

## NEW GENERATION POLYCARBOXYLATE ETHER SUPERPLASTICIZER - EXTENDED SLUMP RETENTION

### PRODUCT

EPSILONE HW 386 is a highly effective superplasticizer based on modified synthetic carboxylated polymers specifically designed to produce ready-mix concrete with low water-to-binder ratio (w/b) and excellent workability. It can help the ready-mixed concrete industry, where more than normal slump retention and durability are required. The ability to work over a wide range of w/b, including low w/b, and still obtain extended slump retention allows for the manufacturing of high-quality concrete.

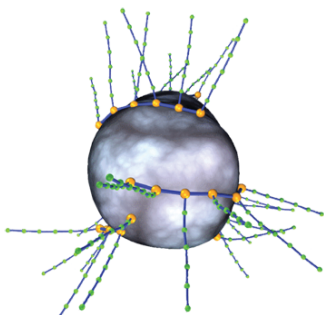
### WORKING MECHANISM

Sulphonated naphthalene- or melamine-based superplasticizer is adsorbed onto the surface of cement particles at a very early stage of the cement hydration process.

These polymer chains adsorbed to the surface increase the negative charge on the surface of cement particles, and dispersion is obtained by electrostatic repulsion.

In addition to the previous process, EPSILONE HW 386 is specially designed with MultiCarboxylate Ether with long lateral chains that improve greatly the dispersion of cement particles.

Therefore, in addition to the electrostatic repulsion which occurs at the start of the mixing process, the presence of these lateral chains generates a steric hindrance which greatly enhances the capacity of cement particles to separate and disperse. This property enables the production of concrete with extended workability retention.



Schematic shows cement particle with polymer backbone and the long lateral chains linked to it.

### PROPERTIES

- High water reducing
- Superior slump retention. Ease of delivery to point of placement

- High workability-ease of placing and compaction without segregation
- Reduced risk of cracks
- Good adhesion - ease of pumping. No bleeding
- Good workability - excellent surface appearance
- Minimal bleed water - excellent concrete quality
- High elastic modulus and high strength - superior load bearing capacity

### SCOPE OF USE

EPSILONE HW 386 is recommended for all areas of use of high-performance concrete in the ready-mix industry:

- Super slump retaining concrete with equal or less water content than conventional admixtures
- Concrete mixtures containing silica fume, GGBS, or PFA
- Concrete with high resistance against aggressive media
- Long distance transport
- Hot weather concreting
- Highly durable concrete
- Mass concrete
- Pumped concrete

### CHARACTERISTICS

Appearance	Liquid (Pale Yellow)
Specific gravity @ 25°C	1.062 ± 0.02
Chloride content	NIL- BS 5075/EN 934-2

### STANDARDS

ASTM C 494 Types D & G  
BS EN 934-2  
EN 480 – 8 - EN 480 – 10

### INSTRUCTION FOR USE

EPSILONE HW 386 should be dispensed after all concrete constituents are charged in the central mixer, preferably after approximately 60% of mixing water addition.

### DOSAGE RATES

Range of dosage rates: from 400 to 1800 ml per 100 Kg of cementitious content.



Dosage above the recommended values can be employed. Still, the required dosage for a specific job with controlled delay in setting and workability should be determined by in-situ trials

Admixture demand varies with w/b of the concrete, cement type, pozzolanic materials and ambient temperature.

Trials are to be conducted prior to use in order to determine required performance, including workability retention, setting, and strength development.

### EFFECT OF OVERDOSE

Overdose of EPSILONE HW 386 may result in the following:

- Delay of initial setting
- Higher workability
- Impair consistency & cohesion

Dependant upon the level of overdose, concrete mixture details and conditions involved.

### COMPATIBILITY

EPSILONE HW 386 can be used in mixtures containing:

- Silica fume
- Fly Ash
- GGBFS
- Pozzolanic Binders
- All types of cement, including SRC cement

EPSILONE HW 386 is not compatible with naphthalene sulfonate- and melamine sulfonate-based superplasticizers.

Consult Sodamco Weber's technical dept. for advice.

### PACKAGING

EPSILONE HW 386 is supplied in:  
1000 liter containers.

### STORAGE

EPSILONE HW 386 can be stored up to 1 year from

manufacturing date, out of direct UV light and protected from extreme temperatures.

In case of frost, the product recovers its properties after progressive thawing and homogenizing by agitation.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

In case of contact with skin or eyes, rinse thoroughly with water. If irritation persists, seek medical attention. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting and seek medical attention.

### QUALITY STATEMENT

All our products are manufactured to comply with our internal QA/QC program and quality management msystem to ensure consistency and quality

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