by utilising power float or power trowelling methods, we recommend that you contact the Technical Services Department for dosage rate guidance.

COMPATIBILITY

MasterGlenium 51 can be used with all types of EN 197 Cements. For use with other special cements, contact our Technical Services Department.

MasterGlenium 51 should not be pre-mixed with other admixtures. If other admixtures are to be used in concrete containing MasterGlenium 51 they must be dispensed separately.

MasterX-Seed 100 - Where elimination of steam curing is intended (at ambient temperatures below 12°C) while still achieving high early strength to enable early demoulding within 24 hours, it may be necessary to add MasterX-Seed 100 with MasterGlenium 51.

The recommended dosage of MasterX-Seed 100 is 2 litres per 100 kg of cement (binder). This combination guarantees a uniform and fast development of initial and final strength.

Other combinations that are recommended:

- Air entraining agents (such as MasterAir range) to optimise frost/thaw resistance.
- Silica fume for higher density.
- Expanding agents (such as for controlled shrinkage).
- Synthetic and steel fibres.
- Curing agents against too quick evaporation of mixing water.

MasterGlenium 51 is a ready to use admixture to be added to the concrete mix as a separate component. Optimal concrete plasticizing effect (and thus maximum mixing water reduction) is obtained if MasterGlenium 51 is added into the concrete after the first 50-70% of the water has been mixed.

Avoid adding the admixture to the dry aggregate or sand. In all cases the best effect is achieved when MasterGlenium 51 is added first and the other admixtures subsequently.

PACKAGING

MasterGlenium 51 is supplied in Bulk, 1000-litre IBC's and 25-litre containers.

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| Product Data | |
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| Appearance: | Brown liquid |
| Specific gravity @ 20°C: | 1.10 ± 0.03 g/cm ³ |
| pH-value: | 7.0 ± 1 |
| Alkali content (%): | ≤ 5.00 by mass |
| Chloride content (%): | ≤ 0.10 by mass |
| Corrosion behaviour: | Contains only components according to BS EN 934-1:2008, Annex A.1 |
| Air Content: | Fulfilled |
| Water reduction: | ≥ 112% of Reference mix |
| Increase in consistence: | Increase of ≥ 120mm from initial slump or ≥ 160mm from initial flow |
| Retention of consistence: | At 30 mins ≥ Reference mix at initial |
| Compressive strength: | Fulfilled |
| Durability: | NPD |
| Dangerous substances: | NPD |
| Logistics | |
| Shelf life: | 12 months if stored according to manufacturer's instructions in unopened container. |
| Storage conditions: | Store in original sealed containers and at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C. Store under cover, out of direct sunlight and protect from extremes of temperature. Failure to comply with the recommended storage conditions may result in premature deterioration of the product or packaging. |
| Handling and transportation: | Refer to MasterGlenium 51 Safety Data Sheet |
| Disposal: | Refer to MasterGlenium 51 Safety Data Sheet |

**Certificate No. 0086-CPD-469071****EN 934-2: T3.1 & T3.2**Declaration of Performance can be found at www.basf-cc.co.uk

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Health and Safety

*For full information on Health and Safety matters regarding this product the relevant Health and Safety Data Sheet should be consulted.

The following general comments apply to all products.

As with all chemical products, care should be taken during use and storage to avoid contact with eyes, mouth, skin and foodstuffs, (which may also be tainted with vapour until the product is fully cured and dried). Treat splashes to eyes and skin immediately. If accidentally ingested, seek medical attention. Keep away from children and animals. Reseal containers after use.

Spillage

Chemical products can cause damage; clean spillage immediately.

DISCLAIMER

"BASF plc, Construction Chemicals" (the Company) endeavours to ensure that advice and information given in Product Data Sheets, Method Statements and Material Safety Data Sheets (all known as Product Literature) is accurate and correct. However, the Company has no control over the selection of its products for particular applications. It is important that any prospective customer, user or specifier, satisfies him/her-self that the product is suitable for the specific application. In this process, due regard should be taken of the nature and composition of the background/base and the ambient conditions both at the time of laying/applying/installing the material and when the completed work is to be brought into use.

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