

## Pre-bagged, non-shrink cementitious grout for post tensioned cables

### Uses

For pumped or free flow grouting, it can be used in a wide range of applications:

- Post tensioned cable ducts.
- Prestressed cables ducts

### Advantages

- Expansion system compensates for shrinkage and settlement in the plastic state
- Prepackaged material overcomes potential on-site batching variations
- Develops high early strength without the use of chlorides
- High ultimate strength and low permeability ensure the durability of the hardened grout

### Description

Conbextra Cable Grout is supplied as a ready to use dry powder requiring only the addition of a controlled amount of clean water to produce a free flowing non-shrink grout.

Conbextra Cable Grout is an all fines mix based on Portland cements and additives which impart controlled expansion in the plastic state whilst minimising water demand. The material is designed to allow uniform mixing, and eliminates unwanted segregation and bleeding.

### Specification

#### Performance specification

All grouting, where shown on the drawing, must be carried out with a prepackaged cement based product which is iron-free and chloride-free. It shall be mixed with clean water to the required consistency. The plastic grout must not bleed or segregate.

A positive volumetric expansion of up to 5% shall occur.

The compressive strength of the grout must exceed 45 N/mm<sup>2</sup> at 7 days and 60 N/mm<sup>2</sup> at 28 days.

The storage, handling and placement of the grout must be in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

#### Supplier specification

All grouting where shown on the drawing must be carried out using Conbextra Cable Grout manufactured by Fosroc and used in accordance with the manufacturer's current data sheet.

### Properties

The following properties were achieved using water/powder at 0.32 ratio.

#### Compressive strength

<b>BS EN 196</b>	:	20 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 1 days
		40 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 3 days
		45 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 7 days
		60 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 28 days

#### Flexural strength

<b>BS 4551</b>	:	4.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 3 day
		6.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 7 day
		6.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup> @ 28 day

<b>Fresh wet density</b>	:	Approximately 2000 kg/m <sup>3</sup> depending on actual consistency used.
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#### Volume change

<b>BS EN 445</b>	:	A positive expansion of upto 5%
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<b>Bleeding (BS EN 445)</b>	:	< 2% after 3 hours
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#### Fluidity (BS EN 445 Cone Method)

<b>Initial</b>	:	10-25 seconds
<b>Final (After 30 minutes)</b>	:	10-25 seconds

### Instructions for use

#### Preparation

Several hours prior to grouting, the area should be flooded with fresh water. Immediately before grouting takes place any free water should be removed.

All cable ducts must be thoroughly cleaned. Those ducts formed without metal sheaths should be flushed with water after which all surplus water must be removed. Cable anchorages should be sealed before the duct grouting is carried out.

#### Mixing and placing - Application

##### Mixing

For best results a mechanically powered grout mixer should be used. When quantities of up to 60 kg are used, a slow speed drill of 600 - 700rpm fitted with a high shear paddle (Fosroc Mixing paddle MR3 or equivalent) is suitable. Larger quantities will require a high shear vane mixer.

To enable the grouting operation to be carried out continuously, it is essential that sufficient mixing capacity and labour are available. The use of a grout holding tank with provision to gently agitate the grout may be required.

6.4 litres of clean water is required to be added per 20 kg bag to achieve the correct consistency.

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The water should be accurately measured into the mixer. The total contents of the Conbextra Cable Grout bag should be slowly added and continuous mixing should take place for 5 minutes. This will ensure that the grout has a smooth even consistency.

## Curing

Any exposed areas should be thoroughly cured. This should be done by the use of Concure\*\* curing membrane.

## Cleaning

Conbextra Cable Grout 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

All sampling procedures for Conbextra Cable Grout are to be conducted within the confines of a temperature controlled laboratory. The reactive agents within Conbextra Cable Grout do not permit site sampling and transport. The procedure for sampling is to be as follows:

- 1) A full and unopened bag of Conbextra Cable Grout to be selected from the batch allocated for site use and despatched to the testing laboratory.
- 2) The Conbextra Cable Grout shall be mixed in the laboratory following the instructions listed on the product data sheet.
- 3) All sampling shall be conducted using 50 mm cube moulds, any other size is not permissible.

- 4) When mixed, the Conbextra Cable Grout shall be poured into 50 mm cube moulds, treated with release agent, in two lifts of 25 mm each with a 60 second interval between pours. The Conbextra Cable Grout shall not be tamped, but gentle tapping of the cube mould is permitted to promote the release of air.
- 5) Fill three 50 mm cube moulds with the Conbextra Cable Grout for each curing time interval specified. Mould filling should be completed within 15 minutes of the end of the mixing cycle. The filled moulds should be stacked three high on top of each other to provide conditions of restraint. The top mould should be restrained either with a weighted metal plate or an empty cube mould.
- 6) The cubes should be stored at a 20°C+ 2°C temperature for 24 hours in the laboratory. After 24 hours the cubes are to be demoulded and placed in a water curing tank maintained at a 20°C+ 2°C temperature. The cubes are then to be cured in accordance with BS1881.
- 7) Cubes are to be crushed in calibrated compression testing apparatus with a rate of loading not exceeding 180KN per minute. Types of cube fracture are to be recorded. Three cubes are to be crushed for each curing time interval specified. Results are to be calculated and issued as an average.

## Limitations

### Low temperature working

For ambient temperatures below 10°C the formwork should be kept in place for at least 36 hours.

When the air or contact surface temperatures are 5°C or below on a falling thermometer, warm water (30-40°C) is recommended to accelerate strength development.

Normal precautions for winter working with cementitious materials should then be adopted.



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

## 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

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<b>Conbextra Cable Grout</b>	: 20 kg bags
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### Yield

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<b>Conbextra Cable Grout</b>	: 13.2 litres/ 20 kg bag (approx.)
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Allowance should be made for wastage when estimating quantities required.

## Storage

Conbextra Cable Grout has a shelf life of 12 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 Cable Grout is alkaline and should not come into contact with skin and eyes. Avoid inhalation of dust during mixing. Gloves, goggles and dust mask should be worn. If contact with skin occurs, wash with water. Splashes to eyes should be washed immediately with plenty of clean water and medical advice sought.

### Fire

Conbextra Cable Grout is non-flammable.

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## Additional Information

Fosroc manufactures a wide range of complementary products which include :

- waterproofing membranes & waterstops
- joint sealants & filler boards
- cementitious & epoxy grouts
- specialised flooring materials

Fosroc additionally offers a comprehensive package of products specifically designed for the repair and refurbishment of damaged concrete. Fosroc's 'Systematic Approach' to concrete repair features the following :

- hand-placed repair mortars
- spray grade repair mortars
- fluid micro-concretes
- chemically resistant epoxy mortars
- anti-carbonation/anti-chloride protective coatings
- chemical and abrasion resistant coatings

For further information on any of the above, please consult your local Fosroc office - as below.

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† See separate data sheet



## Important note

Fosroc products are guaranteed against defective materials and manufacture and are sold subject to its standard Conditions for the Supply of Goods and Service. **All Fosroc datasheets are updated on a regular basis. It is the user's responsibility to obtain the latest version.**

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