



Sikament[®] FT

Super Plasticiser

Technical Data Sheet

DESCRIPTION

Sikament FT is a super plasticising concrete admixture based on Melamine-Formaldehyde. **Sikament FT** is manufactured in the UK by **Sika** under strict quality control.

Sikament FT can be used to either produce 'flowing concrete' or enable large water reductions to be made for the same workability. **Sikament FT**, however, has the advantage of producing very high early strengths and thus makes the material suitable for use in pre-cast concrete applications and in areas where higher workability concrete and fast shutter stripping is required.

ADVANTAGES

Sikament FT provides the following benefits:-

As a superplasticiser:

- * Substantial improvements in workability without increased water or the risk of segregation.
- * Normal set without retardation, even if accidentally over-dosed.
- * Improved concrete density and surface finish.

As a water reducer:

- * Up to 30% water reducing. 40% increase in 28 day strengths are possible.
- * High strength after 8 hours and double 16 hour strength can be obtained.
- * Increases frost and water resistant properties of the concrete because of reduced water contents and low permeability.
- * Extremely high workability
- * Little vibration required
- * Can replace steam curing
- * Faster mould turn round
- * Higher strength at all ages
- * High durability concrete
- * Ultra-high strength concrete
- * Ideal for power trowelled floors

Technical Data (typical)

Form:	Liquid
Colour:	Brown
Specific gravity:	1.19
Chloride content % w/w:	Zero (ie less than 0.1% w/w)
Freezing point °C:	-5°C

All above values are approximate.



METHOD OF USE

In order to obtain the best results, **Sikament FT** must be used with specially designed mixes designed for the particular requirements of strength, cost saving or flowing concrete. For maximum dispersion **Sikament FT** should be added with the mixing water. On no account should it be added to the dry cement. **Sikament FT** can be added at the plant or on site, when added at site the mixer trucks should rotate their drums at maximum revolutions until a uniform mix is achieved.

DOSAGE

The dosage rate of **Sikament FT** is best found after initial site trials. As a guide, an addition rate of 0.4-2.0% by weight of cementitious content (0.20-1 litres per 50 kg cementitious) is recommended for 'flowing concrete', 0.6-2% for high strength concrete. (0.30-1.0 litres per 50 kg cementitious).

COMPATIBILITY

All Portland Cement including SRC

PACKAGING

Sikament FT is supplied in 25 litre and 200 litre containers. Bulk deliveries can be arranged.

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Sikament FT should be stored in sealed containers between 5°C and 30°C and protected from frost. Under these conditions the shelf life is 1 year minimum.



Handling Precautions

Sika products are generally harmless provided that certain precautions normally taken when handling chemicals are observed. The materials must not, for instance, be allowed to come in contact with foodstuffs or food utensils and measures should also be taken to prevent the uncured materials from coming in contact with the skin, since people with particularly sensitive skin may be affected. The use of protective clothing, goggles, barrier creams and rubber gloves is required. The skin should be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each working period either by washing with soap and warm water or by using a resin-removing cream - the use of powerful solvents is to be avoided. Disposable paper towels - not cloth towels - should be used to dry the skin. Adequate ventilation of the working area is recommended. In case of accidental eye or mouth contact, flush with water - consult a doctor immediately. Health and Safety information on Sika Products is available and we strongly advise that this is read prior to their use. Sika products are for professional use and should be stored in sealed containers away from the reach of children.

Important Note

The information, and, in particular, the recommendations relating to the application and end-use of Sika products, are given in good faith based on Sika's current knowledge and experience of the products when properly stored, handled and applied under normal conditions. In practice, the differences in materials, substrates and actual site conditions are such that no warranty in respect of merchantability or of fitness for a particular purpose, nor any liability arising out of any legal relationship whatsoever, can be inferred either from this information, or from any written recommendations, or from any other advice offered. The proprietary rights of third parties must be observed. All orders are accepted subject to our current terms of sale and delivery. Users should always refer to the most recent issue of the Technical Data Sheet for the product concerned, copies of which will be supplied on request.

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