

Description

Opticast HS is a fine off-white free flowing powder blend based upon selected long chain fatty acid salts, a natural polymeric resin plasticiser and inert pore fillers.

Opticast HS is also a particularly useful admixture for the control of efflorescence by reducing moisture movement within the concrete.

Opticast HS has no significant effect upon setting times or the strength of concrete but does impart slight plasticising properties for improved workability with minimal air entrainment.

Application

The high activity of **Opticast HS** makes it ideally suited for use in semi-dry and dry mixes in the production of cast and reconstructed stone, concrete masonry and pavings where minimum water absorption is essential.

Opticast HS is ideally suited for decorative products where good colour and good efflorescence control are of greatest importance.

Standards

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

Addition Rates

Usage rates may vary depending upon the concrete mix and the desired effect. A typical dosage range would be 1.00% - 3.00% by weight of cement.

A guideline dosage rate would be 1.50% by weight of cement

Opticast HS should be added neat, immediately after the mixing water.



Typical Properties

Nature

A water repellent based on long chain fatty acid salts

Appearance

Off white free flowing powder

Bulk Density

Approximately 0.6 gcm^{-3}

Air Entrainment

Opticast HS may increase the air content of concrete by 1 - 2%

Acceleration/Retardation

No significant effect at recommended usage levels

Water Soluble Chloride to EN 480-10

Less than 0.01%

Storage Life

Indefinite when stored in dry conditions

Compatibility

Opticast HS can be used with all types of Portland Cement, including sulphate resisting cements and cement replacements.



Compatibility with other admixtures:

It is not normally recommended that **Opticast HS** be premixed with other admixtures.

Handling

Opticast HS is a non-hazardous material but in line with general chemical handling precautions to avoid contact with skin or eyes, protective gloves and goggles should be worn.

Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for **Opticast HS** for full details.

Packaging

20kg bags, 500 kilos per pallet, shrink wrapped.

Disclaimer

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