

MasterFiber 143

Polypropylene fibre for reinforcement in cast and sprayed concrete applications as an alternative and/or supplement to existing concrete reinforcement products

Material Description

MasterFiber 143 is engineered for use as secondary reinforcement to control shrinkage, temperature, and settlement cracking.

MasterFiber 143 is an option for the replacement or supplementation of steel mesh reinforcement and is an easy-to-use secondary reinforcement system that is rust proof and alkali resistant.

MasterFiber 143 conforms to the requirements of EN 14889.2 Class II.

Areas of Application

MasterFiber 143 applications include, but are not limited to:

- Slabs on ground: footpaths, shared user paths, industrial floors, and hardstands
- Precast: Pits, troughs, tanks, and panels
- Shotcrete: Ground support of tunnels, mines, and civil slope stabilization

Characteristics and Benefits

- Allows for full or partial substitution of steel mesh reinforcement
- Reduces labour, construction, transport, and storage costs compared to a solution with conventional reinforcement
- Improves concrete ductility and energy absorption
- Provides increased flexural toughness to the concrete and decreases crack occurrence due to constrained deformation and impact
- Enables carbon reduction within the concrete element
- Provides a rust free reinforcing solution
- Excellent resistance in alkaline and acidic environments
- Easy to dose either at the batch plant or on site concrete mixer truck prior to application
- Safe to handle and no negative impacts on machinery wear

Properties

Polymer type	Virgin polypropylene
Sectional shape	Rectangular
Longitudinal shape	Embossed
Length	47 mm
Equivalent diameter	0.95 mm
Aspect ratio	49
Ultimate tensile strength	550 MPa
Young's modulus	10 GPa
Density	0.91 g/cm ³
Melting point	Approx. 170°C
Acid/alkali resistance	High

Dosing & Batching

MasterFiber 143 is packed in mulchable boxes that can be added directly to the concrete mixer. It is recommended to add fibre into a zone of sufficient shear to aid in fast fibre distribution through the mix.

After the addition of **MasterFiber 143** to the mix, it is recommended to mix for a minimum of 120 – 180 seconds. High fibre dosages may require a higher mixing time in order to achieve sufficient dispersion.

The mechanical performance of **MasterFiber 143** is influenced by the mix design and cementitious materials used. Preliminary tests under practical conditions with regards to mixing and casting are advised for a proper assessment.

Packaging

1 pallet of **MasterFiber 143** is made up of:

- 114 x 5.0 kg mulchable boxes = 570 kg per pallet
- 225 x 2.5 kg mulchable boxes = 562.5 kg per pallet

Each pallet is covered by a waterproof cover. **MasterFiber 143** is wrapped in water-soluble PVA to form bundles to aid in concrete mix dispersion.

MasterFiber I43

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Storage & Shelf Life

MasterFiber I43 is to be stored undercover and protected from the weather.

Note

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