

# RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> SF 100

Silica fume mineral admixture

## DESCRIPTION

**RHEOMAC SF 100** is a dry, compacted, silica fume mineral admixture formulated to produce concrete with special performance qualities. It improves the hardened characteristics of concrete in two main ways.

Firstly, **RHEOMAC SF 100** is a pozzolan which reacts chemically within the concrete to increase the amount of calcium silicate hydrate gel formed, thus improving the strength and impermeability of the concrete. Secondly, **RHEOMAC SF 100** is an ultra-fine material that, when added to concrete, physically fills the voids between cement particles resulting in an extremely dense and impermeable concrete.

**RHEOMAC SF 100** meets AS/NZS 3582.3 Amorphous Silica and ASTM C 1240 requirements.

## RECOMMENDED FOR

The reduced permeability of concrete produced with **RHEOMAC SF 100** greatly limits the ingress of water, chlorides, sulphates, and aggressive chemicals known for promoting reinforcing steel corrosion and other distress in the concrete. This makes **RHEOMAC SF 100** an ideal product for use in basement structures, parking decks, bridge decks, marine structures, and any construction that requires the protection provided by impermeable concrete.

Because of its pozzolanic and void-filling properties, the addition of **RHEOMAC SF 100** to conventional concrete can also provide ultra high compressive strengths. This allows for design flexibility, resulting in reduced member size, increased span lengths, and improves overall structural economics.

As a result of the preceding advantages, **RHEOMAC SF 100** will improve performance in wet and dry shotcrete, prestressed, precast, and ready-mixed concrete applications.

When air entrainment is desired, an air-entraining admixture is recommended. Please consult your local BASF Technical Sales Representative. It is also recommended that **RHEOMAC SF 100** be used in conjunction with a high range, water-reducing admixture, such as Rheobuild or Glenium admixtures for maximum workability while maintaining a low water-cementitious ratio.

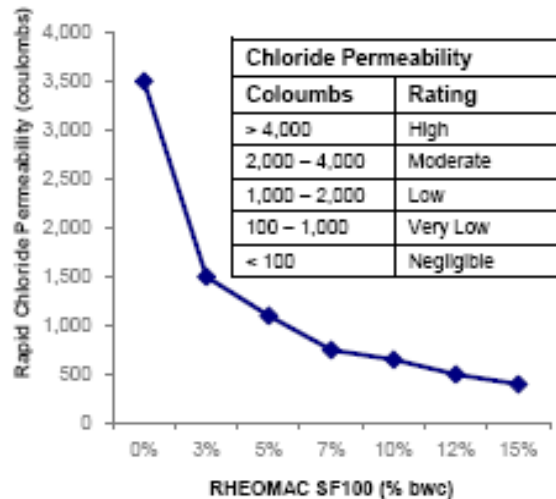
## FEATURES AND BENEFITS

**RHEOMAC SF 100** aids in the production of concrete with the following special qualities:

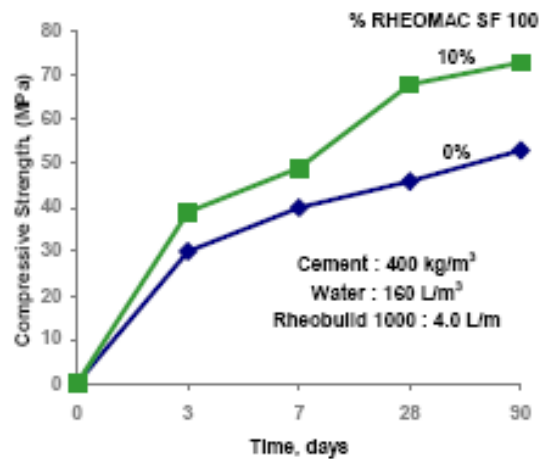
- Dramatically improved durability
- Uniformly high compressive strength
- Abrasion and erosion protection
- Better flexural strengths at all ages
- Low permeability
- Excellent freeze/thaw resistance

## TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA

Example of the influence of **RHEOMAC SF 100** on rapid chloride permeability.



## Compressive Strength (MPa)



## HOW IT WORKS

**RHEOMAC SF 100** silica fume is a micro-filling material that physically fills the voids between cement particles. **RHEOMAC SF 100** silica fume dramatically lowers concrete permeability and reduces the size and number of capillaries that allow contaminants to enter concrete.

As a pozzolan, **RHEOMAC SF 100** silica fume reacts chemically within concrete to increase the amount of calcium silicate hydrate (CSH) that is formed. CSH is the bonding agent that holds concrete together.

The additional CSH significantly increases the compressive strength and decreases the permeability of concrete.



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## COMPATIBILITY

RHEOMAC SF 100 silica fume can be used with Portland cements approved under AS, NZS, AS;/NZS and similar international standards and specifications. It is compatible with most concrete admixtures, including all BASF Construction Chemicals admixtures.

RHEOMAC SF 100 silica fume is recommended for use in combination with high-range water-reducers, such as Rheobuild and Glenium admixtures, for maximum workability while maintaining a low water-cementitious materials ratio.

## RATE OF HARDENING

Setting time of concrete is influenced by the chemical and physical composition of the cement and/or cement type used to produce the concrete, temperature of the concrete, weather conditions, and the use of chemical admixtures. Trial mixes should be made with the job materials to determine the setting time of a specific mixture.

RHEOMAC SF 100 silica fume will not initiate or promote corrosion of reinforcing steel embedded in concrete, prestressed concrete or concrete placed on galvanized steel floor and roof systems. Neither calcium chloride nor any chloride based ingredients are used in the manufacture of RHEOMAC SF 100 silica fume.

## DISPENSING

RHEOMAC SF 100 is batched at the ready-mix plant in a manner similar to cement or other cementitious materials such as fly ash and granulated slag. RHEOMAC SF 100 is supplied in biodegradable bags and can be placed directly into the agitator. It is recommended that RHEOMAC SF 100 be used with a BASF Construction Chemicals high-range water reducer in order to provide maximum workability while maintaining the desired low water/cement ratio.

**Note :** For directions on the proper use of RHEOMAC SF 100 in specific applications, contact your local BASF Technical Sales Representative.

## DOSAGE

RHEOMAC SF 100 is recommended for use at an addition rate of 5 to 15% by weight of cement, depending on the amount of strength increase or impermeability desired. The exact amount for strength or durability requirements should be determined by trial batches using project materials.

The above addition rate applies to most concrete mixes using average concrete ingredients. However, variations in the job conditions and concrete materials may make an amount outside the recommended range desirable. In such cases, contact your local BASF Technical Sales Representative.

## PACKAGING

RHEOMAC SF 100 is supplied in 10kg degradable bags and 960kg bulk bags.

## SHELF LIFE

RHEOMAC SF 100 can be kept for more than 12 months time if stored in original packaging, in a cool dry place and protected against physical damage.

## PRECAUTIONS

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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