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### Description

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### Applications

The balanced properties of Oscrete 393 CPA will benefit processing by improving compaction, whilst maintaining consistency of the mix, improving the dispersal of pigments thereby enhancing colour density and giving reduced permeability of the finished product, leading to a reduction in the occurrence of efflorescence.

The use of Oscrete 393 CPA will enhance the strength of the blocks at all ages, especially in mixes containing ggbs and pfa.

It is used to improve the compaction and handling of all dry/semi-dry concrete mix processes. It is especially beneficial in the production of block paving, flags, tiles and other concrete products where an enhancement in colour and detail are required. The improved mix properties also result in reduced machine stress and parts wear.

### Benefits

Oscrete 393 CPA can be used in all automated block production processes to give the following benefits -

- Improved compaction
- Improved processing
- Better surface finish
- Increase in strength at all ages
- Improved colour intensity and stability
- Reduced efflorescence

### Standards

Oscrete 393 CPA is formulated from a combination of materials and complies with the admixture requirements of BS6717 : Part 1, 1993 - precast concrete paving blocks.



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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 will depend upon the mix design, process and types of materials used but typically, will be in the range of 250 - 750 mls per 100 kgs cementitious content. For concrete block paving the typical addition rate would be;

300 mls per 100 kgs of cementitious content (0.3% [v/w] by weight of cement).

Dosage rate would remain unaffected even with the addition of ggbs or pfa. It is recommended that trials be carried out to determine the optimum addition rate.

For optimum processing, Oscrete 393 CPA should be added during the mixing process at the same time as, or just after the water.

#### **Typical Properties**

##### **Nature**

Combination product based on soluble carboxylic acids, naphthalene sulphonate and surfactants.

##### **Appearance**

Clear brown liquid

##### **Specific Gravity**

1.04 gcm<sup>-3</sup> at 20°C

##### **Air Entrainment**

Typically less than 1% additional air entrained, in dry and semi-dry mixes

#### **Chloride Content**

Nil (to BS5075)

#### **Stability**

Avoid freezing

#### **Compatibility**

Compatible with all types of Portland cement ggbs and pfa

#### **Storage**

Protect from extremes of temperature

Oscrete 393 CPA has a minimum shelf life of 1 year, provided storage temperature is within the range 0°C - 50°C.

#### **Handling**

Oscrete 393 CPA is a non-hazardous product 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 Oscrete 393 CPA for full details.

#### **Packaging**

200 kilo drums, 1000 litre IBCs and bulk deliveries.

#### **Disclaimer**

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