



Conbextra GPXtra

High Strength non-shrink cementitious micro concrete

Uses

Conbextra GPXtra is used where it is essential to eliminate shrinkage when completely filling the void between a base plate and a substrate. Such an application would be the grouting of a stanchion base plate. It can also be used for anchoring a wide range of fixings. These include masts, anchor bolts and fence posts.

Advantages

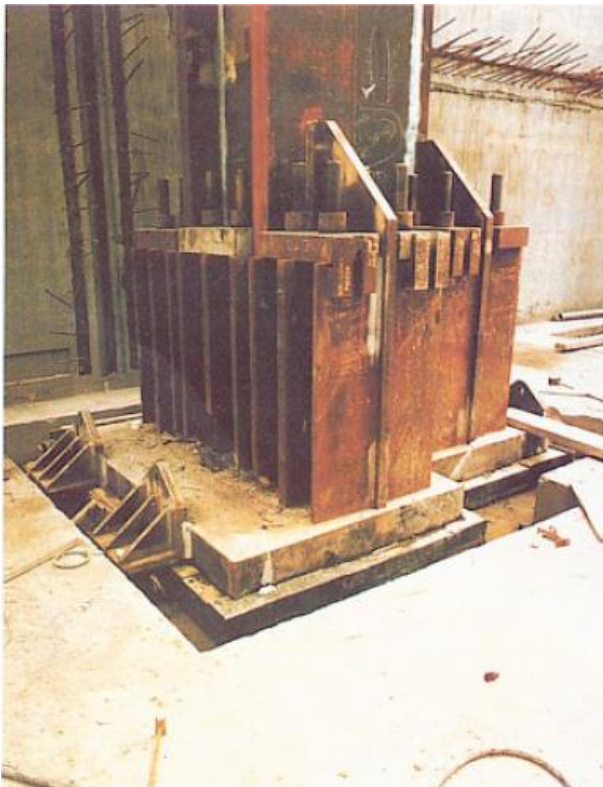
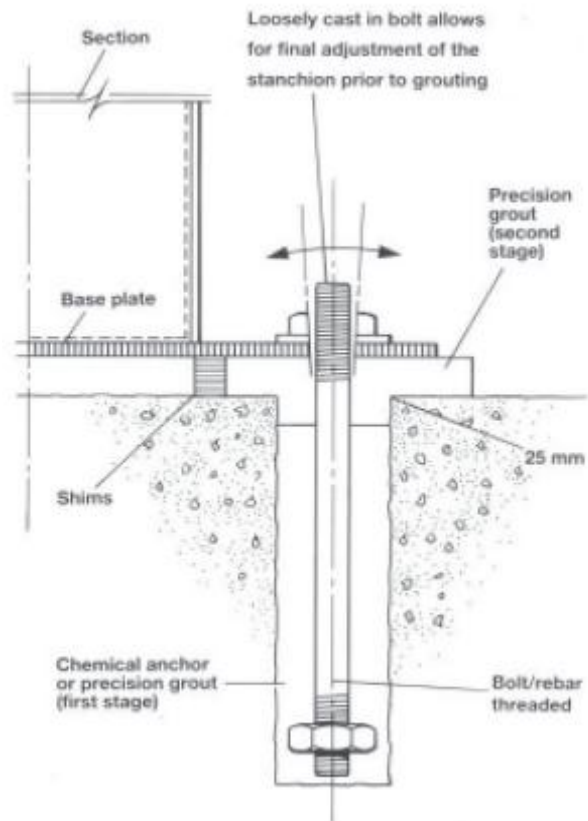
- Gaseous expansion system compensates for shrinkage and settlement in the plastic state.
- No metallic iron content to cause staining.
- Prepackaged material overcomes potential on-site batching variations.
- Develops high early strength without the use of chlorides.
- High ultimate strength and low permeability ensure the durability of the hardened grout.

Description

Conbextra GPXtra cementitious grout is supplied as a ready to use dry powder. The addition of a controlled amount of clean water produces a flowing non-shrink grout for gap thicknesses up to 100 mm.

Conbextra GPXtra is a blend of Portland cement, graded fillers and chemical additives which impart controlled expansion in the plastic state whilst minimizing water demand. The low water demand ensures high early strength. The graded filler is designed to assist uniform mixing and produce a consistent grout.

Typical detail of stanchion base plate



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Technical Support

Fosroc offers a comprehensive range of high quality, high performance construction products. In addition, Fosroc offers a worldwide technical support and on-site service to specifiers, end-users and contractors.

Properties

The following results were obtained at water: powder ratio of 0.11 and temperature of 25°C.

Compressive strength BS 1881 part 116 1983	: 40 N/mm ² @ 1 day 65 N/mm ² @ 7 days 80 N/mm ² @ 28 days
Flexural strength BS 4551 1980	: 3 N/mm ² @ 1 day 9 N/mm ² @ 7 days 11 N/mm ² @ 28 days
Time for expansion Start	: 15 minutes
Finish	: 6 hours
Fresh wet density	: Approximately 2200 kg/m ³ depending on actual consistency used.
Modulus of elasticity ASTM C 469-83	: >28000 MPa
Expansion characteristics ASTM C940	: Up to 2% @ 24 hours

Specification

Performance Specification

All grouting where shown on the drawing must be carried out with a pre-packaged cement based product which is 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 shall occur while the grout is plastic by means of a gaseous system.

The compressive strength of the grout must exceed 60N/mm² at 7 days and 75 N/mm² 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 GPXtra manufactured by Fosroc and used in accordance with the manufacturer's data sheet.

Instructions for use

Preparation

Concrete surface

The substrate surface must be free from oil, grease or any loosely adherent material. If the concrete surface is defective or has laitance, it must be cut back to a sound base. Bolt holes and fixing pockets must be blown clean of any dirt or debris.

Pre-soaking

For a minimum of 2 hours prior to grouting, the area of cleaned substrate should be flooded with fresh water. Immediately before grouting takes place, any free water should be removed. Particular care should be taken to blow out all bolt holes and pockets.

Base plate

It is essential that this is clean and free from oil, grease or scale. Air pressure relief holes should be provided to allow venting of any isolated high spots.

Levelling shims

If these are to be removed after the grout has hardened, they should be treated with a thin layer of grease.

Formwork

The formwork should be constructed to be leak proof. This can be achieved by using foam rubber strip or mastic sealant beneath the constructed formwork and between joints.

In some cases it is practical to use a sacrificial semi-dry sand and cement formwork. The formwork should include outlets for pre-soaking.

Unrestrained surface area

This must be kept to a minimum. Generally the gap width between the perimeter formwork and the plate edge should not exceed 75 mm on the pouring side and 25 mm on the opposite side. It is advisable where practical to have no gap at the flank sides.

Mixing

For best results a mechanically powered grout mixer should be used. When quantities up to 60 kg are used, a slow speed drill fitted with a Fosroc Mixing Paddle (MR3) should



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be used. Larger quantities will require a high shear vane mixer. Do not use a colloidal impeller 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.

Consistency of grout mix

The quantity of clean water required to be added to a 25 kg bag to achieve the desired consistency is given below.

Trowellable	: 3.5 – 4.0 litres
Flowable	: 4.0 – 4.3 litres

The selected water content should be accurately measured into the mixer. The total contents of the Conbextra GPXtra 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.

Placing

At 25°C place the grout within 15 minutes of mixing to gain full benefit of the expansion process.

Conbextra GPXtra can be placed in thicknesses up to 500 mm in a single pour when used as an underplate grout. For thicker sections it is necessary to fill out Conbextra GPXtra with well graded 10mm, already mixed with silt free aggregate to minimize exotherm. If bulking with aggregate is used the ratio shall not exceed 20%.

Contact Fosroc for details of pre-bagged supply. The properties of a bulked grout will differ from those published in this data sheet.

Any bolt pockets must be grouted prior to grouting between the substrate and the base plate.

Continuous grout flow is essential. Sufficient grout must be prepared before starting. The time taken to pour a batch must be regulated to the time taken to prepare the next one.

Pouring should be from one side of the void to eliminate any air or pre-soaking water becoming trapped under the base plate. It is advisable to pour the grout across the shortest distance of travel. The grout head must be maintained at all times so that a continuous grout front is achieved.

Where large volumes have to be placed Conbextra GPXtra may be pumped. A heavy duty diaphragm pump is

recommended for this purpose. Screw feed and piston pumps may also be suitable.

Curing

On completion of the grouting operation, exposed areas should be thoroughly cured. This should be done by the use of Concure*† curing membrane, or continuous application of water and/or wet hessian.

Cleaning

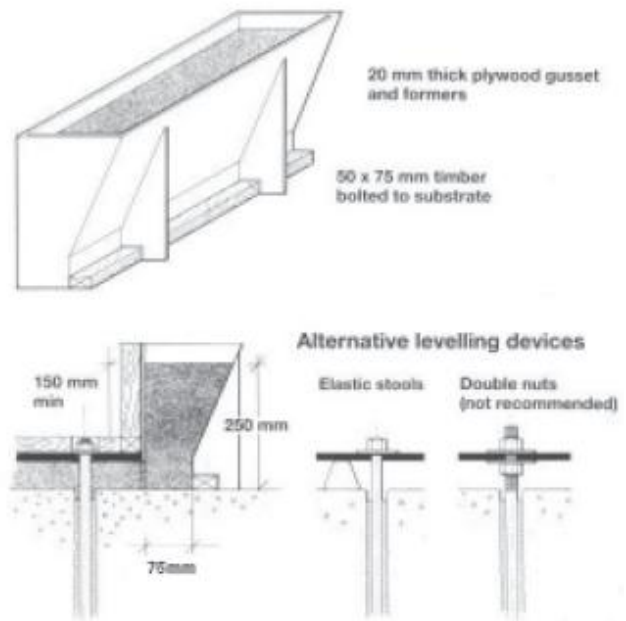
Conbextra GPXtra should be removed from tools and equipment with clean water immediately after use. Cured material can be removed mechanically, or with Fosroc Acid Etch*†.

Sampling procedure

Cementitious grouts cannot be tested as concrete. Special sampling procedure are required refer to your local Fosroc office for further details.

Typical hopper system

Removable hopper: For larger pours the grout may be hand placed or pumped into a removable hopper (trough).



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