PRODUCT DATA SHEET
SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51

Blended Fiber - Macro Synthetic and Micro Synthetic

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 is an engineered blend of macro and micro synthetic reinforcing fibers specifically designed for the reinforcement of concrete. SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 is 100% virgin copolymer polypropylene macro and micro fibers designed to provide the optimum combination of plastic shrinkage and long term reinforcement within the concrete. Specifically engineered and manufactured in an ISO 9001 certified manufacturing facility. SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 previously Novomesh CAL-51.

USES
SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 can be successfully used as a safe and simple alternative to wire mesh and rebar. Due to its mechanical properties SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 is recommended for use in following applications:
- Bridge Decks
- Non-magnetic applications
- Self consolidating concrete
- Overlays & toppings
- Exterior pavements

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES
- Macro-synthetic/micro-synthetic fiber blend for secondary reinforcement
- Inhibits formation of plastic shrinkage and plastic settlement cracks
- Control of drying shrinkage and temperature cracking
- Provides impact, abrasion and shatter resistance
- Provides higher levels of residual strength
- Provides improved durability
- Reduces permeability
- Good finishing characteristics
- Pumpable reinforcement
- Reducing embodied carbon through the replacement of convention steel reinforcement with synthetic structural fibers.

APPROVALS / STANDARDS
- Complies with European Standard EN 14889-2 Fibers for Concrete Part 2: Class II and 1a.
- Complies with ASTM C 1116/C 1116M,Type III fiber reinforced concrete and ASTMD7508/D7508M.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging
SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 fibers with a 3 to 1 macro to micro blend are available in 4 lb (1.81 kg) degradable bags. SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 fibers with a 4 to 1 macro to micro blend are available in 5.0 lb (2.27 kg) degradable bags. The macro monofilament fiber is collated in water soluble wrapped bundles (pucks) within the degradable bag for rapid distribution.

Shelf Life
If stored in dry conditions shelf life is 5 years.
Storage Conditions
SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 should be stored in a cool dry warehouse.
Protect product from the rain and direct sunlight

Density
0.91

Dimensions
Micro Fiber:
• **Length:** Graded 0.5 & 0.75 inches (12.7 & 19 mm).
• **Diameter:** Graded 0.0012 & 0.002 inches (0.03 & 0.05 mm).
• **Aspect Ratio:** Varies from 250 to 630
Macro Fiber
• **Length:** 1.85" (47 mm).
• **Average Equivalent Diameter:** 0.03" (0.81 mm).
• **Aspect Ratio:** 58

Melting Point
324 °F (162 °C)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Resistance to Alkalinity
Excellent

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage
The dosage of the SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 will vary according to the
type of application and the performance requirements of the project.
Standard recommended dosage rate of SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 with
the 3 to 1 macro to micro blend is 4 lbs/cu. yd. (2.4 kg/m³) of concrete.
Standard recommended dosage rate of SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 with
the 4 to 1 macro to micro blend is 5 lbs/cu. yd. (3 kg/m³) of concrete.
Dosages outside the recommended dosage range can be used to meet
project specific requirements. If this is the case please contact your Sika
representative for technical support.

Mixing
SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 in a dispersible bag can be added directly to
the concrete mixing system after the batching of the ingredients and mixed
for 4 to 5 minutes or 70 revolutions. The addition of SikaFiber® Novomesh®
CAL-51 at the recommended dosage rates may decrease the slump; however,
additional water should not be added. Only a water reducing or high range
water reducing admixture should be used to adjust concrete to the desired
workability.

Application
The addition of SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 at the normal recommended
dosage rate does not require any mix design or application changes. The fiber
concrete can be mixed, sprayed or placed using conventional equipment.

Tooling & Finishing
SikaFiber® Novomesh® CAL-51 can be used in power/hand troweled
concrete, colored and broom finished concrete. Fiber reinforced concrete can
be finished by most finishing techniques as indicated in ACI-302. Proper
timing and workmanship are important when using a macro synthetic fiber to
insure fiber is not elevated at the surface.
BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

Results may differ based upon statistical variations depending upon mixing methods and equipment, temperature, application methods, test methods, actual site conditions and curing conditions.

ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY

For further information and advice regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, user should refer to the actual Safety Data Sheets containing physical, environmental, toxicological and other safety related data. User must read the current actual Safety Data Sheets before using any products. In case of an emergency, call CHEMTREC at 1-800-424-9300, International 703-527-3887.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS

See Legal Disclaimer.

LEGAL DISCLAIMER

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• KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
• NOT FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION
• FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY
• FOR PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY

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