

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259

(formerly MasterGlenium® 3259)

Polycarboxylic ether-based superplasticizer for the production of high quality ready-mix concrete

DESCRIPTION

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is an innovative second generation superplasticizer based on polycarboxylic ether (PCE) polymers and is specially engineered for ready-mixed concrete.

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is differentiated from conventional superplasticisers, such as those based on sulphonated naphthalene formaldehyde condensate in that 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.

USES

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is used for the production of high quality ready-mixed concrete.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging	Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is available in 1000 litre IBC's.
Appearance / Colour	Brownish Liquid
Shelf Life	The shelf life is 12 months from date of production, when stored in an unopened container
Storage Conditions	Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 should be stored out of direct sunlight and protected from extremes of temperature.
Density	1.065 - 1.105
pH-Value	4.5 – 6.5

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

For the Ready-mix Producer:

- Capability of delivering high performance concrete at any time to the job site in place
- Production of a concrete with low water cement ratios with excellent workability retention properties.
- Single product for many application needs
- Assist partially with rheology improvement when using problematic aggregates

For the Contractor / Applicator:

- Easier placing and faster strength development
- Improved concrete surfaces
- Guarantee to place the same concrete as specified and ordered from ready-mix plant

For the Engineer:

- Insurance that concrete meets original specification
- High quality durable concrete

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage

The normally recommended dosage rate of Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is: **0.5 to 1.5 litre per 100kg** of total cementitious material.

Other dosages may be recommended in special cases according to the specific site conditions.

In this case, please consult our Technical Services Department for advice.

Compatibility

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is not compatible with Sikament RB superplasticizers.

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is suitable for mixes containing:

- Microsilica (Silica Fume)
- Fly Ash (PFA)
- GGBS (ground granulated blast furnace slag)

The occurrence of a surface layer with Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is normal and will have no effect on the performance of the product.

Dispensing

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is a ready-to-use admixture to be added to the concrete as a separate component.

Optimal result is obtained if Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is poured into the concrete mix right after the addition of the first 80% of the mixing water, i.e. when all solids are wetted.

Avoid adding the admixture to the dry aggregates.

BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this Product Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

ECOLOGY HEALTH AND SAFETY

No special requirements must be observed during use. Protection gloves and glasses are however recommended.

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 is non-flammable, non-toxic or irritant and is not subject to special transport requirements.

PRECAUTIONS

Sika® ViscoCrete® GL 3259 contains no hazardous substances requiring labelling.

For further information refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

LEGAL NOTES

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 accordance with Sika's recommendations. 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 user of the product must test the product's suitability for the intended application and purpose. Sika reserves the right to change the properties of its products. The proprietary rights of third parties must be observed. All orders are accepted subject to our current terms of sale and delivery. Users must always refer to the most recent issue of the local Product Data Sheet for the product concerned, copies of which will be supplied on request.

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