

## Underwater concrete admixture

Complies with BS 8443:2005 - Specification for establishing the suitability of special purpose concrete admixtures - Table 2 - Underwater Concrete Admixtures

### Description of Product

RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 anti-washout admixture is a ready to use, powdered admixture specially developed for concrete placed underwater. Concrete treated with RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 exhibits superior resistance to washout of cement and fines.

### Fields of Application

RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture is recommended for use in all types of concrete pumped or placed underwater, where thixotropic action is desired. RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture is especially helpful in extreme conditions where conventional concrete or placing techniques would result in a high percentage of material loss due to washout.

### Features and Benefits

RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture produces a concrete mixture highly resistant to washout, while maintaining workability, pumpability, and placeability. The following special qualities are also provided:

- Minimal to no effect on water demand.
- Reduces or eliminates concrete bleeding.
- Slump characteristics equal to untreated concrete.
- Virtually eliminates segregation even with highly fluid, high water-cementitious ratio mixes.
- Reduces/eliminates costly methods of de-watering.
- Thixotropic action provides stiffening after concrete is placed.
- Minimises environmental impact of cement washout in water.
- Minimal to no effect on set time.

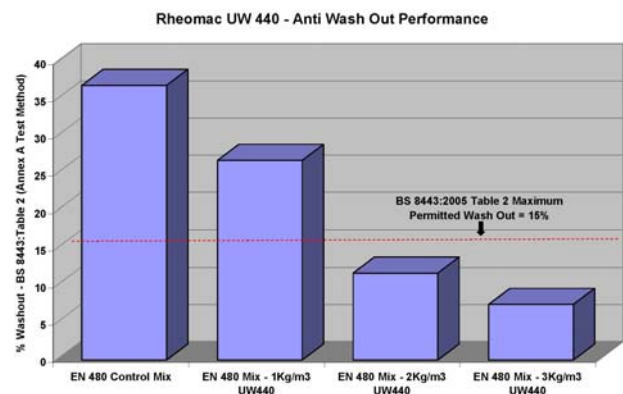
### Technical Data/Typical Properties

Appearance	Beige Powder
Uncompacted Bulk Density @ 20°C	560 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Chloride content (%)	Less than or equal to 0.10

### Typical Results

#### Washout Resistance

Washout as determined by Annex A of BS 8443:2005 "Determination of Washout", reports the performance of RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture treated concrete compared to untreated concrete. This requires that an anti-washout admixture must result in a washout value of less than 15% when compared to the EN 480 control mix.



**Slump Retention**

Results from slump loss studies taken over a 60 minute period indicate RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture does not adversely affect concrete slump retention.

**Set Time**

RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture has little to no effect on concrete set time.

**Air Content**

A slightly higher dosage of air entraining admixture may be required to achieve the desired air content when using RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture.

**Compressive Strength**

RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture has an effect on compressive strength. It is strongly recommended that trial mixes be carried out to establish the correct performance.

**Application**

RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture should be used in conjunction with a high range water reducing admixture from the BASF Glenium range. This combination will produce a high performance, high strength, low water-cementitious ratio concrete that exhibits superior resistance to washout of cement and fines.

**Shelf Life**

If stored in unopened bags, according to manufacturer's instructions, the shelf life is 18 months.

**Packaging**

RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 is available in 8kg non-pulpable paper sacks.

**Dosage rate**

For most concrete mixtures RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 admixture is recommended for use at a dosage range of:

*By Mass* - 1.5 to 3.0kg per cubic metre of concrete, typically 2.0kg will give less than 15% washout at a cement content of 450 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and a w/c ratio of less than 0.45.

Due to variations in job conditions, applications and concrete materials, dosage rates outside the recommended range may be required.

**Storage**

RHEOMAC<sup>®</sup> UW 440 should be stored in a dry non-humid environment. Store under cover, out of direct sunlight and protect from extremes of temperature. Failure to comply with the recommended storage conditions may result in premature deterioration of the product or packaging. For specific storage advice, consult BASF Construction Chemicals Technical Services Department.

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**Health and Safety**

\*For full information on Health and Safety matters regarding this product the relevant Health and Safety Data Sheet should be consulted.

The following general comments apply to all products.

As with all chemical products, care should be taken during use and storage to avoid contact with eyes, mouth, skin and foodstuffs, (which may also be tainted with vapour until the product is fully cured and dried). Treat splashes to eyes and skin immediately. If accidentally ingested, seek medical attention. Keep away from children and animals. Reseal containers after use.

**Spillage**

Chemical products can cause damage; clean spillage immediately.

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