



STRONGCRETE SW-88

Technical Data Sheet

Deep Vertical and Overhead Structural Repairs

STRONGCRETE SW-88 is a two-component, polymer modified, fast-setting mortar. It is designed for hand placed structural overhead and deep vertical repairs. SW-88 is formulated to be non-sagging and bonds to overhead surfaces without requiring form support.

WHERE TO USE:

- Concrete repairs up to 2” in a single lift.
- Overhead hand placed repairs up to 1” in a single lift.
- Wall rendering.
- Interior and exterior service conditions.
- Restoration projects of concrete and masonry substrates included within commercial, industrial, institutional and transportation facilities such as various types of walls, recreational court walls, columns, beams, tunnels, balconies, bulkheads, building enclosures, soffits and waffle slab structures.

FEATURES AND BENEFITS:

- Expands and contracts similar to concrete
- Excellent adhesion to durable concrete
- Overhead applications do not require form support
- Quick return to service repairs
- Non-sagging
- Transmits water vapor
- Low permeability
- Contains migratory corrosion inhibitor

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES AT 75°F (24°C):

Typical physical properties and test results may differ based upon statistical variations of independent testing labs with respect to test methods, mixing methods and the equipment used. Project application methods, temperature, actual site and environmental conditions will all affect the cure rates, working life, recoat time and open to traffic project conditions throughout the installation.

Compressive Strength	ASTM C-109/C109-M-16a	28 days: 3,466 psi
Tensile Strength	ASTM C-307-18	28 days: 862 psi
Slant Shear Adhesion	ASTM C-1042	7 days: 350
Flexural Strength	ASTM C-580-18 (Method A)	2,019 psi
Permeability	ASTM C-1202	28 days: 800 coulombs
Wet Density		2.02 g/ml
Modulus of Elasticity	ASTM C-580-18 (Method A)	11.73 x 10 ⁵ psi
Working Life		20 minutes
VOC Compliant		Contains no organic solvents
Color		Dark Gray
CSI Division		03930

PACKAGING:

- 5 gallon pail of SW-88 Liquid
- Ten 27.5 pound bags of SW-88 Powder

UNIT YIELD:

Many factors contribute to unit yield such as, but not limited to: substrate texture, porosity, disparities in applied thickness, methods of application, individual installation techniques and typical allowance for waste.

Average yield: 2.8 ft³

JOB SITE SURVEY:

- Evaluate the existing substrate for signs of efflorescence.
- For on grade exterior and non-controlled environments perform multiple adhesion tests.
- Testing may be required for hydrostatic pressure, MVER, chlorides content, depth of carbonation, ASR, AAR and to determine if there are any deleterious aggregate or unacceptably high levels of potassium, sulfate, alkali or other aggressive agents within the concrete substrate.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

All materials are mixed, applied and cured at the job site. These environmental conditions are required to facilitate proper curing and performance of the products. Do not proceed if outside of these environmental conditions.

Ambient	Minimum	Maximum
Temperature	45°F and rising	90°F
Relative Humidity	20% rh	85% rh
Wind	N/A	30 mph
Substrate: Not frost laden		
Temperature	50°F and rising	85°F
Relative Humidity	N/A	75% rh
MVER	N/A	6 lbs.
Measure and record these temperatures daily. Do not apply materials if rain or freezing conditions are anticipated. Substrate temperature must be at least 5°F above measured dew point.		

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION GUIDELINES:

- Determine the best method or combination of methods of concrete removal and mechanical surface preparation: sandblast, grind or scabble to obtain an exposed aggregate profile and open the concrete pore structure. Variations in surface conditions seen in walls and ceilings versus those in horizontal substrates should be considered when choosing surface preparation methods and techniques.
- Carefully sound out the structure. Minimize damage to existing concrete and its bond to embedded reinforcing steel.
- It is practice to have 2" of bar free of any rust stained concrete or contamination and a 3/4" clearance surrounding the reinforcement. Perform according to the ACI and ICRI technical guidelines or specifications.
- All reinforcing steel must be mechanically white metal cleaned, coated or primed and fully dry.
- Restore all non-durable, unsound, damaged, deteriorated, delaminated, cracked, weak, loose, spalled and rust stained concrete.
- Concrete surface repair dimensions including overall length, width, depth and shape require careful consideration. Install in compliance with ACI recommended standards of practice for placing and curing of concrete and cement based products.
- Remove or replace areas with penetrating and migrating contaminants, silicone coated surfaces, concrete curing compounds and form release agents, sealers, dirt, adhesives, oil, grease, wax, fatty acids, hydraulic fluid, cutting oils, paint, films, existing coating, laitance, glaze, efflorescence and all contaminants that will inhibit or prevent formation of a penetrating bond within the substrate.
- Mechanically profile the substrate to a concrete surface profile as required depending upon the substrate condition, bonding requirements, type of repair and coating or system installation. Refer to the ICRI Technical Guideline #310.2R-2013 for "Selecting and Specifying Concrete Surface Preparation."
- For assessment of decontamination, surface preparation and profile of the substrate perform a Tensile Adhesion Test per ASTM C-1583. Mechanical preparation methods may require additional testing to verify substrate tensile strength of the existing substrate in accordance with ICRI Guideline # 210.3R-2013 (Guide for Using In situ Tensile Pull-off Tests to Evaluate Bond of Concrete Surface Materials).

INSTALLATION:

The proper installation of the STRONGCRETE SW-88 is the sole responsibility of the end-user.

The supervision and quality control of the project is the sole responsibility of the user.

Job site visits by SWI representatives are only for the purpose of making recommendations.

- Conduct a pre-installation conference on-site with all parties in attendance to review the surface preparation, concrete removal, structural repair specifications and procedures prior to commencing work.
- For best results, install a field mock-up using the same equipment as in the construction procedures, for owner, architect and engineer approval of the following: surface preparation, adhesion installation procedures and technique.
- Power wash substrate at recommended psi to remove all contaminants.
- When power washing is not possible, thoroughly brush the substrate. Clean with compressed air.
- Precondition properly stored material to 65°F - 75°F prior to mixing.
- Make all repairs to within acceptable tolerances.
- Mechanically profile all repairs.
- Work according to the approved field mock-up.
- Provide sufficient ventilation to achieve optimal performance and a full and continuous cure.
- Follow all environmental conditions.

SLURRY COAT:

Mix only what is required.

Substrate is SSD.

Achieve a dull concrete finish.

Maintain this status during placement of the slurry coat.

No ponding conditions or standing water in holes and voids.

- Gradually add powder to the liquid.
- Mix for 1 minutes until free of pockets of dry powder.
- Scrape sides of the container.
- Mix for 1 minute.
- Scrub in to fill pores and prime all voids.
- Prime all steel surfaces to receive mortar mix.
- Re-apply if the substrate is rapidly absorbing the mixture or it dries.
- Leave no puddles.

REPAIR MORTAR MIX:

Follow unit mix ratio.

Pre-mix the liquid prior to each batch.

Mix only what can be placed in 10 minutes.

- Pre-mix liquid for 2 minutes.
- Pour into the mixing vessel.
- Use a 400 rpm drill with a mounted Jiffy mixer.
- Place the paddle at $\frac{3}{4}$ depth of the pail.
- Do not create a vortex or aerate the material.
- Gradually add the powder to the liquid.
- Never reverse this step.
- Scrape sides of the container.
- Mix for 2 minutes until there are not dry pockets of powder.

PLACEMENT:

Place in accordance with repair procedures, specifications, and recommendations of ACI for placing and curing of concrete and cement based products

Ensure good, intimate contact with the slurry coat while it is still tacky.

Do not let mix settle, remix during use.

Do not re-temper once mix begins to set up.

- Immediately place the repair material.
- **For overhead hand placed repairs:** place the material at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " per lift.
- **For form and pack repairs:** place the material against perimeter and work toward its center until filled. Install 2" at a time.
- Thoroughly compact the mortar around the exposed reinforcement.
- Consolidate into a tight compact repair, then screed.
- Finish with a damp sponge, brush or steel trowel.
- Clean all tools with water while still wet immediately after use. If cured, mechanical means will be necessary.

MULTIPLE LIFTS:

- Score top surface on each lift to roughen patch.
- Allow proceeding lift to harden.
- Prime the patch.
- Scrub in next lift.

CURING:

As per ACI recommendations for Portland cement concrete, curing is required in order to meet published physical properties.

Moist curing with burlap, polyethylene or burlene as per the ACI standards is the preferred method.

Breathable coatings can be installed within a 24 hour cure.

Resinous coatings and primers require a 24 hour cure per $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in depth.

- Protect from direct sun, rain and frost after finishing.
- Moist curing should commence immediately.
- It is recommended to wet cure for 3 days.
- Allow repairs to fully cure prior to profiling.
- Allow to cure for 24 hours before applying weight or stress.

EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS:

Concrete removal
Mechanical surface preparation
Power washer
Air blower
Mister
Mixing pails
Variable speed industrial drill
Jiffy mixer Model PS-1
Steel hand trowel
Masonry brush

PRECAUTIONS AND LIMITATIONS:

Refer to corresponding Product Data Sheets, Installation Procedures, and Safety Data Sheets of all products and systems prior to installation. Refer to www.strongwall.com for the most recent information and updates.

- Do not allow the slurry coat to cure prior to the application of the mortar as it will act as a de-bonder.
- Discard any material that starts to set up in the container.
- Prevent any contact with aluminum, as with all Portland cement based products, to prevent adverse chemical reactions and possible product failure. Follow specifications to insulate potential areas of contact by coating aluminum bars, rails and posts with an appropriate epoxy.
- Size, shape and depth of repair must be consistent with practices recommended by ACI and ICRI.
- Do not wet the surface to be finished.
- Refer to ACI 305 the "Guide to Hot Weather Concreting" or ACI 306 the "Guide to Cold Weather Concreting" when there is a need to place this product while either hot or cold temperatures prevail. Thinner placements will be more sensitive to the temperature conditions.
- A warm substrate will decrease the pot life and make the materials sticky. A cooler substrate will retard the cure.
- Product is temperature sensitive regarding cure and set time.
- Do not allow repairs to freeze prior to a full cure.

SHELF LIFE:

One year from date of manufacture as long as containers remain unopened and when material is stored in a tempered area at 65°F to 75°F.

LEED SUBMITTALS:

Available upon request. Credit points may be available under five different classifications.

SITE, STORAGE AND TRANSPORTATION CONDITIONS:

Materials should be delivered in their original packaging in containers with seals unbroken and bearing the manufacturers' labels indicating brand name, directions for storage and mixing with other components. Check materials upon receipt to make sure all is accounted for and has arrived in good condition. Store materials indoors, off the ground and in a dry location at temperatures not exceeding 80°F or lower than 65°F. Always keep the material out of direct sunlight and freezing temperatures in a protected environment. The liquid component must not freeze.

SPECIFICATION ASSISTANCE:

Consult Strongwall Industries, Inc.

TESTING:

The technical data contained herein is the result of tests made in the manufacturer's laboratories or independent laboratories using small-scale equipment, ideal conditions and following generally accepted trade practices. Although this information is believed to be true and accurate, the use of different equipment for testing under dissimilar conditions or the testing of samples produced under dissimilar conditions may develop substantially different results.

FIRST AID, HEALTH AND SAFETY

Contains Portland Cement CAS # 65997-15-1. Freshly mixed cement products may cause skin injury. Avoid contact with skin where possible and wash exposed areas promptly with water.

Contains sand CAS # 14808-60-7. Avoid breathing dust. Prolonged exposure to dust may cause delayed lung injury (silicosis) or cancer IARC Class 2A. Wear NIOSH approved mask for silica dust.

In case of skin contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. For eye contact, flush immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. If ingested, do not induce vomiting and get prompt medical attention. For respiratory problems, remove person to fresh air. Contact a physician.

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MATERIALS GUARANTEE:

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