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RHEOFINISH[®] 226

Surface consolidation agent with de-moulding properties

DESCRIPTION

RHEOFINISH 226 is a water-based, non-toxic surface consolidation agent with excellent form release properties. It has been formulated to reduce or eliminate surface imperfections in superplasticised pour in place concrete, pre-cast and pre-stressed concrete.

RHEOFINISH 226 also gives easy and complete release of concrete when applied to most types of form liners.

RECOMMENDED FOR

All types of formwork including wood, steel, polyester or plywood where good surface finish and optimum release is required.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS

- Reduces repair cost associated with touch-ups to remove surface defects.
- Non-staining properties is suitable for very light coloured surfaces.
- Optimum release of formwork is ensured.
- Milky white appearance after adding with water aids in reducing overlapping during application.
- Reduces the need to clean forms frequently.
- Promotes easy and efficient stripping of forms.
- Promotes a better and safer working environment.
- Suitable for use indoors and outdoors.
- Improves concrete surface by reducing surface voids pinholes and defects greasy stains.
- Easy and inexpensive to apply by spray.
- Reduces rusting of steel forms.
- High flash point reduces risk of fire.

APPLICATION

RHEOFINISH 226 after dilution with water to the appropriate ratio, can be applied by sprayer, brush, broom or roller on any type of forms except rubber lined. It is essential that **RHEOFINISH 226** forms a stable emulsion and not separate layers when mixed with right ratio of water to obtain full releasing effect.

When spraying with central inlet pipe system, the equipment must be clean with hot water to remove previous conventional mould releasers.

When spraying with a portable hand gun, the optimum nozzle size is 0.65mm. Best results are obtained with an oval orifice.

During spraying, it is essential to maintain a pressure of 6 bars and that the gun, especially the nozzle is completely tight to avoid dripping. The spray gun should be clean or left in a bucket of water after use. If left unused for a few days the nozzle may block.

When spraying **RHEOFINISH 226**, a more coarse drop formation is observed compared to conventional oil based mould releasers. This helps to reduce the risk of spray mist entering the respiratory system.

The spraying should be done at a suitable distance of 40 to 50 cm from the mould so that the **RHEOFINISH 226** is evenly distributed in a uniform film on the mould.

Initially the spray applied emulsion is whitish and it is relatively easy to observe dosage and coverage. The whitish colour will gradually disappear. The resultant film is water repellent.

RHEOFINISH 226 when applied in thin layers provide best possible results.

DOSAGE

RHEOFINISH 226 can be diluted up to a ratio of 1 part to 4 parts of water. When applied by spray, a constant 6 bar of pressure should be used. The coverage rate is 40-60m²/litre.

PACKAGING

RHEOFINISH 226 is available in 20L pails and 205L drums.

SHELF LIFE

RHEOFINISH 226 can be stored for 12 months if stored at temperatures above -5°C and below 43°C in tightly sealed original drums. If found to be frozen, thaw it and reconstitute by stirring.

PRECAUTIONS

For detailed Health, Safety and Environmental recommendations, please consult and follow all instructions on the product Material Safety Data Sheet.

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