

Ultra high strength, high flow epoxy grout

Uses

For grouting under baseplates, crane rails, turbines where heavy dynamic loads are encountered and areas where chemical spillage may occur.

Typical applications include:

- Reciprocating machinery
- Heavy crane and transporter rails
- High speed turbines
- Centrifuges
- Drop forges
- Anchoring of steel bars
- Electroplating and chemical plants

Advantages

- Very high compressive, tensile and flexural strengths
- Resistant to repetitive dynamic loads
- Fast, convenient installation with high early strength gain
- Withstands a wide range of chemicals
- Low creep characteristics under sustained loading

Description

Conbextra EP65 Plus is a solvent-free rapid hardening, ultra high strength epoxy grout, based on the latest polymer technology. It is designed for use as a precision, heavy duty multi purpose grout for engineering applications. It is supplied as a two component system consisting of epoxy resin incorporating inert fillers and the hardener, to produce a highly fluid grout.

Design Criteria

Conbextra EP65 Plus has been designed so it achieves the best possible Effective Bearing Area enabling the grout to effectively transfer load from the base plate to the foundation.

Conbextra EP65 Plus is formulated for flow application into gaps under base plates ranging from 10mm to 100mm.

Chemical Resistance

Conbextra EP65 Plus is resistant to oil, grease, fats, most common chemicals, mild acids and alkalis, fresh and sea water. Consult Fosroc when exposure to solvents or concentrated chemicals is anticipated.

Specification Clauses

Epoxy resin grouting

All epoxy resin grouting where shown on the drawings must be carried out with a factory packed product. The hardened grout must have a compressive strength which exceeds 125MPa at 7 days, a tensile strength which exceeds 14MPa at 7 days and a flexural strength which exceeds 28MPa at 7 days.

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

Instructions for Use

Foundation surface

All contact surfaces must be free from oil, grease, free standing water or any loosely adherent material. Concrete surfaces should be cut back to a sound base. All dust must be removed and bolt holes or fixing pockets blown clean of any dirt or debris.

Steel surfaces

All steel surfaces should be shot blasted free of rust, paint and flaky mill scale.

Formwork

The formwork should be constructed to be leakproof as Conbextra EP65 Plus is a free flowing grout. Loss of grout once the material is placed, but not hardened, will result in incomplete filling of the gap.

For free flow grout conditions it is essential to provide a hydrostatic head of grout. To achieve this a feeding hopper system should be used.

Forming materials should be coated with a release agent such as grease or wax material or a plastic coating. These coatings act as a bond breaker so that a smooth grout surface is achieved after form removal and the forms are protected for reuse.

Mixing

Pour the entire contents of the hardener pack into the base container. Mix the hardener slowly into the base using a slow speed heavy duty mixer such as the Ransom 140 x 600 M14 Helical mixing paddle (product code: N4020892-UNIT) fitted to a heavy-duty 1600W mixer, such as Ransom 1602 E (product code: NP7EV160-UNIT) or equivalent. Once combined the product should be mixed at 350 to 400 RPM for 2 to 3 minutes until a uniform mix is obtained.

For large pours purpose made grout pumps can be used - seek further advice from Fosroc.

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Properties

The following results were obtained at a temperature of 23°C unless otherwise stated.

Compressive Strength	Standard	Typical Result				
		Cure Time	10°C	23°C	30°C	40°C
	(MPa)	2 hours	0	40	50	65
		3 Hours	5	70	80	90
		4 Hours	15	80	85	95
		5 Hours	25	85	90	100
		12 Hours	45	90	100	105
		1 Day	60	105	115	125
		3 Days	100	115	125	125
		7 Days	110	125	125	125
Indirect Tensile Strength	AS1012.2 10-2000	7 days – 15Mpa				
Flexural Strength (Modulus of Rupture)	AS1012.2.11-2000	7 days - 29MPa				
Modulus of Elasticity	AS 1012.17-1997	13.5 GPa				
Thermal Coefficient of Expansion	ASTM C531:2000	9.22 x 10 ⁻⁵ mm/mm °C				
Slant Shear Bond Strength	ASTM C882/ C882M:2012	36.7 MPa (substrate failure)				
Creep 28 days @ 2.8MPa	ASTM C1181-00	@ 23°C 7 x 10 ⁻⁴ cm/cm @ 60°C 2.3 x 10 ⁻² cm/cm				
Chloride Content	EN 1015-17:2000	0.0%				
Pot Life		10°C	60 mins			
		20°C	30 mins			
		30°C	15 mins			
Minimum Thickness		10mm				
Maximum Thickness		100mm				

Note: Compressive strengths stated above were measured using cube samples. Test results obtained will vary if testing is carried out to an alternative standard or sample dimensions are used. Refer to the compressive strength testing guide for epoxy grouts document for further information.

Flow characteristics

The maximum distance of flow is governed by the gap thickness, the head of grout applied and the ambient temperature. The following table gives typical data for flow design.

	Temperature (°C)	Gap Thickness (mm)	Hydrostatic head (mm)	Maximum Flow
Conbextra EP65 Plus	5	10	100	600
	5	35	100	700
	20	10	100	750
	20	35	100	2000
	30	10	100	950
	30	35	100	2500

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Placing

The mixed grout should be poured steadily from one side only to eliminate the entrapment of air.

Continuous grout flow is essential.

Sufficient grout must be available prior to starting.

The time taken to pour a batch should be regulated to the time taken to prepare the next batch.

Please refer to the Conbextra Epoxy Grouts Application Guide for further information. This is available from the Fosroc website.

Adding Aggregate

Conbextra Grout Aggregate can be added to Conbextra EP65 Plus to reduce exothermic heat development enabling increased pour sizes.

When required, add up to 10kg of Conbextra Grout Aggregate per 14 litre kit of Conbextra EP65 Plus. Typical yield increase is approximately 4 litres per 10kg of aggregate added.

Caution: when adding aggregate to epoxy based grouts air may be entrained in the mix. Allow the mixed product to settle and expel air bubbles before placing.

The addition of aggregate to grout will reduce the flow characteristics of the product. If high flow performance is required it is not recommended that aggregate be added.

Cleaning

All tools and equipment should be cleaned immediately after use with Fosroc Solvent 10. Spillages should be absorbed with sand or sawdust and disposed in accordance with local regulations.

Limitations

Temperature during application

Grouting may be carried out without special precautions at ambient temperatures from 5°C to 25°C. Where temperatures exceed 20°C note the pot life will be reduced.

Cure rate will be affected at low temperatures. Application should not proceed if the ambient or surface temperature is <5°C and falling.

Exotherm: All epoxy systems will develop a temperature rise on mixing. Its extent will be a function of the volume to surface ratio, the ambient temperature as well as the mass and thermal conductivity of the surrounding materials.

Temperature in service

The cured grouts, which are completely resistant to frost and sub-zero temperatures, are suitable for use up to 55°C.

Supply

Conbextra EP65 Plus: 14 litre 2 component packs

Conbextra EP65 Plus (Base)	FC524460-11.5L
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Conbextra EP65 Plus (Hardener)	FC524470-2.5L
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Storage

Conbextra EP65 Plus base component has a shelf life of 24 months from date of manufacture if kept in a dry, cool store in the original, unopened packs.

Conbextra EP65 Plus hardener component has a shelf life of 36 months from date of manufacture if kept in a dry, cool store in the original, unopened packs.

Important notice

A Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is available from the Fosroc website. Read the SDS and TDS carefully prior to use as application or performance data may change from time to time. In emergency, contact any Poisons Information Centre (phone 13 11 26 within Australia) or a doctor for advice.

Product disclaimer

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