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# Material description

MasterGlenium SKY 421 is an innovative second generation superplasticizer of polycarboxylic ether (PCE) polymers. It is derived directly from the Total Performance ControlTM concept.

MasterGlenium SKY 421 is specially engineered for ready-mix Rheoplastic concrete having fluid consistence and self-compacting concrete, having a good workability retention. The fresh concrete shows no segregation and at the same time has a low water cement ratio and, consequently, high early and long term strengths as per EN 206 and UNI 11104 standards. MasterGlenium SKY 421 is advised to optimise mix design giving a better rheology and a less viscous concrete. To be used in winter weather conditions.

MasterGlenium SKY 421 is chloride free, meets EN 934-2, and it is compatible with all cements meeting the EN 197-1 standards.

# Total Performance Control™

The Total Performance Control™ concept ensures that readymix producers, contractors and engineers get a concrete that is of the same high quality as originally specified; starting from production at the batching plant, to the delivery and placing into the formworks and followed by its hardening process. Utilizing Rheodynamic™ concrete technology it provides a concrete mix with exceptional placing characteristics and accelerated cement hydration for early strength development and high-quality concrete.

# The chemistry of MasterGlenium SKY

The Total Performance Control<sup>TM</sup> concept is the result of years of study of an in-house expertise in nanotechnology. This allows Master Builders Solutions to control the chemical and physical behaviour of polymers and their interactions with cement.

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of molecules on cement particles, imparting a negative charge that causes electrostatic repulsion and steric hindrance between them and, therefore, causing dispersion. The hydration, and particularly the ettringite formation, works against the superplasticiser. The molecules already adsorbed are covered by the ettringite lawn and thus are ineffective.

The particular configuration of the MasterGlenium SKY molecules allows its delayed adsorption onto the cement particles and disperses them efficiently over a long period of time. The molecular structure is essential for the early development of strength. With superplasticizers based on conventional polycarboxylate ether, the molecules cover the entire surface of the cement grain and build a barrier against contact with water. Therefore, the hydration process takes place slowly. MasterGlenium SKY molecules on the other hand leave sufficient surface of the cement exposed to allow contact with water for a rapid hydration reaction which results in high early strength development.

### Benefits for Ready-mix producer

Total Performance Control and the use of MasterGlenium SKY 421 offers the following benefit to the ready-mix concrete producer:

- Reduction the water content with respect to the state of the art polycarboxylate based superplasticisers.
- Production of Rheoplastic and Rheodynamic concrete having a very low W/C.
- Workability retention for a longer period especially in hot weather conditions avoiding the problem of re-tempering with water before the pouring operation.
- Improvement of the rheology even in concrete mixes having a low fines content.
- Good pumpability
- Optimization of the production of durable concrete as per the EN 206 standards.

As compared to the traditional superplasticisers, the engineering properties such as early and ultimate compressive and flexural strengths, bond to steel, and modulus of elasticity, shrinkage, creep, and impermeability are improved



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# Compatibility

In order to optimise some special properties of the concrete, use of the following complementary admixtures is suggested:

- air entraining agent MasterAir to improve freeze thaw resistance (exposure class XFI to XF4, EN 206);
- silica fume, MasterLife MS 610, for high performance concrete and to improve the durability in chemical aggressive environments (exposure class XA1 to XA3, EN 206)
- synthetic micro fibres MasterFiber to prevent cracks due to plastic shrinkage;
- curing agent MasterKure for sealing the surface of freshly finished concrete against rapid evaporation of water which may cause plastic shrinkage cracking
- demoulding agent from MasterFinish line for good surface appearance. curing agent

In compliance with the European Regulation (EU No 305/2011 and EU No. 574/2014) the product is provided with the CE marking according to UNI EN 934-2 and the relative DoP (Declaration of Performance).



EN 934-2

Table 3.1 – 3.2

High range water reducing/superplasticizing admixtures

### Dosage

MasterGlenium SKY 421 The recommended dosage rate range is 0.6 to 1.0 L per 100 kg of binder.

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

In such cases please consult our Technical Service Department for advice.

### Packaging and storage

MasterGlenium SKY 421 is available in bulk and in 1.000L tanks. Samples available in 10L canisters.

MasterGlenium SKY 421 must be stored in a place where the temperature does not drop below 5 °C. In case of freezing, warm up and homogenise the admixture solution before using.

#### Directions for use

MasterGlenium SKY 421 is a liquid admixture to be added to the concrete during the mixing process:

- mix cement and secondary binders, sand, coarse aggregates and the mix water until a stiff, yet homogeneous, mixture is obtained;
- optimal mixing water reduction is obtained if MasterGlenium SKY 42 I is mixed into the concrete right after the addition of the initial 80-90% of the total water;
- avoid adding the admixture to the dry aggregates;
- add MasterGlenium SKY 42 I admixture and mix again for to 60 seconds in order to disperse it homogeneously;
- continue mixing until required workability is obtained, with addition of the remaining water.

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 $\label{eq:masterGlenium} {\it MasterGlenium SKY 421} \ \ is \ not \ compatible \ with \ all \ admixtures \\ of \ {\it MasterRheobuild series}.$ 



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Technical Information	
Form	Liquid
Relative density (g/cc at 20°C)	1.012 – 1.052
Essential characteristic in accordance to EN 934-2	Performance
Chloride ion content	≤ 0.1% by mass
Alkali content (Na₂O equivalent)	≤ 2.5%
Corrosion behaviuor	Contains component only from EN 934-1: 2008 Annex A. I
Compressive strength	Equal consistence: 24h ≥ 140%; 28 days ≥ 115% Equal w/c ratio: 28 days ≥ 90%
Air content	Equal consistence: ≤ 2.0 % Equal w/c ratio: ≤ 2.0 %
Water reduction	≥ 12%
Consistency	Increase: ≥ 120 mm Retention: comply 3.2

# Safety instruction

For information on the correct and safe use, transport, storage and disposal of the product, consult the most recent Safety Data Sheet.

# Other services

For additional technical information, brochures, references, technical reports and technical support please visit <a href="https://www.master-builders-solutions.com/it-it">www.master-builders-solutions.com/it-it</a> or alternatively contact <a href="mailto:infomac@masterbuilders.com">infomac@masterbuilders.com</a>.

Scan QR code to visit the product page and download the latest version of this technical data sheet and any additional documentation.





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