

# MasterPel® 240

## Water-Repellent and Efflorescence Control Admixture

### Description

MasterPel 240 multi-purpose admixture is used in a variety of water-repellent and efflorescence control applications. This unique formula is based on a novel silane chemistry that is different from that of conventional water-repellent admixtures in the concrete industry.

MasterPel 240 admixture also exhibits excellent wind-driven rain resistance and has achieved the highest rating per ASTM E 514.

MasterPel 240 admixture meets ASTM C 494/C 494M requirements for Type S, Specific Performance, admixtures.

### Applications

Recommended for use in:

- Architectural blocks
- Single-wythe masonry construction
- Paving stones
- Segmental retaining wall units
- Concrete roof tiles
- Precast /prestressed concrete
- Ready-Mixed Concrete

### Features

#### Masonry

- Unique formulation
- Part of block producer water-repellency certification program
- Contains components that enhance color and reduce efflorescence potential
- Provides improved material flow and extrusion characteristics

#### Concrete

- Reduces capillary absorption

### Benefits

- Superior water repellency versus conventional water-repellent admixtures
- Significantly reduces secondary efflorescence (improves primary efflorescence control)
- Improves color vibrancy and pigment efficiency
- Increases compressive and flexural strengths
- Increases production rate
- Adds visual appeal

### Guidelines for Use

**Dosage:** Use MasterPel 240 admixture at a dosage in the range of 1–5 fl oz/cwt (65–325 mL/100 kg) of cementitious materials depending on the desired benefits.

*Efflorescence Control:* Typically 1–5 fl oz/cwt (65–325 mL/100 kg) of cementitious materials.

*Water Repellency - Masonry:* Typically 2–5 oz/cwt (130–325 mL/100 kg) of cementitious materials.

*Water Repellency - Concrete:* Typically 4–5 fl oz/cwt (260–325 mL/100 kg) of cementitious materials.

Optimum water repellency dosage rates are determined through mix evaluation and testing procedures. Please consult with your local sales representative if dosages outside of the listed ranges are being considered.

To further improve the color efficiency and strength performance, the addition of a MasterPel high-performance plasticizing admixture is recommended.

**Mixing:** For maximum efficiency, add MasterPel 240 admixture after wetting of aggregates and cement, and after at least 75% of the final mix water has been added. Allow at least 90 seconds of additional mix time after MasterPel 240 admixture has been dispensed.

## Product Notes

**Design and Construction Considerations:** Design and construction details must observe all applicable design codes, incorporating the recommendations of NCMA TEK 10-1A: Crack Control in Concrete Masonry Walls; TEK 19-1: Water Repellents for Concrete Masonry Walls; TEK 19-2A: Design for Dry-Single-Wythe Concrete Masonry Walls; TEK 19-4A: Flashing Strategies for Concrete Masonry Walls; TEK 19-5A: Flashing Details for Concrete Masonry Walls.

**Note:** MasterPel admixture must be used in the masonry mortar in order to produce a moisture penetration-resistant wall system. Failure to do so will result in compromised water repellency of the masonry structure. Consult your local sales representative for applicable design details and specifications.

MasterPel 240 admixture will not compensate for flaws in building design, materials, mix proportions, improper production procedures or improper construction methods. BASF Construction Chemicals is not responsible for inappropriate use of MasterPel 240 admixture.

Proper block manufacturing methods, proper masonry mortar proportioning and mixing and proper use of MasterPel 240 admixture must be followed. Raked joints should not be permitted for water-repellent admixture system masonry projects. Remove excess mortar promptly and clean any residue using procedures recommended in NCMA TEK 8-2: Removal of Stains from Concrete Masonry.

## Storage and Handling

**Storage Temperature:** MasterPel 240 admixture must be stored at temperatures above 40 °F (4 °C) and below 105 °F (42 °C). MasterPel 240 admixture should not be used after it freezes.

**Shelf Life:** When properly stored, MasterPel 240 admixture has a shelf life of 12 months. Please contact your local sales representative regarding suitability for use and dosage recommendations if the shelf life of MasterPel 240 admixture has been exceeded.

**Recirculation:** Proper recirculation is required to maintain the integrity of the products. A low pressure pump is recommended for recirculation. **Do not use pressurized air to recirculate.** Please consult your local sales representative for additional information on recirculation.

## Packaging

MasterPel 240 admixture is available in 55 gal (208 L) drums and 275 gal (1040 L) totes.

## Related Documents

Safety Data Sheets: MasterPel 240 admixture

## Additional Information

For additional information on MasterPel 240 admixture, consult your local sales representative.

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