

# MasterRoc<sup>®</sup> SA 186

Formerly MEYCO SA 186

Alkali-free, liquid high performance set accelerator for sprayed concrete

## Product description

MasterRoc SA 186 is a high performance alkali-free set accelerator for sprayed concrete, whose dosage can be varied to the desired setting and hardening times.

## Fields of application

- Temporary and permanent ground support in tunneling and mining
- Slope stabilization
- Also suitable for acceleration of cementitious grouts, such as for annulus grout in TBM tunnels, cemented ground injection and foam concrete.

## Packaging

MasterRoc SA 186 is supplied in 210 liter drums, 1000 liter containers or in bulk.

## Features and benefits

MasterRoc SA 186 is ideally suited for wet mix sprayed concrete for ground support:

- The quick setting property allows rapid work progress and the ability to construct thick sprayed concrete linings via layered application during one construction sequence.
- The unique product formulation provides fast setting, continuous early-age strength development, high durability and good long term strength.
- Very low dust generation during application and therefore a good working environment.
- Possibility of low rebound applications when using the correct nozzle angle and distance.
- Non-aggressive properties provide improved working safety reduced environmental impact and lower handling costs.

## Technical data

Form	Suspension
Color	Beige to white
Density (+20 °C)	1.49 ± 0.03 g/ml
pH value	3.0 ± 0.5
Viscosity <sup>1)</sup>	750 ± 250 mPa·s
Thermal stability	+5 °C to +35 °C
Chloride content [Na <sub>2</sub> O] EQV. (%bw)	<0.1% <1%

<sup>1)</sup> Brookfield, + 20 °C. Viscosity is dependent on degree of product agitation and temperature.

## Application procedure

The substrate should be clean and free from loose particles and preferably damp.

It is recommended to use only fresh cement as the age of the cement can influence the setting characteristics of the mix.

MasterRoc SA 186 has a low sensitivity to the type of cement. However, with some cements high dosages are necessary for a fast setting. We recommended the use of Portland cements (PC/HPC), which often give faster setting than blended or sulfate resistant cement types. However, MasterRoc SA 186 also works well with composite cement types (blended cements, fly-ash/slag). In all cases, it is strongly recommended to carry out preliminary tests to check setting times and the 24 h strength of the cements planned for use in a project.

Evaluation of setting and 24 h strength, should be carried out on a test mortar in accordance with EFNARC European Specification for Sprayed Concrete (1996), Appendix 1, Clause 6.3.

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The following results should be taken as a performance guide only:

Initial set	Final set	24 h strength	Rating
2 min.	6-8 min.	18-20 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	good
5 min.	8-12 min.	12-15 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	OK
>10 min	>15 min.	<10 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	poor

## Concrete mix

When MasterRoc SA 186 is used for wet mix spraying, the w/c+b ratio should be below 0.5 and preferably >0.45. When targeting extremely high early strength, 0.40 or lower. The lower w/c+b ratios provide faster setting, higher early strength, improved durability, lower accelerator dosage and thicker layers can be applied overhead.

## Dosing system

MasterRoc SA 186 is added in the nozzle. It is essential to have a constant and accurate dosage of accelerator into the concrete stream. To ensure quality sprayed concrete, follow the pump selection guidelines given below:

Works very well with:

- Mono pumps (stator & rotor pumps)
- Peristaltic pumps (Bredel)

Should not to be used with:

- Piston pumps
- All pumps with ball and seat valves
- Pressure tanks
- Gear pumps

**Do not use a filter in the suction hose as this causes obstructions. Preferably draw the material off the drum/container.**

## Compatibility with other accelerators

MasterRoc SA 186 can be interchanged with most of BASF's alkali-free accelerators. For advice please contact your local BASF representative.

**Do not mix or interchange MasterRoc SA 186 with any type of accelerator produced by another manufacturer, as this could cause immediate clogging of dosing pumps and hoses.**

## Consumption

The dosage of MasterRoc SA 186 depends on the temperature conditions, reactivity of cement used and on required thickness of layers, setting time and early strength development. The consumption of MasterRoc SA 186 is normally in the range of 3 to 10 % of binder weight.

**Overdosing (>10 %) may result in decreased final strengths.**

## Cleaning of dosing pump

Prior to the use of MasterRoc SA 186, the dosing pump and other parts of the system **must be thoroughly cleaned** with plenty of water. Failure to do so provokes blockages in the dosing system. Make sure that all operators involved in testing and application are fully informed.

## Storage

- Must be stored at minimum +5 °C and maximum +35 °C (optimum temperature for storage and performance +20°C).
- Has to be kept in closed containers made of plastic, glass fiber or stainless steel.
- **Must not** be stored in normal steel containers.
- Storage in bulk tanks **requires** the use of agitation and / or circulation systems.
- After prolonged storage or transport we recommend that MasterRoc SA 186 be fully agitated prior to use by mechanical stirring or re-circulation pumping.
- If stored in tightly closed original containers under the above given conditions, it has a shelf life of 6 months. Periodical remixing can extend the shelf life further.
- Please contact your local BASF representative prior to the use of any product that has been frozen.
- After prolonged storage, performance testing should always be carried out before use.



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## Safety precautions

The same precautions as with handling and use of cementitious products should be observed:

Avoid eye and skin contact and wear rubber gloves and safety glasses. If contact occurs, rinse with plenty of water. In case of eye contact seek medical advice. For further information, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet or contact your local BASF representative.

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