

MasterFlow[®] 788

Non-shrink, cementitious grout for under water applications

DESCRIPTION

MasterFlow 788 is a ready to use, cementitious grout which, on mixing with the specified quantity of water provides a flowable grout with high resistance to cement wash out when placed under water, with high early and final strength characteristics. The grout undergoes controlled expansion in the plastic state.

RECOMMENDED USES

MasterFlow 788 is recommended for repairing structures under water and in tidal zone by grouting. The grout is suitable for use under both stationary and moving waters. Applications include repair of:

- bridge piers
- concrete piles
- jetty pillars
- harbour walls

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- **Shrinkage compensated** - continues to retain filled volume.
- **Non-wash out** - no significant cement wash out under water. Gains full strength even under water.
- **Free flowing** - flows easily even in gaps as narrow as 20 mm, to facilitate complete filling of voids.
- **Pre packed** - no batching or blending errors. Consistency in performance from batch to batch.
- **Dense micro structure** - resists water ingress. Protects steel.
- **High early and final strengths** - early load transfer and rapid installation.
- **High bond strength** - primer not required to facilitate good bond.

PROPERTIES

Strength			
Age	Compressive	Flexural	Tensile
1 day	14 MPa	5.0 MPa	2.0 MPa
7 days	40 MPa	6.5 MPa	3.5 MPa
28 days	60 MPa	8.0 MPa	4.0 MPa
Supply form :	Grey Powder		
Storage temperature :	10-50°C		
Application temperature :	>10°C		
Density (wet) :	2.1 - 2.3 kg/L		
E-Modulus :	similar to high strength concrete		
Resistivity	< 40000 Ohm/cm		

APPLICATION

Surface Preparation

Services of a professional diver trained in surface preparation techniques is recommended.

Surfaces should be structurally sound, clean, and free from loose particles, oil, grease, barnacle growth, or any other contaminant.

Remove cement laitance, loose particles, oil, grease, mold release agent, curing membrane, and other contaminants from the surface by wire brushing, scabbling or other such effective methods.

Prepare the surface of the concrete to a rough profile with a surface level difference of at least 5 mm between trough and ridge.

Formwork

Proper design of formwork is essential for effective grouting. The formwork can be made out of timber, steel, or any other suitable material depending on the circumstances. The forms must be grout tight, strong, and well braced to withstand the water pressure and the fluid pressure of the grout till it sets.

If repairing a vertical surface, the gap between the formwork and the substrate surface should be wide enough to accommodate the tremie pipe that will be used for placing the grout.

Seal all the gaps in formwork and those between formwork and concrete surface, with a suitable underwater setting material such as **MasterEmaco S 902** or with **MasterFlow 788** mixed to a stiff consistency.

Mixing

Mechanical mixing is necessary. For a large batch use an approved grout mixer and for a small batch (up to two bags at a time), use a heavy duty slow speed (approx. 600 rpm) drill fitted with a grout stirrer.

It is important to ensure that the mixing capacity is adequate for grouting continuously to completion as interruptions in grout placing may result in air pockets and cause blockages in the placing pipe. Place approximately 80% of the water in the mixer. Keeping the mixer running, add **MasterFlow 788** slowly. Mix for at least 3-4 minutes until a lump free mix is obtained.



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Add the remaining water while continuing to mix until the desired consistency is achieved. Sieve the grout so it is free from lumps.

Water requirement

For flowable consistency: 18% (3.6 L per 20 kg bag or 180 L per 1000kg bag).

Placing

Place the mixed grout within 30 minutes after mixing.

Introduce a flexible pipe of minimum 50 mm diameter and fitted with a funnel at the top into the formwork under water. Ensure that the mouth of the pipe is about 50 mm above the bottom of the form. Place the grout slowly and continuously into the funnel (above water).

Place at least 20% more grout than the estimated requirement.

Where situation demands, use a double diaphragm air operated slurry pump to pump the grout directly into the funnel. A hand operated pump or manual placing can also be employed. Note: The pump is required only to convey the grout from the mixing site to the placing site and not to build up pressure.

It is advisable to get a diver inspect the grouted area periodically for any leaks during and immediately after grouting

ESTIMATING DATA

The yield from 20 kg **MasterFlow 788** at flowable consistency is 11 L. Therefore material requirement is 18.2 kg / m² at 10 mm thickness

PACKAGING

MasterFlow 788 is available in 20kg bags and 1000kg bulk bags.

SHELF LIFE

MasterFlow 788 has a shelf life of 12 months. Store out of direct sunlight, clear of the ground on pallets protected from rainfall.

PRECAUTIONS

For the full health and safety hazard information and how to safely handle and use this product, please make sure that you obtain a copy of the BASF Safety Data Sheet (SDS) from our office or our website.

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