Section 03 01 00
Maintenance of concrete

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SIKA SPECIFICATION NOTE: This guide specification includes test methods, materials and installation procedures for SikaCem®-226 CI, a one component, high performance repair mortar for wet spray application and containes migrating corrosion inhibitor. This guide specification should be adapted to suit the needs and conditions of individual projects. It is prepared in CSI Master Format and should be included as a separate section under Division 3 - Concrete.
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Part 1 - General

1.01 Summary
This Specification shall be read as a whole by all parties concerned. Each Section may contain more or less the complete Work of any trade. The Contractor is solely responsible to make clear to the Subcontractors the extent of their Work and coordinate overlapping Work.

1.02 System description
This specification describes the patching or overlay of interior and/or exterior vertical and overhead surfaces with a pneumatically placed cementitious, high strength shrinkage-compensated portland cement mortar.

1.03 Related sections
A. Maintenance of Cast-in-Place Concrete: Section 03 01 30
B. Maintenance of Precast Concrete: Section 03 01 40
C. Maintenance of Cast Decks and Underlayment: Section 03 01 50
D. Maintenance of Mass Concrete: Section 03 01 70
E. Structural Concrete: Section 03 33 00

1.04 References
The following standards are applicable to this section:
- ASTM C-39 - Compressive Strength
- ASTM C-496 - Splitting Tensile Strength
- ASTM C-882 Modified - Slant Shear Bond Strength
- ASTM C-157 Modified - Shrinkage
- ASTM C-266 – Setting time
1.05 Quality Assurance
   A. **Manufacturing qualifications:** The manufacturer of the specified product shall be ISO 9001 certified and have in existence a recognized ongoing quality assurance program independently audited on a regular basis.
   B. **Contractor qualifications:** Contractor shall be qualified in the field of concrete repair and protection with a successful track record of 5 years or more. Contractor shall maintain qualified personnel who have received product training by a manufacturer’s representative.
   C. Store and apply materials in accordance with all safety and weather conditions required by manufacturer or as modified by applicable rules and regulations of local, state and federal authorities having jurisdiction. Consult Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for complete handling recommendations.

1.06 Delivery, Storage, and Handling
   A. All materials must be delivered in original, unopened containers with the manufacturer’s name, labels, product identification, and batch numbers. Damaged material must be removed from the site immediately.
   B. Store all materials off the ground and protect from rain, freezing or excessive heat until ready for use.
   C. Condition the specified product as recommended by the manufacturer.

1.07 Job Conditions
   A. **Environmental Conditions:** Do not apply material if it is raining or snowing or if such conditions appear to be imminent. Minimum application temperature 45°F (7°C) and rising.
   B. **Protection:** Precautions should be taken to avoid damage to any surface near the work zone due to mixing and handling of the specified material.

1.08 Submittals
   A. Submit two copies of manufacturer’s literature, to include: Product Data Sheets (PDS), and appropriate Safety Data Sheets (SDS).
   B. Submit copy of Certificate of Approved Contractor status by manufacturer.

1.09 Warranty
   Provide a written warranty from the manufacturer against defects of materials for a period of one (1) year, beginning with date of substantial completion of the project.
Part 2 - Products

2.01 Manufacturer

SikaCem®-226 CI, as manufactured by Sika® Corporation, is considered to conform to the requirements of this specification.

2.02 Materials

A. The mortar shall be a blend of selected portland cements, microsilica, fibers, and specially graded aggregates. It shall be applicable for horizontal, vertical, and overhead surfaces.

B. The materials shall be non-combustible, both before and after cure.

C. The materials shall be supplied in a factory-proportioned unit.

D. The cementitious, microsilica mortar must be placeable from 3/8” (9 mm) in depth and greater.

E. The material shall contain a corrosion inhibitor.

2.03 Performance Criteria

Typical Properties of the mixed polymer-modified, portland cement mortar:

1. Yield         Approximately 0.4 ft³ per 50 lb. bag
2. Color         Concrete gray
3. Mixing Ratio   6-7 pints per 50 lb. bag
4. Application Thickness
                        Min 3/8” (9 mm); Max 2” (51 mm) for vertical application
5. Application Temp
                        Min 40°F (4°C)
6. Setting time (ASTM C-266)
                        Initial: 2-3 hrs
                        Final: 5-6.5 hrs
7. Compressive Strength (ASTM C-39)
                        28 days - 7,000 psi (48.2 MPa)
8. Bond strength (ASTM C-469)
                        28 days - 2,000 psi (13.8 MPa)
9. Shrinkage (ASTM C-157 Modified)
                        <0.07%

Note: Tests above were performed with the material and curing conditions @ 71°F – 75°F and 45 - 55% relative humidity.
Part 3 – Execution

3.01 Surface Preparation

A. Areas to be repaired must be clean, sound, and free of contaminants. All loose and deteriorated concrete shall be removed by mechanical means. Mechanically prepare concrete substrate to obtain a surface profile of ± 1/8” (CSP 6 or greater as per ICRI Guidelines) with a new exposed aggregate surface. Area to be patched shall not be less than 3/8” in depth.

B. Where reinforcing steel with active corrosion is encountered, sandblast the steel to a white metal finish to remove all contaminants and rust. Where corrosion has occurred due to the presence of chlorides, the steel shall be high pressure washed after mechanical cleaning. Prime steel with 2 coats of Sika® Armatec® 110 EpoCem as per the Product Data Sheet (PDS).

3.02 Mixing and Application

A. Mechanically mix in an appropriate sized mortar mixer or with a Sika mud paddle and low speed (400-600 rpm) drill. Pour 6 to 7 pints of water into the mixing container. Add the powder while continuing to mix. Mix to a uniform consistency for a maximum of three minutes. Should smaller quantities be needed, be sure the components are measured in the correct ratio and that the component is uniformly blended before mixing the components together. Mix only that amount of material that can be placed. Do not retemper material.

B. Placement Procedure Wet Process: At time of application, surface should be Saturated Surface Dry (SSD) but hold no standing water. Apply material by spraying or troweling for repairing vertical or overhead surfaces. Shoot the material perpendicular to the surface. This minimizes rebound, creates the smoothest pattern (reduces bumps) and properly encases the rebars. The velocity of the shotcrete is sufficient if, at a distance of 18 to 24”, the shotcrete pattern flattens out on contact with the surface and the rebars are encased. After applying the material, allow to stiffen for approx. 10 minutes before removing bumpy areas with a trowel. If another layer is desired, allow the material to reach initial set. This will take anywhere from 45 minutes to several hours depending on mix consistency, mix and ambient temperature, wind conditions and humidity. Begin and finish a given patch on the same day.

C. As per ACI recommendations for portland cement concrete, curing is required. Moist cure with wet burlap and polyethylene, a fine mist of water or a water-based* compatible curing compound. Moist curing should commence immediately after finishing and continue for 48 hours. Protect newly applied material from rain, sun, and wind until compressive strength is 70% of the 28 day compressive strength. To prevent from freezing cover with insulating material. Setting time is dependent on temperature and humidity.

*Pretesting of curing compound is recommended.

D. Adhere to all procedures, limitations and cautions for the polymer-modified portland cement mortar in the manufacturers current printed Product Data Sheet (PDS) and literature.

3.02 Cleaning

A. The uncured polymer-modified portland cement mortar can be cleaned from tools with water. The cured polymer modified portland cement mortar can only be removed mechanically.

B. Leave finished work and work area in a neat, clean condition without evidence of spillovers onto adjacent areas.
Machine-applied (Wet Spray)

1. Pre wet surface to Saturated Surface Dry (SSD) with no standing water

2. Apply SikaCem-226 CI in accordance with recommendations on the Product Data Sheet (PDS)

Important factors to observe during shotcreting:
- 18”-24” nozzle distance
- 90° angle to substrate
- consistency of mortar
- allow to stiffen for 10 minutes before removing bumpy areas with a trowel.
- use 6-7 pints of water per 50 lbs.
- use positive displacement pump equipment
- apply at low or high velocity

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