

High performance concrete hyperplasticizer

PRODUCT

EPSILON I 21 is a highly effective synthetic polymer based additive which performs extremely well with Portland cement of various types specifically designed to produce concrete with low water binder ratio and excellent workability. **EPSILON I 21** improves the physical and mechanical performance of concrete.

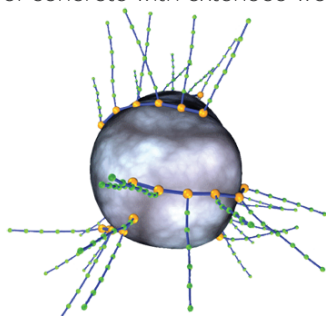
WORKING MECHANISM

Sulphonated naphthalene - or melamine-based superplasticizer is adsorbed onto the surface of cement particles at a very early stage of the cement hydration process.

These polymer chains adsorbed to the surface increase the negative charge on the surface of cement particles, and dispersion is obtained by electrostatic repulsion.

In addition to the previous process, **EPSILON I 21** is specially designed with MultiCarboxylate Ether with long lateral chains that improve greatly the dispersion of cement particles.

Therefore, in addition to the electrostatic repulsion which occurs at the start of the mixing process, the presence of these lateral chains generates a steric hindrance which greatly enhances the capacity of cement particles to separate and disperse. This property enables the production of concrete with extended workability retention.



Schematic shows cement particle with polymer backbone and the long lateral chains linked to it.

PROPERTIES

- Allows reduction in cement while maintaining desired strength.
- Accelerates strength development and resulting in higher frequency in use of forms.
- Permits reduction in amount of water normally required for a given workability.
- Enables development of high strength concrete other than by cement addition.
- Provides flow ability (greater than 200 mm slump) of fresh concrete that does not segregate and sets in normal period of time while maintaining desired water-cement ratio
- Provides concrete with self consolidating properties

- Enhances passing/filling ability of the fresh concrete
- Enhances aesthetic for minimal repairs
- High water reduction
- High workability-ease of placing and compaction without segregation
- Reduced risk of cracks
- Good adhesion - ease of pumping. No bleeding
- Good workability - excellent surface appearance
- Minimal bleed water - excellent concrete quality
- High elastic modulus - superior load bearing capacity
- Provides properties for sustainable concrete

SCOPE OF USE

EPSILON I 21 is recommended for all areas of use of high performance:

- High rise concrete applications
- Mass concrete
- High strength concrete
- Concrete mixes containing Silica Fume: GGBFS or PFA
- Concrete with high resistance against aggressive media
- Self Consolidating Concrete
- High Durable Concrete

CHARACTERISTICS

Appearance	Liquid (Light Yellow)
Specific gravity @25 °C	1.08 ± 0.02
	1.05 ± 0.02 (Kuwait)
Chloride content	NIL- BS 5075/EN 934-2

STANDARDS

ASTM C 494 Types F & G
ASTM C1017 Type I & II
BS EN 934-2
BS 5075: Part 3

INSTRUCTION FOR USE

EPSILON I 21 should be dispensed after all concrete constituents are charged in the central mixer preferably after approximately 60% of water addition.

DOSAGE RATES

Range of dosage rates: from 600 to 2500 ml per 100 kg of cementitious content.

Dosage above the recommended values can be employed. Still, the required dosage for a specific job with controlled delay in setting and workability should be determined by in-situ trials

Admixture demand varies with w/b of the concrete, cement type, pozzolanic materials and ambient temperature.

Trials are to be conducted prior to use in order to determine required performance, including workability retention, setting, and strength development.

EFFECT OF OVERDOSE

Overdose of **EPSILONE I 21** may result in the following:

- Slight delay of initial setting
- Higher workability
- Higher Ultimate Strength

Dependant upon the level of overdose, concrete mixture details and conditions involved.

COMPATIBILITY

EPSILONE I 21 can be used in mixtures containing:

- Silica fume
- Fly Ash
- GGBFS
- Pozzolanic Binders

EPSILONE I 21 is not compatible with naphthalene sulfonate- and melamine sulfonate-based superplasticizers.

Consult SODAMCO's technical dept. for advice.

PACKAGING

EPSILONE I 21 is supplied in:

1000 liter containers.

200 and 20 lit. drums.

STORAGE

EPSILONE I 21 can be stored up to 1 year from manufacturing date under cover, out of direct sunlight and protected from extreme temperatures.

In case of frost, the product recovers its properties after progressive thawing and homogenizing by agitation.

HEALTH & SAFETY

In case of contact with skin or eyes; rinse thoroughly with water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention.

If swallowed, do not induce vomiting and seek medical attention.

QUALITY STATEMENT

All our products are manufactured to comply with our internal QA/QC program and quality management system to ensure consistency and quality.

DISCLAIMER

While the company guarantees its products against defective materials, the use and application of these

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