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Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720

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Declared product / declared unit

1 kg of Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720 with a Density of 1.03 kg/dm³

Scope:

This core-EPD relates to 1kg of Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720 (admixture group of Superplasticizers) applied into the building, manufactured at Sika's plant in Domnarvsgatan 15, 163 53 Spånga/ Sweden and is representative for the year 2023.

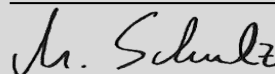
The results in this core-EPD were calculated using an LCA-tool verified by IBU in 2023

The owner of the declaration shall be liable for the underlying information and evidence; the IBU shall not be liable with respect to manufacturer information, life cycle assessment data and evidences.

The EPD was created according to the specifications of EN 15804+A2. In the following, the standard will be simplified as *EN 15804*.

Verification

The standard EN 15804 serves as the core PCR	
Independent verification of the declaration and data according to ISO 14025:2011	
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Matthias Schulz,
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Product

Product description/Product definition

Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720 is a superplasticizing admixture for concrete that provides a strong water reduction and reduced mixing time.

Admixtures are liquid or powdery agents that are introduced in small amounts (<5% by mass of the cement content) to concrete while it is being mixed and that enhance the properties of the fresh and/or hardened concrete.

Plasticizers and superplasticizers are admixtures which reduce the water content of mixed concrete without detriment to its consistency or enhance its slump with or without change to the water content or cause both effects simultaneously. They can also display a retarding effect when used as combination products.

The product needs a declaration of performance taking into consideration EN 934-2:2009+A1:2012, Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout– Part 2: Concrete admixtures – Definitions, requirements, conformity, marking and labelling and the CE-marking.

Application

Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720 is particularly suitable for the production of concrete mixes that require powerful water reduction and excellent flowability.

- Concrete with low water content
- Self-compacting concrete
- Crushed aggregate
- Concrete with high strength

Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720 provides good dispersing properties, resulting in a short mixing time.

- Short mixing time
- Shorter production times
- Excellent workability
- Developed for blended cement
- Control over poor quality aggregate
- Good strength development
- Improved rheology
- Excellent pumpability, viscosity lowering
- Less labor-intensive when laying out and compacting

Technical Data

Plasticizers and superplasticizers must comply with the general requirements of EN 934-1:2008 and the additional requirements of EN 934-2:2009+A1:2012.

The corresponding requirements in line with EN 934-1:2008 and EN 934-2:2009+A1:2012 must be maintained.

Constructional data

Name	Value	Unit
Density (ISO 758)	1.01 - 1.05	g/ml
Solids content (EN 480-8)	18.5 - 21.5	M.-%
pH value (ISO 4316)	2.5 - 4.5	$-\log_{10}(a_{H^+})$
Chloride content (EN 480-10)	<0.1	M.-%
Alkali content (EN 480-12)	<1.0	M.-%
Corrosion behavior (EN 934-1 / EN 480-14)	No corrosion behavior test is required for admixtures which only contain active substances in the list of approved substances to EN 934-1, Annex A.	$\mu A/cm^2$
SiO ₂ content (EN 192-2)	Maximum value must only be indicated when SiO ₂ percentage by mass > 5 %	M.-%
Air content of fresh concrete (EN 12350-7)	Test mix \geq 5% compared to control mix Superplasticizer: Test mix \geq 12% compared to control mix	Vol.-%
Compressive strength (EN 12390-3)	Superplasticizer tested at equal consistency At 1 day: Test mix \geq 140 % of control mix At 28 days: Test mix \geq 115 % of control mix Superplasticizer tested at equal w/c ratio At 28 days: Test mix \geq 90 % of control mix	N/mm ²
Water reduction (EN 12350-2 / EN 12350-5) Plasticizer	Test mix \geq 5% compared to control mix Superplasticizer: Test mix \geq 12% compared to control mix	mm
Increasing / maintaining of consistence (EN 12350-2 / EN 12350-5) Superplasticizer	Increase in consistence Increase in slump \geq 120 mm from initial (30 \pm 10) mm or Increase in flow \geq 160 mm from initial (350 \pm 20) mm Retention of consistence 30 min after the addition: the consistency of test mix \geq initial consistency of the control mix	mm
Setting time (EN 480-2) Accelerator/Retarder	Details not relevant for this type of admixture	min
Air void Characteristics in hardened concrete (EN 480-11) Air entrainer	Details not relevant for this type of admixture	mm
Capillary water absorption (EN 480-5)	Details not relevant for this type of admixture	g/mm ²

Performance data of the product in accordance with the declaration of performance with respect to its essential characteristics according to EN 934-2: 2009+A1:2012, Admixtures for concrete, mortar and grout – Part 2: Concrete admixtures –Definitions, requirements, conformity, marking and labelling.

Base materials/Ancillary materials

The raw materials and additives of Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720 can be given as follows:

Name	Value	Unit
Water	70-80	%
Polycarboxylates	15-25	%
Additives	0.5-1.0	%

This product contains substances listed in the candidate list (date: 27.06.2024) exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass: No

This product contains other CMR substances in categories 1A or 1B which are not on the candidate list, exceeding 0.1 percentage by mass: No

Biocide products were added to this construction product or it has been treated with biocide products (this then concerns a treated product as defined by the (EU)

Ordinance on Biocide Products No. 528/2012): Yes

A water based formulation of 5-Chloro-2-methyl-1,2-thiazol-3(2H)-one & 2-Methyl-1,2-thiazol-3(2H)-one (CIT/MIT), 2-methyl-4-isothiazolin-3-one (MIT), 1,2-benzisothiazolin -3-one (BIT) and 2-bromo-2-nitro-propane-1,3-diol(Bronopol) is used as biocide in this product.

Reference service life

The durability of concrete admixtures is normally at least as long as the lifetime of the building in which it is used. The experimental data show that the reference life is greater than 50 years.

The documentation of the RSL is not required for the EPDs calculated using the EPD tool from Sika since the entire life cycle is not declared. Only modules A1-A3, A4, A5, C1-C4 and D are considered.

LCA: Calculation rules

Declared Unit

The EPD refers to the declared unit of 1kg of concrete admixture (Superplasticizer for concrete) applied into the building with a density of 1.03 g/ml in accordance with IBU PCR 04- 2023 part B.

The typical dosage of superplasticizers lies between 0.4 and 2.0% by mass in relation to the cement weight.

Recommended dosage of Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720 is 0.15–1.50 % of cement weight.

Declared unit and mass reference

Name	Value	Unit
Declared unit	1	kg
Gross density	1030	kg/m ³

System boundary

Declaration type with respect to life cycle stages covered according to clause 5.2 EN 15804+A2 is cradle to gate with modules C1–C4 and module D (A1–A3, A4, A5, C and D).

Modules taken into account:

- A1: Production of preliminary products
- A2: Transport to the plant
- A3: Production including provision of energy, production of auxiliaries and consumables and waste treatment
- A4: Transport from the construction site to the installation site
- A5: Installation, admixtures applied into the building during A5 phase operations. At this stage, an impact of the production and treatment of installation residue equal to 1% of the product is considered.

• C1-C2-C3-C4-D: The building deconstruction (demolition process) takes place in C1 module which considers energy production and consumption in terms of diesel and all the emissions connected with the fuel-burning process. After the demolition, the admixture is transported to the end-of-life processing (C2 module) where all the impacts related to the transport processes are considered.

C3: Waste processing. No waste processing is considered. One scenario is considered for the final treatment of the waste: 100% disposal (C4), modelled by landfill process where admixtures end their life cycle.

Module D accounts for benefits that are beyond the defined system boundaries. Credits are generated during the incineration of the installation scrap in module A5.

Geographic Representativeness

Land or region, in which the declared product system is manufactured, used or handled at the end of the product's lifespan: Sweden

Comparability

Basically, a comparison or an evaluation of EPD data is only possible if all the data sets to be compared were created according to EN 15804 and the building context, respectively the product-specific characteristics of performance, are taken into account.

Sphera LCA for Expert software (version 10) and Managed LCA Content (2022.2) have been used.

LCA: Scenarios and additional technical information

Characteristic product properties of biogenic carbon

No biogenic carbon is contained in the product. Since the product is delivered to the installation site in tank trucks, or in reusable containers no packaging is considered.

Information on describing the biogenic carbon content at factory gate

Name	Value	Unit
Biogenic carbon content in product	-	kg C
Biogenic carbon content in accompanying packaging	-	kg C

Note: 1 kg of biogenic carbon is equivalent to 44/12 kg of CO₂.

Transport from the gate to the side (A4)

Name	Value	Unit
Transport distance Truck	477	km
Gross density of products transported	1030	kg/m ³

Assembly (A5)

Name	Value	Unit
Other resources	-	kg
Material loss	0.01	kg

Material loss regards the amount of product not used during the application phase into the building. This amount is 1 % of the

product, impacts related to the production of this part are charged to the A5 module. This percentage is considered as waste to incineration since the product has a calorific value and impacts of its end of life have been considered in the LCA model and declared in A5.

End of life (C1-C4)

C1: This module considers the use of machinery (7.5E-5 kg of diesel for kg handled) to dismantle the product to enable its subsequent transport.

C2: The concrete demolition waste is transported from the

building site to a treatment plant or disposal site by truck and an average distance of 50 km is considered.

C3: Waste processing. No waste processing is considered.

C4: The results for the end-of-life are declared for one scenario:

Name	Value	Unit
Energy recovery	-	kg
Landfill percentage	100	%
Landfilling	1	kg

LCA: Results

DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM BOUNDARY (X = INCLUDED IN LCA; MND = MODULE OR INDICATOR NOT DECLARED; MNR = MODULE NOT RELEVANT)

Product stage			Construction process stage		Use stage							End of life stage				Benefits and loads beyond the system boundaries
Raw material supply	Transport	Manufacturing	Transport from the gate to the site	Assembly	Use	Maintenance	Repair	Replacement	Refurbishment	Operational energy use	Operational water use	De-construction demolition	Transport	Waste processing	Disposal	Reuse-Recovery-Recycling-potential
A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
X	X	X	X	X	MND	MND	MNR	MNR	MNR	MND	MND	X	X	X	X	X

RESULTS OF THE LCA - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT according to EN 15804+A2: 1 kg Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
GWP-total	kg CO ₂ eq	3.72E-01	2.39E-02	1.34E-02	2.83E-04	6.27E-03	0	1.45E-02	-3.15E-03
GWP-fossil	kg CO ₂ eq	3.64E-01	2.29E-02	8.11E-03	2.7E-04	6E-03	0	1.49E-02	-3.13E-03
GWP-biogenic	kg CO ₂ eq	8.26E-03	1.03E-03	5.25E-03	1.23E-05	2.71E-04	0	-4.42E-04	-1.47E-05
GWP-luluc	kg CO ₂ eq	3.66E-05	1.04E-06	3.19E-07	1.25E-08	2.72E-07	0	2.75E-05	-3.1E-07
ODP	kg CFC11 eq	1.17E-12	2.35E-15	1.35E-14	2.82E-17	6.15E-16	0	3.51E-14	-1.85E-14
AP	mol H ⁺ eq	7.6E-04	6.67E-05	1.29E-05	3.62E-06	1.91E-05	0	1.06E-04	-3.83E-06
EP-freshwater	kg P eq	2.82E-06	5.35E-09	2.89E-08	6.41E-11	1.4E-09	0	2.53E-08	-3.79E-09
EP-marine	kg N eq	2.2E-04	3.07E-05	4.34E-06	1.65E-06	8.89E-06	0	2.71E-05	-1.07E-06
EP-terrestrial	mol N eq	2.28E-03	3.37E-04	4.96E-05	1.81E-05	9.78E-05	0	2.97E-04	-1.15E-05
POCP	kg NMVOC eq	1.06E-03	6.2E-05	1.6E-05	4.95E-06	1.77E-05	0	8.22E-05	-3.02E-06
ADPE	kg Sb eq	7.99E-08	1.2E-09	8.3E-10	1.44E-11	3.14E-10	0	1.53E-09	-4.32E-10
ADPF	MJ	1.17E+01	3.2E-01	1.25E-01	3.84E-03	8.39E-02	0	1.95E-01	-5.29E-02
WDP	m ³ world eq deprived	1.53E-01	6.19E-05	3.1E-03	7.43E-07	1.62E-05	0	1.64E-03	-2.93E-04

GWP = Global warming potential; ODP = Depletion potential of the stratospheric ozone layer; AP = Acidification potential of land and water; EP = Eutrophication potential; POCP = Formation potential of tropospheric ozone photochemical oxidants; ADPE = Abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources; ADPF = Abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources; WDP = Water (user) deprivation potential)

RESULTS OF THE LCA - INDICATORS TO DESCRIBE RESOURCE USE according to EN 15804+A2: 1 kg Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PERE	MJ	8.66E-01	1.94E-03	9.68E-03	2.33E-05	5.08E-04	0	2.93E-02	-1.28E-02
PERM	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERT	MJ	8.66E-01	1.94E-03	9.68E-03	2.33E-05	5.08E-04	0	2.93E-02	-1.28E-02
PENRE	MJ	6.9E+00	3.22E-01	1.25E-01	3.86E-03	8.42E-02	0	1.96E-01	-5.29E-02
PENRM	MJ	4.82E+00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENRT	MJ	1.17E+01	3.22E-01	1.25E-01	3.86E-03	8.42E-02	0	1.96E-01	-5.29E-02
SM	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NRSF	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FW	m ³	4.17E-03	2.64E-06	7.85E-05	3.16E-08	6.9E-07	0	4.97E-05	-1.23E-05

PERE = Use of renewable primary energy excluding renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERM = Use of renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PERT = Total use of renewable primary energy resources; PENRE = Use of non-renewable primary energy excluding non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRM = Use of non-renewable primary energy resources used as raw materials; PENRT = Total use of non-renewable primary energy resources; SM = Use of secondary material; RSF = Use of renewable secondary fuels; NRSF = Use of non-renewable secondary fuels; FW = Use of net fresh water

RESULTS OF THE LCA - WASTE CATEGORIES AND OUTPUT FLOWS according to EN 15804+A2: 1 kg Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
HWD	kg	5.97E-10	1.11E-12	6.46E-12	1.33E-14	2.91E-13	0	1.01E-11	-7.46E-12
NHWD	kg	1.13E-02	3.28E-05	1.27E-03	3.94E-07	8.6E-06	0	1E+00	-2.52E-05
RWD	kg	4.42E-04	5.3E-07	4.66E-06	6.36E-09	1.39E-07	0	2.18E-06	-3.67E-06
CRU	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MFR	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MER	kg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EEE	MJ	0	0	1.23E-02	0	0	0	0	0
EET	MJ	0	0	2.81E-02	0	0	0	0	0

HWD = Hazardous waste disposed; NHWD = Non-hazardous waste disposed; RWD = Radioactive waste disposed; CRU = Components for re-use; MFR = Materials for recycling; MER = Materials for energy recovery; EEE = Exported electrical energy; EET = Exported thermal energy

RESULTS OF THE LCA – additional impact categories according to EN 15804+A2-optional: 1 kg Sika® ViscoCrete®-6720

Parameter	Unit	A1-A3	A4	A5	C1	C2	C3	C4	D
PM	Disease incidence	7.37E-09	3.82E-10	1.04E-10	1.93E-10	1.06E-10	0	1.3E-09	-3.17E-11
IR	kBq U235 eq	6.14E-02	7.96E-05	6.53E-04	9.55E-07	2.08E-05	0	2.42E-04	-6.21E-04
ETP-fw	CTUe	6.56E+00	2.28E-01	7.19E-02	2.74E-03	5.97E-02	0	1.1E-01	-1.03E-02
HTP-c	CTUh	1.48E-10	4.25E-12	1.76E-12	5.09E-14	1.11E-12	0	1.67E-11	-5.18E-13
HTP-nc	CTUh	7.94E-09	2.08E-10	1.14E-10	3.52E-12	5.51E-11	0	1.85E-09	-2.01E-11
SQP	SQP	6.81E-01	1.9E-03	8.01E-03	2.28E-05	4.98E-04	0	4.07E-02	-8.32E-03

PM = Potential incidence of disease due to PM emissions; IR = Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235; ETP-fw = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for ecosystems; HTP-c = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (cancerogenic); HTP-nc = Potential comparative Toxic Unit for humans (not cancerogenic); SQP = Potential soil quality index

Disclaimer 1 – for the indicator “Potential Human exposure efficiency relative to U235”. This impact category deals mainly with the eventual impact of low-dose ionizing radiation on human health of the nuclear fuel cycle. It does not consider effects due to possible nuclear accidents, occupational exposure or radioactive waste disposal in underground facilities. Potential ionizing radiation from the soil, radon and from some construction materials is also not measured by this indicator.

Disclaimer 2 – for the indicators “abiotic depletion potential for non-fossil resources”, “abiotic depletion potential for fossil resources”, “water (user) deprivation potential, deprivation-weighted water consumption”, “potential comparative toxic unit for ecosystems”, “potential comparative toxic unit for humans – cancerogenic”, “Potential comparative toxic unit for humans - not cancerogenic”, “potential soil quality index”. The results of this environmental impact indicator shall be used with care as the uncertainties on these results are high as there is limited experience with the indicator.

This EPD was created using a software tool.

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