

DARAFILL[®] Dry

Controlled Low Strength Material Performance Additive

Product Description

DARAFILL[®]Dry additive produces flowable fill or engineered Controlled Low Strength Material (CLSM)* that is highly flowable, volume stable and excavatable in the future. By developing a stable air matrix in the CLSM mixture, DARAFILL[®]Dry improves flowability and reduces the required amount of mix water up to 50%, compared to a water-based CLSM. DARAFILL[®]Dry is packaged in bags.

Uses

The use of DARAFILL[®]Dry produces a low water content CLSM that is primarily used to improve flowability, lower densities, eliminate segregation and settlement, and control strength development in applications where future excavation is required.

DARAFILL[®]Dry is designed to be used with cement, and pozzolans such as pulverised fuel ash (PFA) and ground blast furnace slag (GGBS). The addition of DARAFILL[®]Dry is a cost-effective alternative to a water-based CLSM mixture, and CLSM is a cost-effective alternative to soil backfill.

Performance

The addition of DARAFILL[®]Dry generates stable air contents of 15 to 30% and significantly reduces mix water requirements by as much as 50% when compared to water-based CLSM.

- When used as recommended, DARAFILL[®] Dry enhances plastic and hardened properties of CLSM accordingly:
- Provides a CLSM which is highly flowable with no segregation
- Controls strength development for future excavatability, usually in the range of 0.35 to 1.40 MPa depending on the application requirements.
- Increases yield of materials up to 30%.
- Provides densities in the range of 1440 to 1920 kg/m³
- Aids pumpability and minimises segregation in pump between loads. Pre-job testing with actual equipment and intended configuration is strongly recommended.
- Reduces buoyancy problems in CLSM around embedded pipes and tanks when compared to water-based CLSM.

DARAFILL[®] Dry and CLSM Applications

DARAFILL[®]Dry is designed for CLSM mixtures and is not recommended for use in conventional concrete. DARAFILL[®] Dry offers the following benefits:

- Safe, efficient, non-corrosive fill material for trenches, tanks and pipes.
- Self-levelling and high lateral flow fills for trenches, undercuts and voids.
- Cost-effective in comparison to compacted soil by increasing efficiency of labour and equipment.
- Flexible, mix designs to suit requirements.
- Minimises settlement in comparison to compacted-soil backfill.

Storage, Addition Rate, Dispensing and Mix Designs

DARAFILL®Dry bags have a storage tolerance in the temperature range of 0 °C to 55 °C . Store DARAFILL®Dry above freezing, away from heat sources and out of direct sunlight.

Addition rates are typically one bag (containing 0.17 kg DARAFILL®Dry) to dose 0.75 m³ of CLSM and one large bag (containing 0.68 kg DARAFILL®Dry) to dose 3 m³ of CLSM.

The contents of DARAFILL®Dry bags are added in their entirety to the CLSM load. DARAFILL®Dry should be added directly into mixers after the CLSM load is batched.

For optimisation of freight volumes, add DARAFILL®Dry at the job site. CLSM with DARAFILL®Dry reaches optimum consistency when the mixture reaches a creamy, flowing appearance.

For central mix operations, add the contents of DARAFILL®Dry bags into the central mixer and not into trucks to ease discharge from the central mixer.

Mix design information may be obtained from GCP Applied Technologies. If water-based CLSM is now being used, a mix design adjustment will be required in order to use DARAFILL®Dry.

Specification

Material for backfill operations shall be cementitious Controlled Low Strength Material mixtures as supplied by concrete producer and contain DARAFILL®Dry CLSM Performance Additive, as manufactured by GCP Applied Technologies. Mixture ingredients and proportions shall be submitted for approval. DARAFILL®Dry CLSM Performance Additive shall be added by the concrete producer personnel as per manufacturer's recommendations.

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