

# MasterGlenium<sup>®</sup> 54

A high performance concrete superplasticiser based on modified polycarboxylic ether

## DESCRIPTION

**MasterGlenium 54** has been developed for applications primarily in precast but also readymix concrete industries where the highest durability and performance is required.

## MECHANISM OF ACTION

**MasterGlenium 54** is differentiated from conventional superplasticisers, such as those based on sulphonated melamine or naphthalene formaldehyde condensate as it is based on a unique carboxylic ether polymer with long lateral chains. This greatly improves cement dispersion. At the start of the mixing process the same electrostatic dispersion occurs but the presence of the lateral chains, linked to the polymer backbone, generate a steric hindrance which stabilises the cement particles capacity to separate and disperse.

This mechanism provides flowable concrete with greatly reduced water demand and enhanced early strength.

## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

The excellent dispersion properties of **MasterGlenium 54** make it the ideal admixture for precast or ready-mix where low water cement ratios are required. This property allows the production of very high early and high ultimate strength concrete with minimal voids and therefore optimum density. Due to the strength development characteristics the elimination or reduction of steam curing in precast works may be considered as an economical option.

- high workability without segregation or bleeding
- less vibration required
- can be placed and compacted in congested reinforcement
- reduced labour requirement
- improved surface finish

**MasterGlenium 54** may be used in combination with **MasterMatrix** for producing Smart Dynamic Concrete (SDC). The technology produces advanced self compacting concrete, without the aid of vibration. For economic, ecological and ergonomic ready-mix / precast concrete production.

**MasterGlenium 54** can be used to produce very high early strength floor screeds. For screed mix designs consult BASF Technical Services.

## PACKAGING

**MasterGlenium 54** is available in 208 litre drums and in bulk tanks upon request.

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES\*

|                  |                                  |
|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Form             | Whitish to straw coloured liquid |
| Relative density | 1.07                             |
| pH               | 5-8                              |

## STANDARDS

ASTM C-494 Type F & G  
BS EN 934-2

## EFFECT ON HARDENED CONCRETE

- increased early and ultimate compressive strengths
- increased flexural strength
- better resistance to carbonation
- lower permeability
- better resistance to aggressive atmospheric conditions
- reduced shrinkage and creep
- increased durability

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(Formerly known as Glenium 54)

## COMPATIBILITY

**MasterGlenium 54** is not compatible with **MasterRheobuild** superplasticizers.

**MasterGlenium 54** is suitable for mixes containing all types of Portland cement and cementitious materials as follows:

- microsilica
- fly ash (PFA)
- ground granulated blast furnace slag GGBS

## DOSAGE

The normal dosage for **MasterGlenium 54** is between 0.50 and 1.75 litres per 100kg of cement (cementitious material). Dosages outside this range are permissible subject to trial mixes.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

**MasterGlenium 54** is a ready to use admixture that is added to the concrete at the time of batching.

The maximum effect is achieved when the **MasterGlenium 54** is added after the addition of 70% of the water. **MasterGlenium 54** must not be added to the dry materials.

Thorough mixing is essential and a minimum mixing cycle, after the addition of the **MasterGlenium 54**, of 60 seconds for forced action mixers is recommended.

## STORAGE

**MasterGlenium 54** should be stored above 5°C in closed containers or storage tanks to protect from evaporation and extreme temperatures. The shelf life is 1 year when stored as above.

The occurrence of a surface layer with **MasterGlenium 54** is normal and will have no effect on the performance of the product.

## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

**MasterGlenium 54** contains no hazardous substances requiring labelling. For further information refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet.

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