



## ADMIX C-500

### DESCRIPTION

Xypex is a unique chemical treatment for the waterproofing, protection and improvement of concrete. XYPEX ADMIX C-500 is added to the concrete mix at the time of batching. Xypex Admix C-500 consists of portland cement, very fine treated silica sand and various active, proprietary chemicals. These active chemicals react with the moisture in fresh concrete and with the by-products of cement hydration to cause a catalytic reaction which generates a non-soluble crystalline formation throughout the pores and capillary tracts of the concrete. Thus the concrete becomes permanently sealed against the penetration of water or liquids from any direction. The concrete is also protected from deterioration due to harsh environmental conditions.

### XYPEX ADMIX C-SERIES

The Admix C-Series has been specially formulated to meet varying project and temperature conditions. **Xypex Admix C-500** is specifically formulated to meet modern concrete practices that incorporate additives such as fly ash and slag. For most concrete mix designs adding the Admix C-500 will have minimal or no effect on setting time. **Xypex Admix C-1000** is designed for typical Portland cement-rich concrete, where normal to a mild retarded set is desired. **Xypex Admix C-2000** is designed for projects where extended retardation is required due to high ambient temperatures or long ready-mix delivery times. See Setting Time and Strength for more details. Consult with a Xypex Technical Representative for the most appropriate Xypex Admix for your project.

### RECOMMENDED FOR:

- Reservoirs
- Sewage and Water Treatment Plants
- Secondary Containment Structures
- Tunnels and Subway Systems
- Underground Vaults
- Foundations
- Parking Structures
- Swimming Pools
- Pre-Cast Components

### ADVANTAGES

- Resists extreme hydrostatic pressure from either positive or negative surface of the concrete
- Becomes an integral part of the substrate
- Highly resistant to aggressive chemicals
- Can seal static hairline cracks up to 0.4 mm
- Allows concrete to breathe
- Non-toxic
- Less costly to apply than most other methods
- Permanent
- Added to the concrete at time of batching and therefore is not subject to climatic restraints
- Increases flexibility in construction scheduling

### PACKAGING

Xypex Admix C-500 is available in 50 lb. (22.7 kg) bags and in cartons containing 10 lb. (4.5 kg), 12 lb. (5.5 kg), and 15 lb. (6.8 kg) soluble bags. For specific projects, contact the manufacturer for availability of custom sized packaging.

### STORAGE

Xypex products must be stored dry at a minimum temperature of 45°F (7°C). Shelf life is one year when stored under proper conditions.

### DOSAGE RATES

Xypex Admix C-500: 2% - 3% by weight of cement  
 Xypex Admix C-500 NF (No Fines Grade): 1% - 1.5% by weight of cement

**Note:** Under certain conditions, the dosage rate for No Fines Grade may be as low as 0.8% depending on the quantity and type of total cementitious materials.

Consult with Xypex's Technical Department for assistance in determining the appropriate dosage rate and for further information regarding enhanced chemical resistance, optimum concrete performance, or meeting the specific requirements and conditions of your project.

## TEST DATA

### PERMEABILITY

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers CRD C48-73 "Permeability of Concrete" Aviles Engineering Corp., Houston, USA

Two concrete samples containing Xypex Admix at 3% and 5% respectively, and an untreated control sample were tested for water permeability. Both the treated and untreated samples were subjected to a pressure of 150 psi (350 ft. waterhead). Results showed moisture and permeated water throughout the untreated sample after 24 hours. However, the Xypex Admix samples showed no leakage, and water penetration of only 1.5 mm after 120 hours (5 days).

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers CRD C48-73 "Permeability of Concrete" Setsco Services, Pte Ltd, Singapore

Six Xypex Admix-treated and six untreated concrete samples were tested for water permeability. Pressure was gradually increased over five days and then maintained at 7 bars (224 ft. waterhead) for 10 days. While the six reference samples showed water leakage beginning on the fifth day and increasing throughout the test period, the Xypex Admix samples showed no water leakage at any time during the test.

DIN 1048 "Water Impermeability of Concrete" DICTU S.A. Dept. Of Engineering and Construction Mgt., Santiago, Chile

Concrete samples 120 mm thick containing Xypex Admix were tested with the same size reference samples for water impermeability. Samples were subjected to hydrostatic pressure for 28 days. Water totally permeated the untreated samples but no water penetration was detected in any of the Xypex Admix-treated samples.

### COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH

ASTM C 39 "Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens" HBT Agra, Vancouver, Canada

Concrete samples containing Xypex Admix at various dosage rates (1%, 2% and 5%) were tested against an untreated concrete control sample. Compressive strength test results after 28 days indicated a significant strength increase in the samples incorporating Xypex Admix. The compressive strength increase varied between 5% and 20% (depending on the Xypex Admix dosage rate) over that of the reference sample.

ASTM C 39 "Compressive Strength of Cylindrical Concrete Specimens" Kleinfelder Laboratories, San Francisco, USA

At 28 days, the compressive strength test of the concrete containing Xypex Admix measured 7160 psi as compared to the reference sample at 6460 psi (a 10% increase).

### CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

JIS "Chemical Durability Test" Japanese Utility Company, In-house Test Report, Tokyo, Japan

Concrete samples containing Xypex Admix were tested against five samples containing other admixtures and against a control sample, to determine resistance to corrosion and deterioration caused by contact with aggressive chemicals. All samples were soaked in a 5% sulfuric acid solution at 20°C for six months. Various evaluations and measurements were assessed every month during the test period, including: photographic comparisons, relative dynamic modulus of elasticity, percentage change in length, weight and flexural rigidity. Although the Xypex Admix sample was subjected to acid conditions well outside its published range, the results confirmed Xypex with the best performance among the seven samples tested.

"Sulfuric Acid Resistance Test" Aviles Engineering Corporation, Houston, USA

Concrete samples containing Xypex Admix at different dosage rates (3%, 5% and 7%) were tested against untreated control samples for Sulfuric acid resistance. After immersion in the Sulfuric acid, each sample was tested for weight loss on a daily basis until a weight loss of 50% or a definite response trend was obtained. The percentage weight loss of the samples containing Xypex Admix tested significantly lower than the control samples.

"Sulphate Resistance Test" Taywood Engineering Ltd., Perth, Australia

Xypex Admix-treated concrete samples were immersed in an ammonium-sulphate solution and tested for "resistance in a harsh environment". The performance of the Xypex-Crystalline-Technology was compared with five other concretes, including one containing a sulphate-resistant cement. Each of the test samples was cured for seven days and then placed in an ammonium-sulphate solution (132 g/l) for 180 days. The rate of corrosion was determined by measuring weight loss, and length change was noted on a weekly basis. The Xypex-Crystalline-Technology substantially improved concrete performance as compared to the reference concrete and tested very similar to the sulphate-resistant concrete. The Xypex Admix-treated samples also provided the highest level of protection as measured by change in length.

### FREEZE/THAW DURABILITY

ASTM C 666 "Freeze/Thaw Durability" Independent Laboratory, Cleveland, USA

After 300 freeze/thaw cycles, the Xypex Admix-treated samples indicated 94% relative durability.

## POTABLE WATER EXPOSURE

NSF 61 "Drinking Water System Component-Health Effects"  
NSF International, Ann Arbor, USA

Exposure testing of potable water in contact with Xypex-treated samples indicated no harmful effects.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Xypex Admix C-500 must be added to the concrete at the time of batching. The sequence of procedures for addition will vary according to the type of batch plant operation and equipment:

**1. READY MIX PLANT - DRY BATCH OPERATION** Add Xypex Admix in powder form to the drum of the ready-mix truck. Drive the ready-mix truck under the batch plant and add the balance of the materials in accordance with standard concrete batching practices. Mix materials for a minimum of 5 minutes to ensure that the Xypex Admix has been thoroughly dispersed throughout the concrete.

**2. READY MIX PLANT - CENTRAL MIX OPERATION** Mix Xypex Admix with water to form a very thin slurry (e.g. 15 - 20 lb./6.75 - 9 kg of powder mixed with 3 gallons/13.6 litres of water). Pour the required amount of material into the drum of the ready-mix truck. The aggregate, cement and water should be batched and mixed in the plant in accordance with standard practices (taking into account the quantity of water that has already been placed in the ready-mix truck). Pour the concrete into the truck and mix for at least 5 minutes to ensure even distribution of the Xypex Admix throughout the concrete.

**3. PRECAST BATCH PLANT** Add Xypex Admix to the rock and sand, then mix thoroughly for 2 - 3 minutes before adding the cement and water. The total concrete mass should be blended using standard practices.

### Notes:

1. It is important to obtain a homogeneous mixture of Xypex Admix with the concrete. Therefore, do not add dry Admix powder directly to wet concrete as this may cause clumping and thorough dispersion will not occur.
2. Concrete containing the Xypex Admix does not preclude the requirement for design of crack control, construction joint detailing and measures for repairing defects in concrete (i.e. honeycombing, tie holes, cracks beyond specified limits).

For further information regarding the proper use of Xypex Admix for a specific project, consult with a Xypex Technical Representative.

## SETTING TIME AND STRENGTH

The setting time of concrete is affected by the chemical and physical composition of ingredients, temperature of the concrete and climatic conditions. Xypex Admix C-500 is specifically formulated to meet modern concrete practices that incorporate additives such as fly ash and slag. For most concrete mix designs adding the Xypex Admix C-500 will have minimal or no effect on setting time. Concrete containing the Xypex Admix C-500 may develop higher early and ultimate strengths than plain concrete particularly where fly ash and slag are used. Trial mixes should be carried out under project conditions to determine the setting time and strength of the concrete dosed with Xypex Admix C-500. Consult with a Xypex Technical Representative for the most appropriate Xypex Admix for your project.

## LIMITATIONS

When incorporating Xypex Admix, the temperature of the concrete mix should be above 40°F (4°C).

## TECHNICAL SERVICES

For more instructions, alternative installation methods, or information concerning the compatibility of the Xypex treatment with other products or technologies, contact the Technical Services Department of Xypex Chemical Corporation or your local Xypex Representative.

## SAFE HANDLING INFORMATION

Xypex is alkaline. As a cementitious powder or mixture, Xypex may cause significant skin and eye irritation. Directions for treating these problems are clearly detailed on all Xypex pails and packaging. The Manufacturer also maintains comprehensive and up-to-date Material Safety Data Sheets on all its products. Each sheet contains health and safety information for the protection of workers and customers. The Manufacturer recommends you contact Xypex Chemical Corporation or your local Xypex representative to obtain copies of Material Safety Data Sheets prior to product storage or use.

## WARRANTY

The Manufacturer warrants that the products manufactured by it shall be free from material defects and will be consistent with its normal high quality. Should any of the products be proven defective, the liability to the Manufacturer shall be limited to replacement of the product ex factory. The Manufacturer makes no warranty as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose and this warranty is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied. The user shall determine the suitability of the product for his intended use and assume all risks and liability in connection therewith.



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