

MasterAir[®] 100

Air-entraining admixture for concrete

DESCRIPTION

MasterAir 100 is an air-entraining admixture, which creates ultra-stable air bubbles that are strong, small and closely spaced.

APPLICATIONS

Entraining a controlled air content in a wide range of concrete types:

- Normal mix designs.
- Low slump concrete.
- Concrete containing high carbon content fly ash.
- Concrete containing large amounts of fine materials.
- Concrete using high-alkali cements.
- High temperature concrete.
- Concrete with extended mixing times.

ADVANTAGES

MasterAir 100 is especially useful in the types of concrete known for their difficulty to entrain and maintain the air content desired. Entrainment of the optimum air content in concrete results in the following improvements to quality:

- Increased freeze / thaw resistance.
- Reduced permeability - increased watertightness.
- Reduced segregation and bleeding.
- Improved plasticity and workability.
- Increased resistance to scaling.
- Greatly improved stability of air entrainment.
- Ready to use - solution is at optimum strength for accurate dispensing.

MasterAir 100 is compatible with concrete containing other admixtures or admixture systems - water-reducers, high-range water reducers, accelerators, retarders, densifiers and water repellents. It also increases the entrained air content of concrete made with air-entraining Portland Cement.

The use of **MasterAir 100** with BASF admixtures forms a desirable combination for producing the highest quality, normal or lightweight concrete.

PACKAGING

MasterAir 100 is supplied in 210 litre drums and bulk delivery as appropriate.

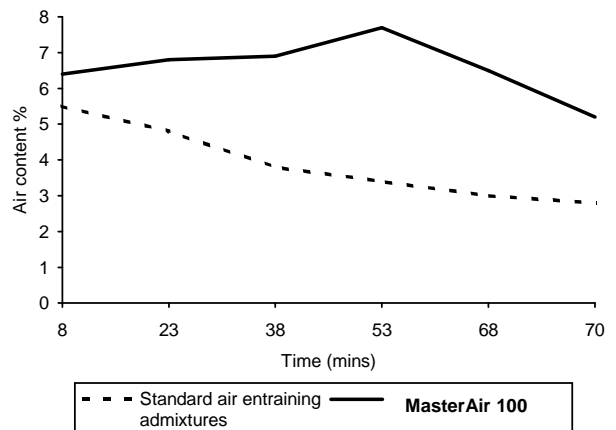
TYPICAL PROPERTIES*

Specific gravity @25°C	1.013
pH	7.0
Colour	Amber - brown
Dry extract (%)	6.8
Chloride content	"chloride-free" to EN 934
Flash point	Not applicable
Freeze point	-1°C

STANDARDS

MasterAir 100 meets the requirements of:
 ASTM C-260-86
 AASHTO M-154
 CRD-C 13-77
 BS 5075: 1982 Part 2
 DIN 1048 Part 1
 EN934-2 Table 5

Figure 1 Air content vs mixing time



1. In accordance with ASTM C-182: 3 minutes mix, 3 minutes rest followed by 2 minutes final mixing.
2. 13 minutes agitation and 2 minutes mixing.
3. Retempered and 2 minutes mixing time.

The graph represents the average of a number of laboratory and field evaluations data. The tests were conducted on concrete mixes known for their difficulty to entrain and maintain the desired air content. These mixtures contained large amounts of fine materials, high carbon content fly ash, high alkali cements, high concrete temperatures and low slumps.

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

As stated in ACI 212 and other publications, when two or more admixtures are used, they must be added to the mix separately (through dispensers or manually) and must not be mixed with each other prior to adding to the concrete mix.

For optimum, consistent performance, the air-entraining admixture should be dispensed on damp, fine aggregate.

Add **MasterAir 100** admixture to the concrete mix using a dispenser designed for air-entraining admixtures; or add manually using a suitable measuring device that ensures accuracy within $\pm 3\%$ of the required amount.

DOSAGE

There is no standard dosage rate for **MasterAir 100** admixture. The exact quantity of air-entraining admixtures needed should be determined by trial mixes. Factors are: temperature, cement, sand grading, sand-aggregate ratio, slump, means of conveying and placement, use of extra fine materials such as fly ash and micro silica.

The amount of **MasterAir 100** admixture used will depend upon the amount of entrained air required under actual job conditions. In a trial mix, use 100ml / 100kg of cement and adjust in the light of results obtained. In mixes containing water-reducing, set-controlling admixtures, the amount of **MasterAir 100** needed is somewhat less than the amount required in plain concrete.

STORAGE & SHELF LIFE

MasterAir 100 admixture should be stored and dispensed at 2°C or higher. Although freezing does not harm this product, precautions should be taken to protect it from freezing. If it freezes, thaw and reconstitute by mild mechanical agitation. Do not use pressurised air for agitation.

Shelf life is 12 months when stored as above.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

MasterAir 100 contains no hazardous substances requiring labelling. For further information see material safety data sheet.

NOTE

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