

Conbextra UW

Non-Shrink Cementitious Grout for Underwater Applications

Uses

Conbextra UW is used for free flow or pumped grouting applications underwater or in tidal zones. There will be no significant 'wash-out' of the cement phase. Applications include bridge columns, quay pillars, concrete piling, slipways and dams.

Advantages

- No risk of significant 'wash-out' of cement phase when placed underwater.
- Displaces water effectively.
- Gaseous expansion system compensates for shrinkage and settlement in the plastic state.
- High early and ultimate strength and exceptional resistance to freeze-thaw cycling ensure durability of the hardened grout.
- Chloride free
- Pre-packaged needing only on site addition of water.

Description

Conbextra UW is supplied as a ready to use powder. The addition of controlled amount of clean water produces a free flowing grout. The grout exhibits exceptional resistance to 'washing-out' of the cement phase when placed in stationery or moving water.

Conbextra UW is a blend of cement, graded fine aggregate and chemical additives which impart controlled expansion, water reduction and non 'wash-out' characteristics. The aggregate grading minimizes segregation and bleeding whilst assisting the flow characteristics.

Technical Support

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Properties

The following results were obtained at a water:powder

ratio of 0.21 and temperature of 23+/-3°C.

Test Method	Typical Result
Compressive Strength (ASTM C109)	20 - 25 N/mm ² @ 1 day
	33 - 40 N/mm ² @ 7 days
	43 - 50 N/mm ² @ 28 days
Density of hardened grout	Approx. 2050 kg/m ³

Applications Instructions

Preparation

The substrate surface must be free from oil, grease or any loosely adherent material. If the concrete surface is defective or has laitance, it must be cut to a sound base.

Substrates which are permanently immersed should be sand-blasted or cleaned with a high pressure water jet. Non-immersed or intermittently substrates can be prepared using these techniques. Alternatively scabbling or bush hammering may be appropriate.

Formwork

The formwork should be constructed to be leakproof as Conbextra UW is a free flowing grout. This can be achieved by using foam rubber strip or silicon sealant 33 beneath the construction formwork and between joints.

Mixing

For best results a mechanically powered grout mixer should be used. It is essential that machine mixing capacity and labour availability is adequate to enable the grouting operation to be carried out continuously.

Measure accurately 5.5 litres of water for each 25 kg bag into the mixer. Slowly add the Conbextra UW whilst mixing continuously. When all the powder is add mix continuously for 5 minutes ensuring a smooth even consistency is obtained (fluidity will increase with increased mixing).

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Placing

Place the grout within 20 minutes of mixing to gain the full benefit of the expansion process. Continuous grout flow is essential. The mixed grout should be poured or pumped through a flexible tube, having a minimum diameter of 50mm, to the lowest point in the form.

Care must be taken at the start of the grouting operation to restrict the grout flow so that water is not entrapped. The tube may be raised as necessary to reduce any back pressure. It should not be raised above the surface level of the grout.

Conbextra UW can be placed in thickness up to 75mm in one pour when used above water. When used underwater, the heat sink effect in this environment will allow thickness of up to 150mm to be placed. For thicker sections, up to 200mm above water and 400mm underwater, fill out Conbextra UW with clean rounded well graded aggregate ranging from 2 to 10mm. The ratio of aggregate added to Conbextra UW should not exceed 1:1 by weight. For such mixes a concrete mixer should be used. Unrestrained surface area should be kept to a minimum.

Curing

Curing will not be required in intermittently or totally submerged situations. However, when cast above water, exposed areas should be thoroughly cured with Concure membrane, continuous application of water and/or wet hessian.

Cleaning

Because of its water resisting properties, equipment used for Conbextra UW will be difficult to clean. The use of hot

water for cleaning purposes will assist.

Estimating

Supply

Conbextra UW is supplied in 25kg paper bags.

Yield

Conbextra UW	13-14.5 ltrs/25kg bag when mixed with 5.5 litre of water
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Note: Allowance should be made for wastage when estimating quantities required

Storage

Conbextra UW has a shelf life of 12 months if kept in a dry store in warehouse T= 25 – 35 °C, RH 50 – 65%. Avoid direct sunlight. Keeping outside recommended condition can cause shorter shelf life.

Precautions

Health and safety

During use, avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin and eyes. Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, eye protective and respiratory protection equipment.. In case of contact with skin, rinse with plenty of clean water, then cleanse with soap and water. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of clean water and seek medical advice. If swallowed, seek medical attention immediately – do not induce vomiting.

Fire

Conbextra UW is non-flammable.

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