

### HARDENING ACCELERATOR FOR UNREINFORCED CEMENT, CONCRETE AND MORTAR

#### Description

CONSET CA is ready to use Chloride based liquid accelerating admixture for use in unreinforced concrete, mortar and portland cement. CONSET CA reduces the hardening times in general and specially under cold weather, leading to high early and ultimate strengths. In addition, it reduces bleed and segregation while improves workability.

CONSET CA should be replaced by CONSET NCA, chloride free accelerating concrete admixture, where there is embedded or prestressed steel, or where sulphate resistant cement is used or when steam curing is employed. For advice in specific situations please contact our technical staff.

#### Uses

To accelerate the setting / hardening time and early strength gain of unreinforced Portland cement concrete and mortar mixes. Typical applications include:

- Precast concrete production
- Repairs of the industrial floors
- Early de-stripping in cold weather

#### Advantages

Superior finishing characteristics for flatwork and cast surfaces

- Earlier finishing of slabs - reduced labor costs
- Reduced protection time in cold weather
- Earlier stripping and reuse of forms
- Earlier structural use of concrete, as in lift-slab, tilt-up, paving and floors
- Easy to disperse in concrete mixtures, as it is liquid

#### Standard Compliance

CONSET NCA complies with ASTM C494 as Type C.

#### Characteristics

Form	: Liquid
Colour	: Brownish
Relative Density	: 1.23 ± 0.02 at 250°C
pH	: Min. 6

#### Doses

Optimum dosage of CONSET CA should be determined by site trials only using the materials and temperature conditions that will be experienced in use, the dose will increase when temperature will decrease.

However, as a guide, a dosage range of 1 to 4% on cementitious material is recommended.

Dosages outside of the recommended range may be required at colder climatic conditions. In such cases, contact our local representative.

#### Effects of Overdosing

Result in increase in initial acceleration, but will not materially alter the ultimate strength or characteristics of the cured concrete or mortar.

#### Direction for Use

CONSET CA is a ready-to-use liquid admixture.

For maximum dispersion throughout the mix, measured quantity of CONSET CA should be added into the mixer at the same time as the mixing water. The plasticizing effect and water reduction will be higher when the admixture will be added to the damp concrete by adding 60 to 80% of the mixing water in it.

The addition of CONSET CA to dry aggregate or cement is not recommended.

#### Compatibility

CONSET CA can be used with all types of cements except high alumina cement. CONSET CA is also compatible with slag and pozzolans such as fly ash and silica fume.

It is compatible with other admixtures of FIRSTCHOICE SPECIALITY CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED but should be added separately to the mix. Reduced air content may result when CONSET CA is used in conjunction with some air entraining agents. Consult with our local representative, if other admixtures are to be used.

The effect of CONSET CA is dependent upon the cement properties and the type of plasticizers used in the concrete mix. The setting time and early strength gain may be affected if strong retarders are used in the mix.

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#### Workability

The addition of CONSET CA without reduction of the water content increases the slump and significantly improves concrete flow characteristics without decrease in concrete strength.

#### Rate of hardening

The temperature of the concrete mix and the ambient temperature (forms, earth, reinforcement, air, etc.) affect the hardening rate of concrete. At higher temperatures, concrete hardens more rapidly which may cause problems with placing and finishing. One of the functions of CONSET CA admixture is to accelerate the set of concrete. Within the normal dosage range, it will generally reduce the setting times of concrete containing normal portland cement approximately by 1 hour to 3 hours compared to a plain concrete mix, depending on materials at site and temperatures. Trial mixes should be made with site materials & approximating the job site conditions to determine the dosage required.

It is strongly recommended that concrete should be properly cured particularly in windy and dry climates.

#### Technical Support

FIRSTCHOICE SPECIALITY CHEMICALS PRIVATE LIMITED provides technical advisory services for on-site assistance and guidance on mix design, optimum dosage evaluation of trials.

#### Packaging

CONSET CA is supplied in 20 kg, 250 kg drums or in bulk on request.

#### Fire

CONSET CA is water based and non-flammable.

#### Cleaning of Tools

Clean all tools and application equipment with water immediately.

#### Storage and Shelf life

CONSET CA should be stored above freezing temperatures. If it freezes, thaw at 2 °C or above and completely reconstitute by mild mechanical agitation. Do not use pressurized air for agitation.

Shelf Life: CONSET CA admixture has a minimum shelf life of 24 months. Depending on storage conditions, the shelf life may be greater than stated.

Please contact your local representative regarding suitability for use and dosage recommendations if the shelf life of CONSET CA admixture has been exceeded.

#### Safety precautions

CONSET CA does not fall into the hazard classifications. However, it should not be swallowed or allowed to come into contact with the skin and eyes. Suitable protective gloves and goggles should be worn. Splashes on the skin should be removed with water. In case of contact with the eyes it shall be rinsed immediately with plenty of water and medical advice sought immediately. If swallowed, medical attention shall be sought immediately - Vomiting should not be induced.

#### Note

All Technical Data Sheets of FIRSTCHOICE SPECIALITY CHEMICALS are updated on regular basis; it is the user's responsibility, to obtain the most recent issue. Field services where provided, does not constitute supervisory responsibility, for additional information contact our local representative.

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