

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sikament® RB 3838

(formerly MasterRheobuild® 3838)

High range, water-reducing superplasticiser for rheoplastic concretes

DESCRIPTION

Sikament® RB 3838 is formulated from synthetic polymers specially designed to impart rheoplastic qualities to concrete.

A rheoplastic concrete is a fluid concrete, easily flowing, but at the same time free from segregation and bleeding having the same w/c ratio as that of a low slump concrete without admixture. Sikament® RB 3838 is chloride-free.

USES

Sikament® RB 3838 considerably improves the properties of fresh and hardened concrete.

- Microsilica concrete
- Mass concrete pours
- Ready-mixed concrete
- Long-distance transport
- Pumped concrete
- Casting in hot climates

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging	Sikament® RB 3838 is available in, 1000ltr bulk.
Appearance and colour	Dark brown liquid
Shelf life	Up to 12 months if stored according to manufacturer's instructions in unopened containers.
Storage conditions	Sikament® RB 3838 must be stored where temperatures do not drop below +5°C. If product has frozen, thaw and agitate until completely reconstituted. 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.
Density	(1.120 - 1.23) at 25° C
pH-Value	5-7

FEATURES

- Reduced thermal peaks
- High workability for longer periods
- Lower pumping pressure
- Delayed setting with longer workability
- Higher ultimate strengths
- Reduced permeability
- Improved durability

CERTIFICATES AND TEST REPORTS

ASTM C 494 Type G and F
BS 5075 Part 1 and 3

Total chloride ion content

Nil to BS 5075

Recommended dosage

Optimum dosage of Sikament® RB 3838 should be determined in trial mixes. As a guide, the following dosages are recommended as a starting point for any trial: In normal concrete, a dosage of between 0.6 - 3.0 ltr/100kg of cement.

In high performance concrete a dosage of between 1.5-3ltr/100kg of cement. Dependent upon mix requirement, it is possible to use a higher dosage of Sikament® RB 3838 without causing any adverse effects upon the concrete.

Compatibility

Sikament® RB 3838 is compatible with all cements and most air-entraining agents meeting the ASTM standards. The addition of Sikament® RB 3838 and SikaControl®-111 AER (air-entraining agent) to concrete is recommended where it is required to withstand freezing and thawing cycles.

Dispensing

Sikament® RB 3838 is a ready-to-use liquid which is dispensed into the concrete together with the mixing water. The plasticising effect and water reduction are higher if the admixture is added to the concrete after 50 to 70% of the mixing water has been added. The addition of Sikament® RB 3838 to dry aggregate or cement is not recommended. Automatic dispensers are available.

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.

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