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General Part

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Trade name of the construction product

"Sika Aer Solid"

Product family
to which the construction product belongs

Elastic micro hollow spheres as concrete admixture

Manufacturer

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Specific Part

1 Technical description of the product

The concrete admixture "Sika Aer Solid" is a concentrated air entraining paste consisting of water and a high number of specifically sized and evenly distributed elastic synthetic micro hollow spheres acting as air voids.

The concrete admixture increases the freeze and freeze-thaw resistance with or without de-icing agents of concrete.

The concrete admixture is free of silicon dioxide.

The concrete admixture "Sika Aer Solid" is produced from specific constituents in a production plant.

2 Specification of the intended use in accordance with the applicable European Assessment Document

"Sika Aer Solid" is an admixture for plain, reinforced and pre-stressed concrete used as site-mixed, ready-mixed concrete or concrete for precast products as well as an admixture for sprayed concrete.

The performances given in Section 3 are only valid if the concrete admixture "Sika Aer Solid" is used in compliance with the specifications and conditions given in Annex B.

The verifications and assessment methods on which this European Technical Assessment is based lead to the assumption of a working life of concrete incorporating "Sika Aer Solid" of at least 50 years. The indications given on the working life cannot be interpreted as a guarantee given by the producer, but are to be regarded only as a means for choosing the right products in relation to the expected economically reasonable working life of the works.

3 Performance of the product and references to the methods used for its assessment

Table 1 Mechanical resistance and stability (BWR 1)

Essential characteristic	Performance
Particle size distribution	$d_{10} = (27 \pm 5) \mu\text{m}$ $d_{50} = (45 \pm 10) \mu\text{m}$ $d_{90} = (71 \pm 10) \mu\text{m}$
Absolute density	No performance assessed
Conventional dry material content	$(10.0 \pm 1.0) \%$ by mass
pH value	7.0 ± 1
Total chlorine	$\leq 0.16 \%$ by mass
Water soluble chloride	$\leq 0.10 \%$ by mass
Alkali content (Na_2O equivalent)	$\leq 0.20 \%$ by mass
Corrosion behaviour	contains only active substances according to EN 934-1, A.1
Compressive strength*	$\geq 80 \%$ of control mix
Air content and bulk density (fresh concrete)*	$\leq 2 \%$ by volume above control mix
Performance test	See Annex A
* with the maximum recommended dosage of concrete admixture "Sika Aer Solid"	

4 Assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP) system applied, with reference to its legal base

In accordance with EAD No. 260017-00-0301 the applicable European legal act is: 1999/469/EC(EU).

The system to be applied is: 2+

5 Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system, as provided for in the applicable EAD

Technical details necessary for the implementation of the AVCP system are laid down in the control plan deposited with Deutsches Institut für Bautechnik.

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Tabelle 2 Overview of test results determined on fresh concrete

Concrete	Cement	Admixture content [kg/m ³]	Water reducing admixture [% by mass]	Mixing time [min]	Flow table consistency [mm]	Volume of elastic micro hollow spheres [% by volume]
I A	CEM I 42,5 R	3.6*	0.5	2	470	1.7
I C		0.17**	0.5	2	470	-.**
II A	CEM III/A 42,5 N	3.5*	0.2	2	465	1.7
II B		3.5*	0.2	10	445	1.2
II C		0.2**	0.2	2	470	-.**

*: Compliance dosage [in kg/m³ concrete]
 **: Reference concrete with air entraining admixture acc. to EN 934-2

Tabelle 3 Test results freeze thaw resistance

Concrete	Freeze thaw cycles				Test
	4	8	14	28	
I A	31	59	74	187	Scaling [g/m ²]
	97	96	96	95	RDM [%]
I C	28	75	127	280	Scaling [g/m ²]
	98	98	97	97	RDM [%]
II A	172	425	541	1036	Scaling [g/m ²]
	99	100	100	99	RDM [%]
II B	234	559	756	1434	Scaling [g/m ²]
	99	98	98	98	RDM [%]
II C	218	494	744	1288	Scaling [g/m ²]
	99	100	100	103	RDM [%]

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Results of performance assessment – Performance test

Annex A

Installation

"Sika Aer Solid" is an admixture for plain, reinforced and pre-stressed concrete used as site-mixed, ready-mixed concrete or concrete for precast products as well as an admixture for sprayed concrete.

The use of concrete admixtures may cause adverse effects on the properties of concrete, which may be determined.

The recommended maximum dosage of the admixture "Sika Aer Solid" is 3.5 kg per m³ concrete (7.0 kg per m³ for sprayed concrete). The admixture "Sika Aer Solid" is in accordance with EN 206 a liquid admixture (water content of 90 %). Its water content shall be taken into account when calculating the water/cement ratio.

For each case of application initial tests shall be carried out with the intended concrete composition and the intended addition of the admixture to demonstrate that the concrete can be processed reliably with the intended consistency provided under the conditions of the site and that the required properties are achieved.

In the context of this initial test a testing of the freeze-thaw resistance of concrete with elastic micro hollow spheres with CDF-test according to CEN/TS 12390-9, clause 7, is required. The recommended relative dynamic modulus of elasticity according to CEN/TR 15177 is greater or equal than 0.75 and scaling less or equal than 1500 g/m² after 28 freeze-thaw cycles.

The elastic micro hollow spheres in fresh concrete shall be verified by washing-out according to ASTM C173/C173M-01. The Roll-a-Meter value corresponding with the dosage verified by testing the freeze-thaw resistance shall be established in the initial test.

A typical reduction of the strength class as for concrete with air entraining admixtures (cp. EN 206, Table F.1) does not occur.

Packaging, transport and storage

Materials shall be handled and stored with care according to EN 934-6.

The bags shall be stored sheltered from desiccation.

In the production plant the admixture shall be stored in delivery packaging, suitable silos or containers.

The admixture may be delivered in suitable transport containers, which shall be clean and free of other materials. During transportation the admixture shall be prevented from pollution.

It is the responsibility of the manufacturer of the product to ensure that the information on these provisions is given to those who are concerned.

"Sika Aer Solid"	Annex B
Specifications for use	