

OPTOMIX A59

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Application

Optomix A59 is used to entrain air in all mortars.

- Provides controlled and stable amounts of air in mortars
- Increases durability of all mortar mixes
- Plasticises mortar mixes

Benefits

- Reduced dosage rate gives economic advantages
- Increased resistance to freeze/thaw cycles and de-icing salts
- Plasticising action improves workability, cohesion and trowelling properties.
- Increased retention of mix water reduces sand/water runs and honeycombing
- Improved mortar bond to masonry units
- Reduced segregation allows use of wider range of sand gradings
- Increased yield provides economic benefits

Standards

Optomix A59 complies with the requirements of BS EN 934-2 : Table 5 for Air Entraining Admixtures.

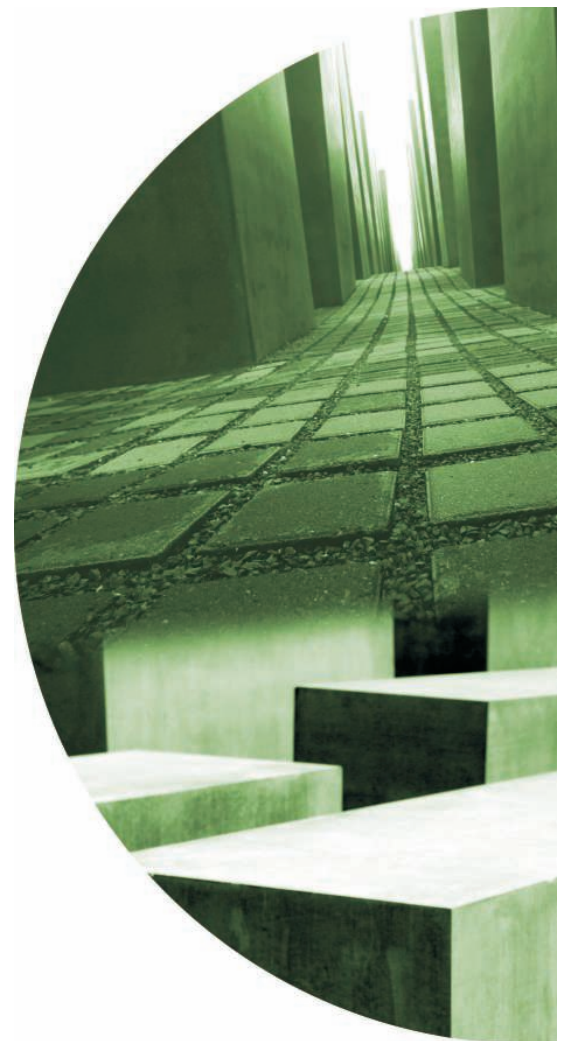
All Christeyns products are produced in accordance with the ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management Standard and the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Standard.

Mix Designs

Mortars should be designed to comply with the relevant tables of BS 5628.

Addition Rates

The natural variations in cements and cement replacements, aggregate types and gradings, mixer type and mix workability, all affect the dosage required for a given air content. Trials should, therefore, be carried out to determine the correct addition rate for the



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mix design and materials to be used. As an initial guide, an addition rate of 0.1% - 0.15% by weight of cementitious binder (0.3% - 0.45% for mixes containing lime) should produce 18% - 20% air content in fresh mortar.

Optomix A59 should be accurately measured, preferably by dispensing unit. It should be added to the mix either with or immediately after the mixing water. Care should be taken to ensure that the material is distributed throughout the mix.

Overdosing of Optomix A59 will result in increased air content and workability, with a reduction in compressive strength.

Typical Properties

Appearance

Straw/Amber liquid

Relative Density

1.01 gcm⁻³ at 20°C

Water Soluble Chloride to EN 480-10

Less than 0.005%

Alkali Content to EN 480-12

1.1% as Na₂O equivalent

Corrosion Behaviour

No performance determined

Air Entrainment

18% - 20% depending on use

Compatibility

Optomix A59 is compatible with all portland cement binders, including ggbs, pfa and hydrated, quick and putty limes. Optomix A59

is compatible with Optomix R42 but should be added separately to the mixer.

Storage

Optomix A59 should be protected from extremes of temperature, and should not be allowed to freeze. Optomix A59 has a minimum shelf life of 1 year under normal conditions of storage. If the material freezes it should be heated and remixed.

Health & Safety

Optomix A59 is IRRITANT to eyes and in line with general chemical handling precautions, avoid contact with skin, eyes and wear protective gloves and goggles.

Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for Optomix A59 for full details.

Packaging

200 litre drums, 1000 litre IBC's and bulk deliveries.

Disclaimer

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