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# PRODUCT DATA SHEET Sika<sup>®</sup> Wintermix

Winter working admixture and frostproofer.

## **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

Sika<sup>®</sup> Wintermix is an air entraining chloride free liquid admixture for mortar and concrete which also acts as an accelerator for work in sub - zero temperatures. Improves workability and freeze/thaw resistance in brick laying mortars and eliminates the need for a separate frostproofer.

### USES

- As an air entraining water reducing admixture and accelerator/frostproofer for brick and block laying mortar, render (internal and external) and concrete.
- Suitable for loadbearing brickwork, block laying, external and internal rendering, pointing/repointing brickwork, floor screeds.

# **CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES**

- Increased frost resistance during setting.
- Non corrosive to embedded metal.
- Eases tamping down and alignment.
- Improves workability/trowelability even in cold weather.
- Provides resistance to freeze/thaw cycling down to -8 °C in both wet and dry mortar.
- Reduces bleeding/segregation.
- Replaces lime in mix, hence reduces possibility of lime bloom and efflorescence.
- Reduces shrinkage (cracking and crazing reduced).
- Faster finishing times even in cold weather.

Typical Reduction in Set-<br/>ting Times20-30 % at 2.5 Ltr/50 Kg<br/>cement

# **APPROVALS / STANDARDS**

EN 934-3:2009 Air entraining/plasticizing mixture.

Packaging	5 L jerry
Shelf Life	24 months from date of manufacture when stored according to manufac- turer's instructions.
Storage Conditions	Store between 5 and 25 °C. Will reconstitute after freezing.
Appearance / Colour	Amber clear liquid.
Density	1.08-1.14 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
pH-Value	8.5 - 10.5
Total Chloride Ion Content	< 0.1% w/w
Concrete Mix Design	The following are examples of modified mix designs. 1: 0.25 :3 cement : lime : sand use 1 : 3 cement : sand : + Sika® Wintermix 1:1:6 cement : lime : sand use 1 : 6 cement : sand + Sika® Wintermix

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# **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

#### **Recommended Dosage**

Ambient temperatures down to -4 °C: 1.25 L per 25 kg cement. Ambient temperatures below -8 °C: 2.5 L per 25 kg cement.

## VALUE BASE

All technical data stated in this Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

## LIMITATIONS

- Concrete must be covered after placing until the minimum strength is obtained or until the temperature rises above freezing.
- Do not use weak mixes during cold weather.
- Do not overdose.
- Do not use with high alumina cement.
- Do not mix with other additives in same gauging water.
- Product is air entraining do not use with structural concrete.

# ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

User must read the most recent corresponding Safety Data Sheets (SDS) before using any products. The SDS provides information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products and contains physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### SURFACE PREPARATION

All materials used must be free from ice and the temperature of the mix prior to placing not be less than +4 °C. Concrete must be covered after placing until the minimum strength is obtained or until the temperature rises above freezing. Do not use weak mixes during cold weather.

#### APPLICATION

In all cases, add to mix at an addition rate of 1.25 to 2.5 L per 25 kg cement depending on the degree of plasticising/acceleration required. Note: remember to reduce required quantity of water accordingly. Alternatively, add to mixing drum at same time as water.

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# 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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