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# **KONSTRUKT GENERAL PURPOSE GROUT**

## **General Purpose Non Shrink Class A Cementitious Grout**

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### **DESCRIPTION**

Konstrukt General Purpose Grout is a Class A construction grout based on a blend of Portland cement, high quality graded aggregates and additives, which control expansion whilst the grout is in a plastic state.

### **RECOMMENDED USES**

- General purpose grout
- Grouting underneath precast panels and concrete sections
- Anchor bolts filling
- Filling in cavities, gaps and base infill's
- Filling in core holes created in panels by core drilling
- Suitable for block work in core filling

### **FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

- Shrinkage compensated
- Gaseous expansion while in plastic state eliminates shrinkage and settlement
- Non-metallic iron content eliminates staining
- Can be dry packed, rammed, troweled or poured
- Pump able for larger applications
- Grouting from 20mm to 150mm in a single application
- Australian made

### **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### Surface and Substrate Preparation-

The substrate to be grouted must be clean, sound and free from dust, oil, grease, curing compounds or any foreign matter that will affect the grout adhesion bond. Bolt holes and anchor points must be clean and free of water.

#### Pre-Soaking-

All prepared areas must be saturated with water for a minimum of 4 hours prior to grouting. This will reduce the porosity of the substrate.

Prior to grouting, ensure all excess water is removed and all holes must be free from water and no puddles of water are present.

If grouting under base plates, it is imperative that bleed holes or venting holes are provided (this will eliminate pressure build up in a confined area).

#### Formwork-

It is essential that the formwork to be constructed is leak proof and water tight. In order to achieve this it is recommended that foam rubber strips or a suitable sealant such as polyurethane or silicone be used underneath the formwork.

The formwork should be constructed, which will allow and ensure a grout head is maintained on the side above the level of the underside at the base plate. The formwork should allow for gravity flow of grout with a suitable grout head allowing for continuous flow between the base plate and the concrete substrate.

To ensure ease of formwork removal, the formwork should be coated with form oil or release oil prior to grouting (consult Konstrukt Technical Department for additional information).

It is recommended that Konstrukt General Purpose Grout be kept in a cool environment and the use of cold water be used for mixing. It is recommended that in instances where the temperature is greater than 30° C, the grouting be conducted early in the day or late in the evening and sheltered from sunlight and direct heat.



Mixing-

Konstrukt General Purpose Grout is ready to use, simply requiring the addition of water.

It must be mixed with a mechanical mixer with a high shear mixer or a suitable drum mixer that creates a forced action mixing.

For smaller quantity mixing, an electric drill with a spiral mixing paddle is suitable. The speed drill should be approx. 500-600 rpm.

**DO NOT MIX BY HAND.**

<b>Dry Pack/ Stiff Grout:</b>	Add 2.7 - 2.9 litres per 20kg bag
<b>Plastic/ Trowellable Grout:</b>	Add 3.0 - 3.4 litres per 20kg bag
<b>Flowable/ Pourable Grout:</b>	Add 3.6 - 4.0 litres per 20kg bag

Always add the grout powder to the pre-measured water. **DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL WATER AS GROUT WILL SEGREGATE AND BLEED AFFECTING PERFORMANCE.**

The selected water level should be accurately measured and added to a suitable mixing container.

Add the powder (grout) to the water and mix for 3-5 minutes until a homogeneous consistent mix is obtained.

**DO NOT ADD ADDITIONAL WATER OTHER THAN SPECIFIED ABOVE. DISCARD ANY GROUT THAT HAS STIFFENED OR IS UNWORKABLE.**

Placement-

Konstrukt General Purpose Grout can be placed in three different ways:

1. Dry Pack/ Stiff Grout-

(2.7 - 2.9 litres water per bag)

Ensure sufficient water is present to obtain a stiff/ dry pack consistency. If the grout is too dry, insufficient hydration of the cements will cause low strength gain and inadequate curing. Using a tamping rod or a suitable tamping tool, apply the grout in the required position tamping to ensure adequate compaction.

2. Gravity flow using header box-

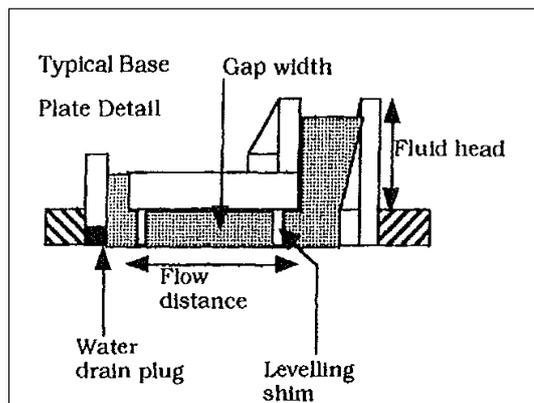
Mix the grout to a flowable consistency and pour grout from one side to avoid air entrapment. Ensure a grout head box is used and the grout head is maintained at all times. This will ensure continuous flow of grout without the possibility of air entrapment.

3. Large volume pumping-

Mix the grout using a forced action mixer. A positive displacement pump is the recommended pump for large placement application. For large grout pours ensure the grout is pumped from the bottom upwards as this will minimize any air entrapment and ensure complete void filling. For base plates pump from one side ensuring an air bleeder hole is available in the formwork or base plate to ensure any build-up of pressure is released from the bleeder hole.

**DO NOT VIBRATE OR USE MECHANICAL VIBRATOR TO ASSIST FLOW.**

For special grout application and placement, contact Konstrukt head office for further details.



DRAWING 1.1

Curing-

On completion of grout application, all exposed grout should be cured in accordance to 'good practices' in concrete curing. The exposed grout should be covered with plastic sheeting, wet hessian or wet liquid curing compounds. Consult your Konstrukt representative for advice on the most suitable product. Curing plays a vital role in ultimate grout performance and strength development.



TYPICAL PROPERTIES	
Appearance	Grey powder (grey when mixed)
Fresh wet density Kg/m <sup>3</sup>	Approx. 2190 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (flowable/pourable)
Application Temp	Minimum 10° C Maximum 30° C
Expansion characteristics	Expansion 1-2% Plastic state
Time for Expansion	Start 15 min Finish 3 hrs (plastic state)
Bleed	0%
Youngs Modulus	25 GPa

**FLOW PROPERTIES**

Mixed 4 litres of water per 20kg bag at 20°C

FLOW PROPERTIES			
Grout Consistency	Gap Depth (mm)	100mm head of grout Flow distance (metres)	250mm head of grout Flow distance (metres)
Fluid/ Flowable	10	1.9	2.0
	20	2.0	2.5
	30	2.5	2.8
	40	2.8	3.0
	50	3.0	3.2
	100	3.0	3.5

Grout head refer to headbox required for a continuous pour as to avoid air pockets under the base plate as well improve flow.

Care must be taken during grouting to ensure the headbox and grout head is maintained at all times.

The grout head nominated (100mm or 250mm) will ensure that a continuous and consistent flow is achieved.

SETTING TIMES			
Consistency	Dry Pack	Trowellable	Flowable
Initial Set (hours)	1.5	3.0	4.5
Final Set (hours)	2.5	4.5	6.5
Water requirement Litres per bag	2.7-2.9	3.0-3.4	3.6-4.0
Tested at 20°C 50% RH Tested to AS 1012.18 for setting times			

COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH		
Age (Days)	Compressive Strength MPa	Flexural Strength MPa
1	>20	>1.5
3	>30	>3.5
7	>40	>8.5
28	>55	>9.5
Tested AS 1012.9 and AS2073 at 20°C for compressive strength Tested to ASTM C348-86 at 20 degrees for flexural strength. Tested at flowable consistency.		

BOND STRENGTH	
Age (Days)	Strength MPa
7	>5MPa
28	>10MPa
Tested to ASTM C882-1987, Slant shear method.	

YIELDS			
Consistency	Dry Pack	Trowellable	Flowable
Litres of water per 20kg Bag	2.7-2.9	3.0-3.4	3.6-4.0
Yield per bag Litres	10.3	10.6	11.0
Fresh wet density kg/m <sup>3</sup>	2250	2220	2190
Bags required per cubic metre (m <sup>3</sup> )	97	94	91

### SPECIFICATION CLAUSES

Performance specification-

All grouting shown on the drawing 1.1 must be carried out with a pre-packaged cement based grout 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 40 MPa at 7 days and 55 MPa at 28 days.

The storage and placement of the grout must be in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Supplier's specification-

All grouting where shown on the drawing must be carried out using as manufactured by Aftek and used in accordance with the manufacturer's data sheet.

### PACKAGING

Konstrukt General Purpose Grout is supplied in 20kg poly lined bags.

### STORAGE-SHELF LIFE

Konstrukt General Purpose Grout has shelf life of 9 months if stored in the original sealed packaging in dry, low humid environments.

### PRECAUTIONS

- Unrestrained area must be kept to a minimum
- Do not add additional water other than what is specified
- Never apply mixed grout to a dry porous substance
- Refer to MSDS (material safety data sheet) prior to mixing
- Always apply grout in a continuous operation ensure grout head is maintained
- At low temperatures, grout setting time and strength gain will be extended
- At very high temperatures, grout will set and cure faster potentially causing cracking and delamination

For more detailed information, please read the MSDS for this product.

### CLEAN UP

Wash all tools and equipment with fresh, clean water immediately after use. Konstrukt General Purpose Grout can only be removed mechanically.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

Avoid contact with skin. Protective gloves and clothing are recommended when mixing or using this product. Please refer to full MSDS (material safety data sheet) for this product, which is available from Konstrukt upon request.

### TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Konstrukt manufactures a comprehensive range of high quality and performance construction products.

Please contact your Konstrukt sales representative or Head Office for this service.

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