

# MASTERFLOW™ 915

General purpose, cementitious, shrinkage compensated, flowable construction grout

## Description

MASTERFLOW 915 is Portland-cement-based, shrinkage-compensated, construction grout. Its non-metallic formula does not rust, bleed, or harm metals on contact. Its cost-effectiveness makes it ideal for large jobs. The grout undergoes controlled expansion in the plastic stage to compensate for plastic shrinkage.

## Uses

- Stanchion base plates and column bases
- Narrow gaps between pre-cast elements
- Pipes and other joints that do not require movement accommodation
- Bedding grout for precast panels
- Backfilling, underpinning foundations
- Machinery bases
- Bearing plates
- Rail posts
- Power-line stanchions
- Masts & fence posts

## Advantages

- Optimum contact with load bearing areas
- Pre packed and pre formulated
- Consistent performance
- Chloride free
- One component – Mixes easily with water
- Dimensionally stable
- Dry pack to pourable consistency – versatile
- Non - efflorescing – may be painted or coated
- Can be extended with clean water – graded coarse aggregates for large volume filling – Lowest cost

## Typical Properties

Aspect	: Free flow grey powder
W /P Ratio, by weight	: 0.17 (flowable)
Mix Density ( Flowable)	: 2100 Kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Compressive strength	: 15 MPa at 1 Day
(ASTM C109, 70mm cube)	: 25 MPa at 3 Days
	: 35 MPa at 7 Days
	: 50 MPa at 28 Days
Flexural Strength (ASTM C78)	: 7 MPa at 28 Days

## Specification Clause

The shrinkage-compensated, cementitious grout shall be MASTERFLOW 915, hydraulic-cement based free-flow, construction grout. The grout shall have compressive strength minimum of 15 MPa at 1 day and 50 MPa at 28 days; flexure strength minimum of 7 MPa at 28 days. The grout must exhibit positive volumetric expansion in plastic stage, based on

gaseous expansion system. Grout must be flowable at 0.17 w/c ratio and shall have fresh wet density in excess of 2100 Kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

## Directions for Use

### Surface Preparation

All areas to be grouted must be clean and free of oil, grease, dirt and contaminants. Remove all loose materials. Concrete must be fully cured a minimum of 28 days.

Where required, provide air-relief openings to avoid entrapment of air.

All metal components to be in contact with MASTERFLOW 915 must be free of rust, paint, or oils.

All concrete to come in contact with the grout must be thoroughly saturated with clean water for a minimum of 12 hours before placement of grout. Remove excess water from holes and voids just before grout placement.

### Form work

Design and erect a formwork to the geometry of the space to be grouted. Ensure that the formwork is grout tight, strong and well braced to withstand the fluid pressure of the grout until it sets. The formwork should be designed such as to leave a minimum gap of 100 mm at the pouring end, 50 mm at the opposite end and the minimum possible at the sides. Incorporate a pouring hopper at the pouring side of at least 300 mm height, to provide adequate grout head.

Before erecting, coat the inner surfaces of forms with a suitable release agent for easy release.

Seal all the gaps in formwork, and those between formwork and concrete surface with a suitable joint sealant or with MASTERFLOW 915 mixed to a stiff consistency.

### Mixing

Precondition MASTERFLOW 915 to 23 ± 3°C before mixing.

MASTERFLOW 915 is ready to use and requires only the addition of water. Use the minimum water required to achieve the desired placement consistency, approximately the following amounts

Pourable (Minimum Flow): 3.75 litre/ 25 Kg bag

Flowable: 4.25 litre/ 25 Kg bag of grout

The water requirement may vary with mixing efficiency, temperature, and other variables. It is advisable to carry out a trial mix to assess any adjustment necessary in the water demand before commencing large scale application.

Mechanical mixing is a must. For a large batch, use a concrete mixer and for a small batch (up to two bags

at a time), use a heavy-duty, slow speed (approx. 600 rpm) drill fitted with a spiral paddle.

Place approximately 80% of the water in the mixer. Keeping the mixer running, add MASTERFLOW 915 slowly. Mix for at least 3 minutes until a lump-free mixture is obtained. Add the remaining water while continuing to mix for at least 5 minutes until the desired consistency is achieved.

Use 7-9 mm screen, to remove any unmixed lumps.

#### Placing

Placing should be without interruptions until completion.

Place the mixed grout into the pouring hopper of the formwork within 15 minutes after mixing. Place from one side only.

MASTERFLOW 915 should be laid at a minimum thickness of 25mm and to a maximum depth of 100mm.

For grouting beyond 100 mm in depth, extend MASTERFLOW 915 with up to 25 kg of 5-12 mm sized, washed, saturated surface-dry (SSD), graded, low absorption, high density aggregates. Please consult your local BASF representative for advice.

#### Unrestrained Surfaces

It is advisable to design the grout casting, maintaining minimum exposed, unrestrained areas. In case its not avoidable and are wider than 50mm, dress them with 10mm size aggregates to minimise any surface cracking, once grout attains initial set.

#### Curing

Cure the exposed grout shoulders as soon as the grout reaches touch hard state, for 2-3 days by water ponding and then with a uniform coat of MASTERKURE 181.

#### Cleaning

Clean tools and equipment with water before the grout hardens.

#### Coverage

Each bag of 25kg of mixing with 4.25L of water (Flowable) yields 13.9 L i.e. approximately 72 x 25kg bags / m<sup>3</sup>

When extended with 12.5 kg of aggregate (SG: 2.6) per bag of MASTERFLOW 915, the yield will be 18.5L, and with 25kg of aggregate, the yield will be 23L

#### Packaging

MASTERFLOW 915 is supplied in 25kg moisture-resistant bags.

#### Storage and Shelf life

Store under cover, out of direct sunlight and protect from extremes of temperature. In tropical climates the product must be stored in an air-conditioned environment.

Shelf life is 6 months when stored as above.

Failure to comply with the recommended storage conditions may result in premature deterioration of the product or packaging. For specific storage advice please consult BASF's Technical Services Department.

#### Safety precautions

As with all chemical products, care should be taken during use and storage to avoid contact with eyes, mouth, skin and foodstuffs (which can also be tainted with vapour until product fully cured or dried). Treat splashes to eyes and skin immediately. If accidentally ingested, seek immediate medical attention. Keep away from children and animals. Reseal containers after use. Do not reuse containers for storage of consumable item. For further information refer to the material safety data sheet. MSDS available on demand or on BASF construction chemicals web site.

#### Note

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