

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease

(formerly MasterEase® 3978)

Poly Aryl Ether based superplasticizer for the production of high quality ready-mix concrete

DESCRIPTION

Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is an innovative latest generation superplasticizer based on Poly Aryl Ether (PAE) polymers, and is specially engineered for ready-mix concrete.

Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is formulated from unique polymers produced in-house. The objective of the development of the PAE polymer was to take the characteristics of traditional polycarboxylic ether (PCE) admixtures but to modify the structure of the polymer to give enhanced rheology and robustness to the concrete.

The PAE polymers contained in the formulation of Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease ensure that enhanced rheology is maintained from time of mixing to time of placing and finishing.

USES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is used for the production of high quality ready-mix concrete

FEATURES

The ready-mix producer:

- Capability of delivering high performance concrete with enhanced rheology
- Concrete is easier to pump reducing pumping time and wear-and-tear on equipment.
- Concrete is easier to place and finish
- Enhanced rheology is maintained from time of mixing to time of placement.

The contractor / applicator:

- Easier placing and faster strength development
- Improved concrete surfaces

The engineer:

- Insurance that concrete meets original specification
- High quality durable concrete

CERTIFICATES AND TEST REPORTS

ASTM C-494 Type F&G
BS EN 934-2

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging	Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is supplied in 210 litre drums, 1,000 litre containers or in bulk
Shelf life	Up to 12 months if stored according to manufacturer's instructions in unopened containers.
Storage conditions	Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease should be stored in closed containers or storage tanks to protect from evaporation.
Appearance and colour	Brown coloured liquid
Density	@ 25°C = 1.075 ±0.02
pH-Value	3 – 6
Total chloride ion content	"chloride-free" to EN 934-2

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended dosage	The normally recommended dosage rate of Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is 0.8 to 2.5 litre per 100kg of total cementitious material. Other dosages may be recommended in special cases according to the specific site conditions. In this case please consult our Technical Services Department for advice.
Compatibility	Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is not compatible with Sikament® RB superplasticizers due to the PAE and VMA polymers contained in its formulation. Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is suitable for mixes containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Microsilica (Silica Fume)• Fly Ash (PFA)• GGBS (ground granulated blast furnace slag)

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.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

MIXING

Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is a ready-to-use admixture to be added to the concrete as a separate component. Optimal result is obtained if Sika® ViscoCrete®-3978 Ease is poured into the concrete mix right after the addition of the first 80% of the mixing water, i.e. when all solids are wetted. Avoid adding the admixture to the dry aggregates.

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