

Fosroc Conbextra BB80

Non-shrink cementitious bearing grout for use at a wide variety of applications

Uses

Conbextra BB80 is an exceptionally high strength grout designed for grouting beneath bridge bearings, parapet posts and flanged lighting columns, heavy stanchion bases and base plates for reciprocating machines.

- Non-shrink
- High early and ultimate compressive strengths
- Good flow, particularly at low temperatures
- Low permeability ensures durability
- Can be poured or pumped

Standard compliance

Conbextra BB80 is formulated to comply with ASTM C1107 Grade C.

Description

Conbextra BB80 is a ready to use dry powder supplied in 25kg plastic bags. Conbextra BB80 has been formulated specifically for grouting of bridge bearings and parapet post base plates.

The addition of a controlled amount of clean water produces a free-flowing grout with high early and ultimate strengths as well as long term durability, suitable for use in section thicknesses 10mm to 100mm. Thicker sections can be achieved by incorporating clean, SSD 10mm aggregate.

Specification

Supplier specification

All grouting of bridge bearings and parapet post base-plates must be carried out using Conbextra BB80 non-shrink cementitious grout manufactured by Fosroc. Storage, mixing, placing and curing shall be in accordance with the supplier's current technical data sheet.

Performance specification

All high strength grouting (specify details and areas of application) must be carried out with a pre-packaged cement based product which is mixed with a measured amount of water at a water: powder ratio of 0.15 to 0.16.

The compressive strength of the grout must be not less than 45 N/mm² @ 24 hours, 60 N/mm² @ 3 days, 70 N/mm² @ 7 days and 85 N/mm² @ 28 days

Properties

The following results were obtained at a water: powder ratio of 0.16 and temperature of 25°C.

Test method	Typical results
Compressive strength ASTM C942	: >40 N/mm ² at 1 day >50 N/mm ² at 3 days >65 N/mm ² at 7 days >80 N/mm ² at 28 days
Expansion (ASTM C940)	: Up to 2%
Total Chloride ion Content (as % of mass of cement)	: <0.1%
Rapid Chloride Permeability (AASHTO T277)	: Low
Water Permeability (DIN 1048 Pt 5: 1991)	: <3mm

Instructions for use

Preparation

Concrete surfaces

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 back to a sound base. Bolt holes and fixing pockets must be blown clean of any dirt or debris.

Pre-soaking

For a minimum of 2 hours prior to grouting, the area of cleaned substrate should be flooded with fresh water. Immediately before grouting takes place, any free water should be removed. Particular care should be taken to blow out all bolt holes and pockets.

Bearing plate / parapet post baseplate

It is essential that this area is clean and free from oil, grease or scale. Air pressure relief holes should be provided to allow venting of any isolated high spots.

Levelling shims

If these are to be removed after the grout has hardened, they should be treated with a thin layer of grease.

Formwork

The formwork should be constructed to be leak-proof as Conbextra BB80 is a free flowing grout. This can be achieved

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by using foam rubber strip or mastic sealant beneath the constructed formwork and between joints. In some cases it is practical to use a sacrificial semi-dry sand and cement formwork. The formwork should include outlets for the pre-soaking water.

Unrestrained surface area

This must be kept to a minimum. Generally the gap width between the perimeter formwork and the plate edge should not exceed 50 mm on the pouring side and 50 mm on the opposite side. There should be no gap at the flank sides.

Mixing

For best results a mechanically powered grout mixer should be used. For quantities up to 25 kg a slow speed drill fitted with a Fosroc Mixing Paddle (MR3) should be used. Larger quantities will require a high shear vane mixer. Do not use a colloidal impeller mixer.

It is essential that machine mixing capacity and labour availability is adequate to enable the grouting operation to be carried out continuously. This may require the use of a holding tank with provision for gentle agitation to maintain fluidity.

Water addition

Add 3.75 to 4.0 litres of water to each 25 kg bag of Conbextra BB80 to produce a fluid grout.

The water should be accurately measured into the mixer. Slowly add the total contents of the Conbextra BB80 bag, mix continuously for 5 minutes on high shear/speed, ensuring a smooth, even consistency is obtained.

Note: For the first two to three minutes of mixing the mixture will be of a stiff consistency.

Placing

Immediately prior to placement, the mixed grout should be briefly agitated to release any surface tension. Place the grout within 15 minutes of mixing to gain the full benefit of the expansion process. Conbextra BB80 can be placed in thicknesses up to 100 mm in a single pour.

For thicker sections (above 100mm) it will be necessary to fill out Conbextra BB80 with well graded 10mm, silt free aggregate to minimize exotherm. If bulking with aggregate is used the ratio shall not exceed 1:1. Contact Fosroc for

details of pre-bagged supply. The properties of a bulked grout will differ from those published in this data sheet.

Any bolt pockets must be grouted prior to grouting between the substrate and the base plate. Continuous grout flow during the grouting operation is essential.

Sufficient grout must be available prior to starting and the time taken to pour a batch must be regulated to the time taken to prepare the next one.

The mixed grout should be poured only from one side of the void to eliminate the entrapment of air or surplus pre-soaking water. This is best achieved by pouring the grout across the shortest distance of travel. The grout head must be maintained at all times so that a continuous grout front is achieved.

Where large volumes have to be placed Conbextra BB80 may be pumped. A heavy duty diaphragm pump is recommended for this purpose. Screw feed and piston pumps may also be suitable.

Curing

On completion of the grouting operation, exposed areas should be thoroughly cured. This should be done by the use of Concure curing membrane, or continuous application of water and/or wet hessian.

Cleaning

Conbextra BB80 should be removed from tools and equipment with clean water immediately after use. Cured material can be removed mechanically, or with Fosroc Acid Etch

Sampling procedure

Cementitious grouts cannot be tested as concrete. As special sampling procedures are required, refer to your local Fosroc office for further details.

High temperature working

It is suggested that, for temperatures above 35°C, the following guidelines are adopted as good working practice:

- i) Store unmixed material in a cool (preferably temperature controlled) environment, avoiding exposure to direct sunlight.
- ii) Keep equipment cool, arranging shade protection if necessary. It is especially important to keep cool those surfaces of the equipment which will come into direct contact with the material itself.

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- iii) Try to eliminate application during the hottest times of the day and in direct sunlight
- iv) Make sufficient material, plant and labour available to ensure that application is a continuous process.
- v) Clean water (below 20°C) should be used for mixing the grout prior to placement.

Limitations

Grouts should not be placed in any unrestricted situation. i.e. base plate plinths, etc. Failure to comply may lead to crack development in the grout.

Technical support

Fosroc offers a comprehensive technical support service to specifiers, end users and contractors. It is also able to offer on-site technical assistance, an AutoCAD facility and dedicated specification assistance in locations all over the world.

Estimating

Supply

Conbextra BB80	: 25 kg bags
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Yield @ 4 litres water

Conbextra BB80	: 13.2 kg/bags
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Storage

Conbextra BB80 has a shelf life of 6 months if kept in a dry store in sealed bags. If stored in high temperature and high humidity locations, the shelf life will be reduced.

Precautions

Health and safety

Conbextra BB80 contains cement powders which, when mixed or become damp, release alkalis which can be harmful to the skin. During use, avoid inhalation of dust and contact with skin and eyes.

Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves, eye protection and respiratory protective equipment. The use of barrier creams provide additional skin protection.

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 BB80 is non-flammable



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