

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR

High Performance Superplasticizer

DESCRIPTION

Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR is a third generation High Range Water Reducing/SuperPlasticizing admixture for concrete and mortar.

USES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR is specially suitable for the production of concrete mixes which require high strength development, powerful water reduction and excellent flowability.

Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR is mainly used for the following applications:

- Ready mixed concrete
- Precast concrete
- High performance concrete
- SCC concrete
- Site batched concrete

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR as a powerful water reducer acts by through surface adsorption and sterical effects separating the binder particles the following properties are achieved:

- Powerful water reduction, resulting in high density, high strength and reduced permeability for water etc.
- Excellent plasticizing effect resulting in improved flowability, placing and compacting behaviour
- Reduction in shrinkage and creep behaviour
- It does not contain chlorides or other ingredients promoting corrosion of steel reinforcement. It is therefore suitable for reinforced concrete.

APPROVALS / STANDARDS

IS 9103, ASTM C494

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical base	Polycarboxylate Ether
Packaging	230/255 Kg HDPE Drum/ Bulk supply
Shelf life	12 months from date of production if stored properly in undamaged unopened, original sealed packaging.
Storage conditions	Store in dry conditions at temperatures between +10°C and +40°C. Protect from direct sunlight and frost.
Appearance / Colour	Light Brown Hazy liquid
Density	~1.06 kg/l at 25°C
pH-value	≥ 6

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage	Optimum dosage of Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR should be determined by site trials. Recommended dosage: 0.2% – 2.0% by weight of cementitious. A higher dosage might be used if agreed by client or consultant. Stir well before use.
Dispensing	Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR can be added into the mixing water or directly into the concrete mixer after 50% – 70% of the mixing water has been added. The addition of Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR to dry aggregate or cement is not recommended. To achieve optimum performance a minimum wet mixing time, which is depending on the mixing conditions and the mixer performance, of 60 seconds is recommended.
Compatibility	Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR may be combined with many other Sika® Products. Compatible with all types of cements and cementitious materials. Important: Always conduct trials before combining products in specific mixes and contact our Technical Service Department for information about specific combinations.

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.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Excessive water addition or overdosing may cause bleeding or segregation.
If frozen and / or if precipitation has occurred, Sika® ViscoCrete®-838 PR may be used after thawing slowly at room temperature and after intensive mixing.

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 Material Safety Data Sheet containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

MAINTENANCE

CLEANING

Clean all tools and application equipment with water immediately after use.

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Note that as a result of specific local regulations the declared data and recommended uses for this product may vary from country to country. Consult the local Product Data Sheet for exact product data and uses.

LEGAL NOTES

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