

MasterFiber® MAC Matrix

Macrosynthetic Fiber

Description

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product is a macrosynthetic fiber that is manufactured from a proprietary blend of polypropylene resins, and meets the requirements of ASTM C 1116/C 1116M “Standard Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete.”

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product also meets the requirements of CSA B66-10 “Design, material, and manufacturing requirements for prefabricated septic tanks and sewage holding tanks.”

Applications

Recommended for use in:

- Shotcrete
- Composite metal decks
- Industrial and warehouse floors
- Pavements
- Precast concrete
- Residential and commercial slabs-on-ground
- Precast concrete pipes
- Thin-wall precast
- Tunnel linings
- Wall systems
- Whitetopping/overlays

Features

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product is engineered for use as secondary reinforcement to control shrinkage and temperature cracking, and settlement cracking.

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product was created specifically to replace welded-wire reinforcement and No. 3 and No. 4 (10 mm and 13 mm) reinforcing bars that are typically used as temperature and shrinkage reinforcement.

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product has the following features:

- Excellent flexural performance
- Excellent finishability

Benefits

- Eliminates the need for welded-wire reinforcement (WWR) and small diameter bars used as secondary reinforcement, depending on the application
- Effective tight crack control
- Provides excellent control of settlement cracking
- Improves green strengths and permits earlier stripping of forms with less rejection
- Reduces construction time and overall labor and material costs
- Reduces the effects of handling and transportation stresses
- Increases flexural toughness, impact and shatter resistance

Performance Characteristics

Physical Properties

Specific Gravity	0.91
Melting Point	320 °F (160 °C)
Ignition Point	1094 °F (590 °C)
Absorption	Nil
Alkali Resistance	Excellent
Tensile Strength	85 ksi (585 MPa)
Nominal Length	2.1 in. (54 mm)
Nominal Aspect Ratio	70
Fiber Type	Embossed
Material	100% virgin polypropylene
Chemical Resistance	Excellent

Guidelines for Use

Dosage: The dosage range of MasterFiber MAC Matrix product is 3 to 12 lb/yd³ (1.8 to 7.2 kg/m³). The recommended dosage range for slab-on-ground applications is typically 3 to 5 lb/yd³ (1.8 to 3 kg/m³). For shotcrete, the typical dosage range of MasterFiber MAC Matrix product is 8 to 12 lb/yd³ (4.8 to 7.2 kg/m³).

Mixing: MasterFiber MAC Matrix product should be introduced at the beginning of the mixing cycle, but not at the same time as the cement. For slab-on-ground applications, the entire bag should be dispensed into the mixer to allow for easy handling, while leaving no waste on site. For shotcrete, the bag should be opened so that the fibers can be dispensed directly into the mixer. Three to five minutes of additional mixing will be required to disperse the fibers depending on when the product is added to the mixer. BASF recommends utilizing good concrete mixing practices as outlined in ASTM C 1116/C 1116M.

Engineering Specifications

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product is an option for the replacement of WWR and is an easy-to-use secondary reinforcing system that is rust proof, alkali resistant, and compliant with industry codes when mixed in accordance with ASTM C 1116/C 1116M. MasterFiber MAC Matrix product enhances safety and should be specified for use in applications for:

- Increased flexural toughness
- Reduced rebound
- Increased cohesion
- Increased impact and shatter resistance
- Extended pump life
- Replacement of WWR and other secondary reinforcement
- Improved residual strength
- Improved durability
- Use in areas requiring no metal

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product also conforms to the requirements of CSA B66-10 “Design, material, and manufacturing requirements for prefabricated septic tanks and sewage holding tanks”.

Product Notes

Testing has shown that MasterFiber MAC Matrix product can be used as a partial or full replacement for primary/structural steel reinforcement in concrete pipe. The dosage of MasterFiber MAC Matrix product to meet a specified performance level in concrete pipe should be determined in accordance with industry standard procedures. In other applications, MasterFiber MAC Matrix product may also be used as a partial or full replacement for primary/structural steel reinforcement. To explore the use of MasterFiber MAC Matrix product for such purpose, contact the Engineering Department at BASF Corporation in Beachwood, OH.

Placement and Finishing: BASF recommends that the standard practices detailed in ACI 302.1R, ACI 506.1R and ACI 544.3R for placing, finishing and curing concrete be followed when using MasterFiber MAC Matrix product.

Storage and Handling

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product should be stored in a clean, dry area protected from the weather and at temperatures below 140 °F (60 °C). Avoid storing near strong oxidizers and avoid sources of ignition. Use caution when stacking to avoid unstable conditions. Store in a sprinkled warehouse.

Packaging

MasterFiber MAC Matrix product is packaged in a 5 lb (2.3 kg) degradable bag that can be added directly to the mixing system. For shotcrete, the fibers are packaged in 11 lb (5 kg) and 15.4 lb (7 kg) bags which should be opened prior to dispensing the fibers into the mixer.

Related Documents

Safety Data Sheets: MasterFiber MAC Matrix

Additional Information

For additional information on MasterFiber MAC Matrix product, contact your local sales representative

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