

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement CEM III/A+SR

Technical data sheet

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement is a factory produced CEM III/A+SR cement manufactured to the requirements of BS EN 197-1 strength class 42,5L.

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement offers comparable performance to traditional Portland cements (CEM I) with significantly less embodied CO₂.

Sustainability benefits

- Produces low CO₂ concrete and mortar
- Reduced mineral extraction and landfill
- Meets your criteria for sustainable construction

Typical embodied carbon dioxide (ECO₂) of common concrete mixes

Concrete	Concrete grade	Slump	ECO ₂ (kg/m ³)		
			CEM I	30% Fly Ash	(CEM III/A+SR)
Mass fill	GEN1	70mm	173	124	98
Foundations*	RC25/30	70mm	318	266	201
Structural concrete **	RC32/40	70mm	372	317	236
High strength concrete**	RC40/50	70mm	436	356	275

Credit – Technical Report 74 – The Concrete Society

* Includes 30kg/m³ steel reinforcement

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Applications

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement is suitable for use in all concrete, mortar and grout above or below ground or where sulfates are present even in high concentrations.

Compatibility

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement is suitable for use with a wide range of admixtures to extend the properties and uses of concretes, mortars, renders and screeds. It is recommended that trial mixes are carried out to determine optimum proportions.

Durability

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement has sulfate-resisting properties and has the designation CEM III/A+SR as set out in BS 8500. Sulfates which may occur in soil and groundwater react with the tri-calcium aluminate (C3A) present in most Portland cements causing deterioration of concrete. Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement reduces sulphate attack and meets the requirements for all sulfate conditions except class DC-4m.

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement also offers improved chloride resistance and minimises the risk of alkali-silica reaction and can therefore allow the use of high-alkali reactivity aggregates. For further information see BS 8500, BRE Digest 330 and BRE Special Digest 1.

Mix design and strength

Concrete mix designs need to be adapted to suit individual circumstances. 28-day concrete strengths using Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement are similar to those obtained with other cements classified as 42,5N, however early-age strengths are likely to be lower. It is strongly recommended that trial mixes are carried out prior to commencement of work to ensure that the mix design and material combinations meet the requirements of the specification and method of use.

Regen

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement affords its impressive sustainability performance to the inclusion of Heidelberg Materials Regen GGBS. Regen is a cement substitute, manufactured from a by-product of the iron-making industry. Using one tonne of Regen in concrete reduces the embodied CO₂ by around 900kg, compared to using one tonne of Portland cement.

Environmental issue	Measured as	Impact	
		Manufacture of one tonne of GGBS ¹	Typical manufacture of one tonne of PC
Climate change	CO ₂ equivalent	0.05 tonnes	0.95 tonnes
Energy use	Primary energy ²	1.300 MJ	5,000 MJ
Mineral extraction	Weight quarried	0	1.5 tonnes
Waste disposal	Weight to tip	1 tonne saved ³	0.02 tonne

¹ No account taken of the impact of Iron-making as slag evolves, irrespective of whether it can be used.

² Includes energy involved in the generation and distribution of electricity.

³ The use of slag for the manufacture of GGBS potentially saves it from having to be disposed of to tip.

Credit - Denis Higgins - Institute of Concrete Technology - Annual technical Symposium 28/03/06 - Sustainable Concrete: How can additions contribute?

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Quality

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement is UKCA Marked in accordance with the Construction Products Regulation (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.

Independent sampling and testing of Heidelberg Materials HS52, confirms conformity with all the requirements of BS EN 197-1. This is known as Assessment and Verification of Constancy of Performance (AVCP) System 1+. This is also in addition to applying a system of factory production control, based on ISO 9001 and defined in BS EN 197-2.

A Declaration of Performance (DoP) and UKCA mark are available online at www.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk.

Data and certification

Current data and routine certification of tests for all essential characteristics are available on a weekly basis and can be accessed from www.heidelbergmaterials.co.uk.

Hexavalent Chromium (VI)

The soluble chromium (VI) content is limited to a maximum of 2ppm. The chromium (VI) content is determined in accordance with EN 196-10. The maximum shelf life of bulk cement is 4 months.

Availability

Heidelberg Materials Blast Furnace Cement is available across the United Kingdom.

Conditions of use

- Methods to prevent loss of moisture from exposed surfaces of concrete, known as curing, should be employed for at least the first 7 days after casting
- As a general rule, concrete should be placed within the range of 5°C to 30°C.
- In cold weather, freshly poured concrete should be protected from low temperatures to avoid frost damage.
- Heidelberg Materials cannot be held responsible for poor workmanship.
- Due to the nature of raw materials used in production, slight colour variations may occur

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Technical support and further information

Please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet for full health and safety information

For further advice please contact Heidelberg Materials cement technical support on **0330 123 4525** or cement@uk.heidelbergmaterials.com

Further copies of this technical data sheet may be obtained from heidelbergmaterials.co.uk