

POZZOLITH[®] 590

Accelerating and high early strength admixture

DESCRIPTION

POZZOLITH 590 is a ready-to-use liquid admixture formulated to accelerate the setting time of concrete under any conditions and to produce high-early strength in special application concrete.

RECOMMENDED FOR

POZZOLITH 590 is recommended for concrete requiring faster setting times and strength (compressive and flexural) gain in any temperature conditions. **POZZOLITH 590** is ideally suited for cold weather slab work and highway repair applications where chlorides are not restricted.

Note: **POZZOLITH 590** does contain added calcium chloride. Should restrictions on chloride contents apply, contact your local BASF Construction Chemicals Technical Sales Representative to determine the levels of chlorides present for particular dose rates of **POZZOLITH 590**.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Concrete with **POZZOLITH 590** admixture has a significantly faster setting time than plain concrete. Increasing the dosage rate increases set acceleration.

Both the compressive and the flexural strengths of concrete with **POZZOLITH 590** develop more rapidly than with plain concrete.

Benefits to concrete construction and to the manufacture of concrete products because of this earlier setting and strength gain include:

- earlier finishing of slabwork
- more efficient scheduling, generally faster construction and earlier occupancy
- earlier stripping and reuse of forms
- earlier use of concrete structure

DOSAGE

POZZOLITH 590 is effective at dose rates up to 4 litres per 100kg of cementitious binder. The dosage rate is dependent on the ambient concrete temperatures, cement chemistry and the amount of acceleration required. To determine the amount of chlorides **POZZOLITH 590** contributes to a concrete mix, contact your local BASF Construction Chemicals Technical Sales Representative.

The degree of set-acceleration increases with dose rates, allowing the producer to control the setting rate of the concrete.

Since setting time and concrete strength are also influenced by the chemical and physical composition of the basic ingredients of the concrete, trial mixes should be made with job materials approximating job conditions to determine the dosage required for a given degree of acceleration and strength gain.

POZZOLITH 590 can be used with air-entraining and BASF admixtures, to achieve cost-effective customised concrete performance. However, admixtures should be added separately to initial batching water to ensure complete distribution throughout the mix. **POZZOLITH 590** should not be used in conjunction with other admixtures supplied by other manufacturers unless specific test information is available.

PACKAGING

POZZOLITH 590 is available in sealed 205 litre drums and bulk delivery.

STORAGE

POZZOLITH 590 can be stored in either fibreglass or mild steel tanks. Steel tanks may be lined with epoxide systems, urethane or vinyl. Aluminium is subject to corrosion and is not recommended.

Bronze valves are recommended, however, steel is satisfactory under air free conditions. Yellow brass is unsuitable.

Note: Corrosion of unlined steel tanks will occur if the tanks are not kept full of **POZZOLITH 590**.

PRECAUTIONS

Under certain conditions resistance to corrosion of reinforcement is impaired, so use of the product is not recommended in:

- pre-tensioned concrete
- marine environments
- reinforced concrete with inadequate cover

For the full health and safety hazard information and how to safely handle and use this product, please make sure that you obtain a copy of the BASF **Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)** from our office or our website.



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