

## DESCRIPTION

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Ecotec Silica Fume is a high performance, densified silica fume powdered product, derived as a by-product from the production of Ferro Silicon using the arc furnace method. Used in pre-mixed concrete for enhancing mechanical properties of concretes with special performance requirements, including increased strength, reduced permeability, improved abrasion resistance and increased corrosion resistance.

Ecotec Silica fume consists of very fine particles. Because of its extreme fineness and high silica content, silica fume is a highly effective pozzolanic material. Being a highly reactive pozzolan, silica fume chemically reacts with the calcium hydroxide present in the cement paste, creating a stronger calcium silica hydrate “making it sticky”. The result is improved paste to aggregate bond (excellent for shotcrete) and higher concrete strengths. Ecotec Silica Fume is typically grey in colour and is categorised as a supplementary cementitious material (SCM). Ecotec Silica Fume is compliant to AS/NZ 3582.3:2002 and is described as a Densified Amorphous Fumed Silica.

## TYPICAL USES

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Ecotec Silica Fume can be used to produce all grades of concretes. The chemical and physical properties of Ecotec Silica Fume can greatly enhance the strength performance and the bonding properties of concrete. Ecotec Silica Fume can be used in various applications and projects: Commercial, Civil, Mining and Marine projects. Ecotec Silica Fume is suitable for inclusion in general concrete mix designs and in particular has application in high strength/ performance concretes and shotcrete / spray mixes.

## ADVANTAGES

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The addition of Ecotec Silica Fume can provide;

- Increase compressive strength
- Increase abrasion resistance
- Improved durability
- Increase bond strength
- Reduces chloride ion permeability
- Enhanced sulphate resistance
- Enhanced resistance to chemical attack and deterioration

## DOSAGE

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The dosage rate for Ecotec Silica Fume will vary depending on the mix design requirements. Users should determine applicable rates of usage for their purpose. This is best achieved by trial mixes. Typical dose rates range from 5% – 10%. Some users will consider the material a cement replacement, others will consider as additional pozzolanic material. Refer to the technical department of your local pre-mix supplier.

## COMPATIBILITY

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Ecotec Silica Fume is compatible and effective in concrete containing all types of portland, and blended cement which may include Supplementary Cementitious Materials such as Fly Ash and Granulated Ground Blast Furnace Slag. Ecotec Silica Fume is also suitable for use with chemical admixtures such as water-reducing, accelerating and retarding admixtures which comply to AS 1478.1

**TYPICAL RESULTS**

Property	Test Method	Result	AS 3582.3:2002
Silicon as SiO <sub>2</sub>	Boral Chemical Method 2	88.0%	> 85%
Sodium as Na <sub>2</sub> O	AS3583.12-1991	0.11%	
Potassium as K <sub>2</sub> O	AS3583.12-1991	0.225%	
Available Alkali	AS3583.12-1991	0.25%	No Limit
Chloride as Cl	AS1012.20	0.16%	No Limit
Sulphuric Anhydride	AS3583.8	0.83%	<3.0%
Moisture Content	AS3583.2	1.5%	< 3.0%
Loss on Ignition	AS3583.3	3.8%	< 6.0%
Bulk Density	AS3582.3.6.5	825 kg / m <sup>3</sup>	No Limit
Pozzolanic Activity	ASTM C1240-01	118%	No Limit

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Ecotec Silica Fume complies with the requirements of AS/NZ 3582.3:2002

**STORAGE**

Ecotec Silica Fume should be stored in a dry and protected environment.

**PACKAGING**

- Ecotec Silica Fume is supplied in;
- 10 kg degradable bags (84 per pallet)
  - 850 kg bulk bags
  - Decanting into tankers for bulk delivery into silos

**SHELF LIFE**

Unlimited when stored in a dry and protected environment.

**SAFE HANDLING**

Ecotec Silica Fume is classified as hazardous according to the NOHSC criteria and represents a dust hazard that may cause irritation. Users should consult the MSDS for information regarding health and safety. The MSDS for this material is available from Concrete Waterproofing Manufacturing Pty. Ltd.

**WARRANTY**

Concrete Waterproofing Manufacturing Pty Ltd warrants the products supplied to be free of material defects and to be of a consistent quality. Should any product be proven to be defective, the liability of the manufacturer shall be limited to the replacement of the product ex-factory.

The manufacturer gives no warranty as to the fitness of the products for any particular purpose. The user shall determine the suitability of the product for its intended use; comply with the directions for use and safe handling information available from Concrete Waterproofing Manufacturing Pty Ltd; and assume all risks and liabilities in connection with the use of this product.

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