

# SIGMA 120

## Masonry Block Water Reducer

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

**Sigma 120** is an economical normal range water reducer based upon blended modified lignosulphonates. It is designed to improve the workability of concrete with minimal effect on other properties. **Sigma 120** if used correctly can achieve water reductions of up to 16%.

### APPLICATIONS

**Sigma 120** can be used to reduce the water content in dry/semi-dry concrete which in turn will increase the density of the finished product leading to higher strengths.

### BENEFITS

- Increased early and final strengths.
- Reduced shrinkage.
- Reduced permeability.
- Increased density.
- Reduced segregation & bleeding.

### PROPERTIES

Nature:	Liquid
Appearance:	Dark Brown
Specific Gravity: (20°C)	1.12 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
pH:	6.5
Chloride Content:	< 0.10
Alkali Content (Na <sub>2</sub> O):	< 1.00

### ADDITION RATES

Dosage rates vary dependant on mix design, process, aggregate type and the desired effect but typically:

200mls - 800mls per 100 kg cement  
(0.20% - 0.80% by weight of cement)

The correct dosage for the material package used should be determined by laboratory trials, please contact the OSCRETE Technical department for further advice.

### STANDARDS

**Sigma 120** complies with the requirements of BS EN 934-2 and is produced in accordance with the ISO 9001 Quality Management Standard and the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Standard.



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### COMPATIBILITY

**Sigma 120** is compatible with all types of EN197 cement systems.

**Sigma 120** should not be pre-mixed with other admixtures and should be batched separately.

### STORAGE

**Sigma 120** should be stored undercover and protected from extreme temperatures, if stored between the range 5°C to 30°C the product will have a minimum shelf life of 12 months.

### HANDLING

Please refer to the **Sigma 120** material safety data sheet but in line with normal handling procedures, personal protective equipment should be worn.

Refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for full details.

### PACKAGING

200 litre drums, 1000 litre IBC's and bulk deliveries.

### NOTES

**Sigma 120** should be added with the water or at the end of the mixing process and not directly onto the cement. A mixing time of at least 30 seconds is recommended after the addition of the admixture.

If frozen **Sigma 120** may be used after thawing slowly at room temperature followed by intensive remixing.

Please consult the OSCRETE technical department for advice on admixture selection.

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