

CRYSTALLINE WATERPROOFING ADMIXTURE

DESCRIPTION

PENETRON ADMIX® (integral crystalline waterproofing admix) is added to the concrete mix at the time of batching. PENETRON ADMIX® consists of Portland cement, very fine treated silica sand and various active, proprietary chemicals. These active chemicals react with the moisture in fresh concrete with the by-products of cement hydration to cause a catalytic reaction, which generates a non-soluble crystalline formation throughout the pores and capillary tracts of the concrete. Thus the concrete becomes permanently sealed against the penetration of water or liquids from any direction. The concrete is also protected from deterioration, due to harsh environmental conditions. After demolding, the structure needs no other waterproofing protection, apart from repairing of spalled and honeycombed areas with PENECRETE MORTAR™. PENETRON ADMIX® has been specially formulated to meet varying project and temperature conditions (see *Setting Time and Strength*). Consult with PENETRON Hellas for additional detailed support on your project.

RECOMMENDED FOR

- ▶ Reservoirs
- ▶ Sewage and water treatment plants
- ▶ Secondary containment structures
- ▶ Tunnels and subway system
- ▶ Underground vaults
- ▶ Foundations
- ▶ Parking structures
- ▶ Swimming pools
- ▶ Pre-Cast, Cast-in-Place and Shotcrete applications

ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Resists extreme hydrostatic pressure from either positive or negative surface of the concrete slab
- ▶ Becomes an integral part of the concrete
- ▶ Highly resistant to aggressive chemicals
- ▶ Can seal hairline cracks up to 1/64" (0.4 mm)
- ▶ Allows concrete to breathe
- ▶ Non-toxic (NSF 61 certified for potable water applications)
- ▶ Less expensive than traditional methods
- ▶ Permanent
- ▶ Added to the concrete at time of batching and therefore is not subject to climatic restraints
- ▶ Reduces construction scheduling time
- ▶ Improves durability of concrete
- ▶ Permeability Reducing Admixture for Hydrostatic conditions (PRAH)
- ▶ Zero VOC – PENETRON powdered products contain zero volatile organic compounds and are safe for use both outdoors and in confined indoor spaces.

TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Technical characteristics of concrete after PENETRON ADMIX® application

Characteristic	Test Result	Test Method
Water permeability	≤ 5,35x10 ⁻¹³ cm/s after 56 days	DIN 1048
Compressive strength	≥ 6% after 28 days	ASTM C39

All data are average values obtained under laboratory conditions. Impractical use, temperature, humidity and absorption of the substrate may influence the above given values.

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Mixing: PENETRON ADMIX® must be added to the concrete at the time of batching. The sequence of procedures for addition will vary, according to the type of batch plant operation and equipment. The following are some typical mixing guidelines. For more detailed information on dosing procedures contact PENETRON Hellas.

Mixing ratios: 1.0% by weight of cement (a minimum of 0.8%). Consult with PENETRON Hellas for assistance in verifying the appropriate dosage rate and for further information regarding enhanced chemical resistance and optimum concrete performance for your project.

Application:

Ready Mix Plant - Dry Batch Operation: Add PENETRON ADMIX® in powder form to the drum of the ready-mix truck. Drive the truck under the batch plant and add 60% - 70% of the required water along with 300-500 lb (136-227 kg) of aggregate. Mix the materials for 2-3 minutes to ensure the PENETRON ADMIX® is distributed evenly throughout the mix water. Add the balance of materials to the ready-mix truck in accordance with standard batching practices.

Ready Mix Plant - Central Mix Operation:

Add to Aggregates: Mix PENETRON ADMIX® with the aggregates in the silo and the mixture is transported by the belt conveyor to the central mix drum, where cement and water is added (taking into account the quantity of water that is needed due to PENETRON ADMIX®). Pour the concrete into the truck and mix constantly, until the truck has reached its final destination, to ensure even distribution of PENETRON ADMIX® throughout the concrete.

Add to Drum: Mix PENETRON ADMIX® with water to form a very thin slurry [e.g. 40 lb (18 kg) of powder mixed with 6 gallons (23 Lt) of water]. Pour the required amount of material into the drum of the ready-mix truck. The aggregate, cement and water should be batched and mixed in the plant in accordance with standard practices (taking into account the quantity of water that has already been placed in the ready-mix truck). Pour the concrete into the truck and mix for at least 5 minutes at fast rotary speed to ensure even distribution of PENETRON ADMIX® throughout the concrete.

Precast Batch Plant: Add PENETRON ADMIX® to the rock and sand, then mix thoroughly for 2-3 minutes before adding the cement and water. The total concrete mass should be blended using standard practices.

NOTE: It is important to obtain a homogeneous mixture of PENETRON ADMIX® with the concrete. Therefore, do not add dry PENETRON ADMIX® powder directly to wet concrete as this may cause clumping and thorough dispersion will not occur. For further information regarding the proper use of PENETRON ADMIX® for a specific project, consult PENETRON Hellas.

Setting Time and Strength: The setting time of concrete is affected by the chemical and physical composition of ingredients, temperature of the concrete and climatic conditions. Retardation of set may occur when using PENETRON ADMIX®. The amount of retardation will depend upon the concrete mix design and the dosage rate of PENETRON ADMIX®. However, under normal conditions, PENETRON ADMIX® will provide a normal set concrete. Concrete containing PENETRON ADMIX® may develop higher ultimate strengths than plain concrete. Trial mixes should be carried out under project conditions to determine setting time and strength of the concrete. Concrete treated with PENETRON ADMIX® should be placed and finished in accordance with good concrete practices. ACI guidelines and recommendations should be observed.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

When incorporating PENETRON ADMIX®, the temperature of the concrete mix should be above 40 °F (4 °C).

PACKAGING

PENETRON ADMIX® is available in 40 lb (18 kg) bags, 8 lb (3.75 kg) jugs and 6.6 lb (3 kg) soluble bags. For large projects, customized packaging is available.

STORAGE / SHELF LIFE

PENETRON products must be stored dry at a minimum temperature of 45 °F (7 °C). Shelf life is one year when stored under proper conditions.

SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

PENETRON ADMIX® is alkaline. As a cementitious powder or mixture, PENETRON ADMIX® may cause significant skin and eye irritation. Penetron International, Ltd. also maintains comprehensive and up-to-date Material Safety Data Sheets on all its products. Each sheet contains health and safety information for the protection of your employees and customers. Contact Penetron International, Ltd. or PENETRON Hellas to obtain copies of Material Safety Data Sheets prior to product storage or use.

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PENETRON ADMIX

Crystalline Capillary Admixture Water Resisting Admixture

Chloride content: < 0.10 % by mass

Alkali content: < 10.3 % by mass

Compressive strength: ≥ 85% of control

Conventional dry material content: > 99.5%

Air content in fresh concrete: ≤ 2% by volume

Capillary absorption (after 90 day curing): ≤ 60% by mass