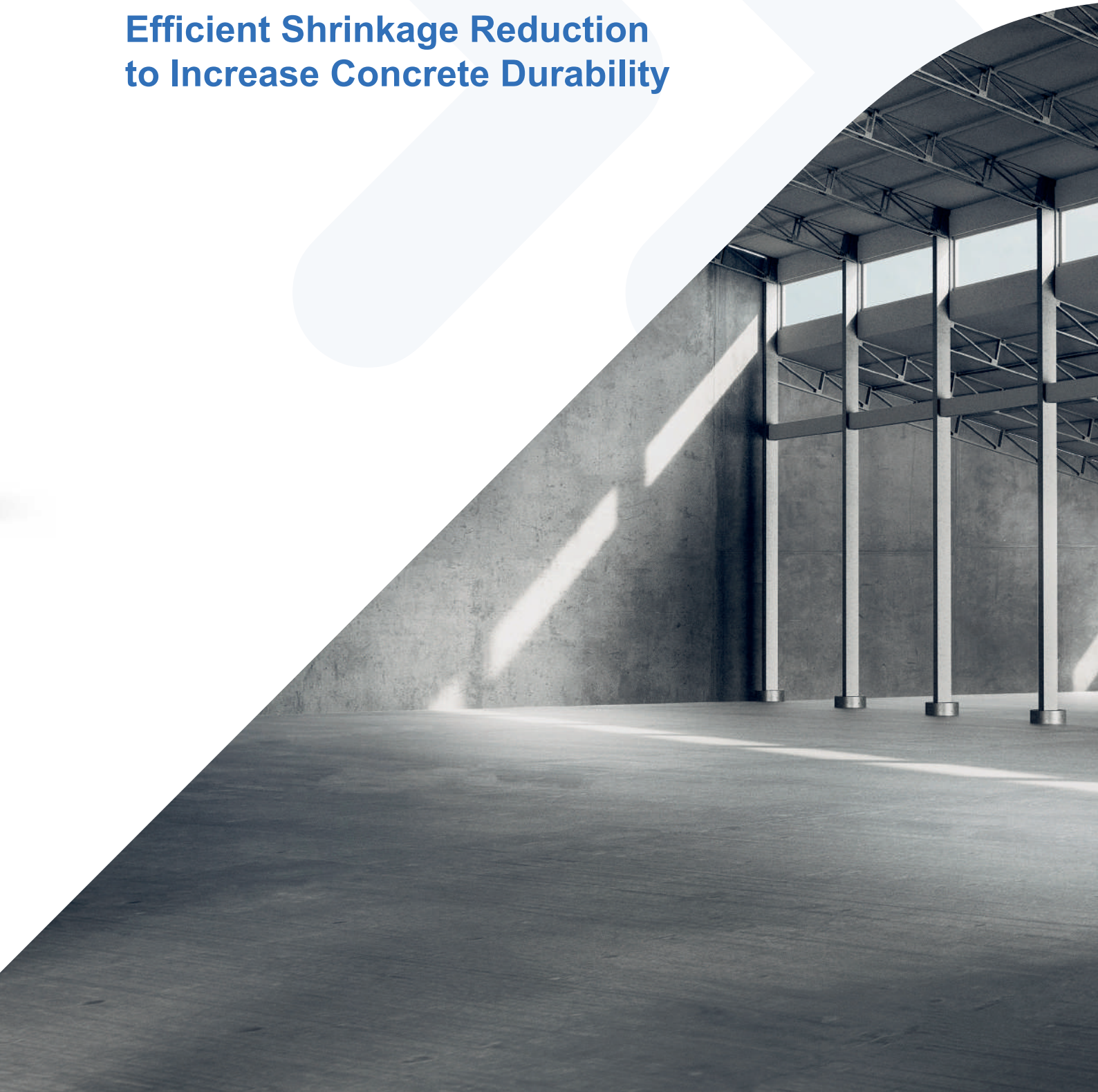


# — MB-Life SRA

**Efficient Shrinkage Reduction  
to Increase Concrete Durability**



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# MB-Life SRA

## Next Level of Shrinkage Reducing Admixtures

### What is MB-Life SRA?

Master Builders Solutions offers a broad range of tailored products covering all requirements regarding concrete durability and serviceability. MB-Life SRA are liquid shrinkage reducing admixtures which reduce both the autogenous and drying shrinkage of concrete while maintaining its mechanical properties.

This results in customer benefits which comprise both economic and technical advantages for the whole value chain of concrete industry. The admixtures do not contain any expansive material, but chemically reduce the internal capillary forces.

Product benefits at a glance		MB-Life SRA 915	MB-Life SRA 833	MB-Life SRA 900
	<b>Target group</b>	Ready-Mix Precast	Ready-Mix Precast	Ready-Mix Precast
	<b>Indication</b>	Economic	Benchmark	Premium
	<b>Shrinkage reduction</b>	**	***	****
	<b>Cement compatibility</b>	***	***	***
	<b>Strength retention</b>	***	***	***
	<b>Retardation tendency</b>	**	***	***
	<b>Efficiency</b>	**	***	****
	<b>CE marking</b>		Yes	No
	<b>Further aspects</b>	Very low emission of VOC (reaching highest class A+ acc. to EN ISO 16000-9:2006 in combination with French decree 321/2011)		

\*= mild

\*\*= good

\*\*\*= very good

\*\*\*\*= excellent



# Shrinkage of Concrete – A Complex Story

## Overview on shrinkage characteristics

Shrinkage describes the external changes in the volume of concrete (contraction) which are independent of the loading and caused by changes in the water regime and the chemical reaction (hydration) of the concrete. Shrinkage can be separated into the four types: plastic

shrinkage, autogenous shrinkage, drying shrinkage and carbonation shrinkage (usually negligible for construction concrete). Due to shrinkage, concrete may exhibit a severe crack development which favours the ingress of harmful substances, potentially leading to a decreased durability.

### Plastic shrinkage



### Autogenous Shrinkage



### Drying shrinkage



## Definitions

Water loss on concrete surface

Self-desiccation due to cement hydration

Environmental water loss due to drying of concrete

## Mainly influenced by

- Relative humidity
- Wind conditions
- Temperature
- Setting behaviour (retarder, low cement content, SCM)

- w/c ratio < 0.40
- Cement type
- Cement content
- Stiffness of aggregates

- w/c ratio  $\geq$  0.40
- Cement type
- Concrete mix design
- Ambient conditions
- Concrete member size

## Measures to compete

**MB-Kure**  
surface treatment

**MB-Fiber 012**  
synthetic micro fibers

**MB-Life SRA 150**  
expansion agent

**MB-Life SRA**  
organic shrinkage reducing admixtures  
recommended dosage: 1 – 2.5 % bwc

# Proof of Performance – See the Difference

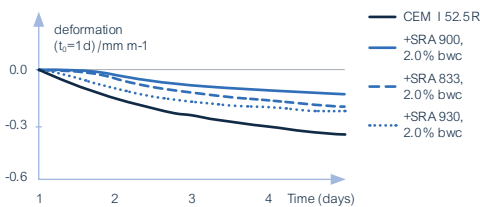
## Next level MB-Life SRA: Enhanced performance all along the line

The highly efficient shrinkage reducing admixtures reduce the autogenous and drying shrinkage already at usual dosages of 1% by weight of cement (bwc). They are beneficial for ready-mix producers, precast industry and /or general contractors, which intend to reduce the life cycle

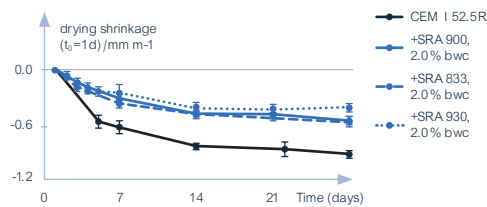
costs of a construction. Reduced crack widths lead towards a higher durability and an increased joint spacing in slabs may help saving further costs, while a high cement compatibility and excellent strength retention properties guarantee practical application possibilities.

## Experimental results with cement mortars (w/c ratio = 0.35)

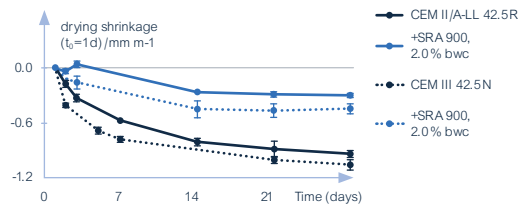
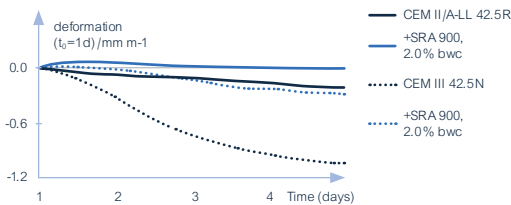
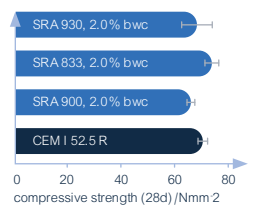
### Autogenous shrinkage ASTM C 1698



### Drying shrinkage DIN 52450

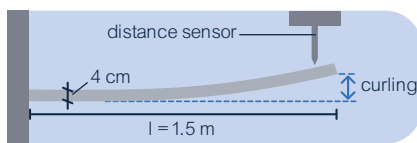


### Strength DIN EN 12390-3

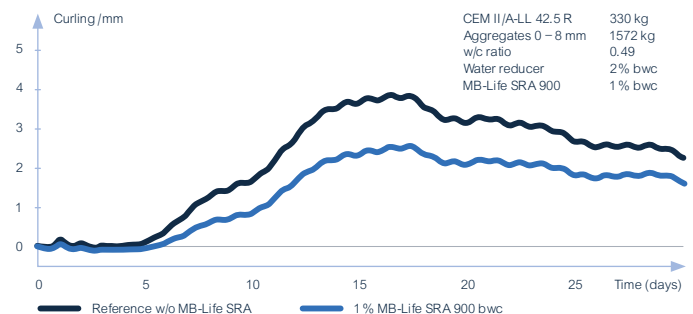


Analogous dependencies were found for further cement class /SRA combinations and results are available upon specific project request!

## Curling of thin self-levelling screed (SLS)



Slabs with width of 25 cm exposed to ambient climate conditions



## Contact us!

For recommendations regarding compatibility with other chemicals or building materials, please consult your local Master Builders Solutions Technical Advisor.



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