

# MasterLife<sup>®</sup> CI 30

## Corrosion-inhibiting admixture for steel reinforced concrete

### DESCRIPTION

**MasterLife CI 30** is a calcium nitrite based corrosion-inhibiting admixture for steel reinforced concrete. **MasterLife CI 30** admixture contains a minimum of 30% active ingredients by mass and meets ASTM C 494 Type C requirements.

### ADVANTAGES

**MasterLife CI 30** admixture is a corrosion inhibitor that provides basic corrosion protection for steel reinforced concrete structures.

- Provides effective corrosion protection against chlorides in concrete
- Extends the service life of reinforced concrete structures

### PACKAGING

**MasterLife CI 30** is available in 210 litre drums, and bulk delivery. 200 litre drums available for export only.

### MECHANISM

In the alkaline environment of concrete, a natural passive ferric oxide layer forms on the surface of embedded reinforcing steel and protects the steel from corrosion. This passive oxide layer may break down in the presence of chlorides and moisture resulting in corrosion of the steel.

**MasterLife CI 30** admixture delays corrosion by repassivating defects on the steel surface. These defects are ferrous oxide ions that are susceptible to chloride attack. When chloride ions attack the ferrous ions, they combine to create a ferrous chloride complex (rust) and initiate pitting corrosion on the reinforcing steel. If untreated, chloride ions continue to attack newly exposed ferrous ions and form additional expansive corrosion products leading to staining, cracking and spalling of the concrete.

Nitrite ions contained in **MasterLife CI 30** admixture are effective in preventing ferrous chloride complex formation by reacting with defective ferrous oxide ions prior to chloride attack and reforming the passive layer. Nitrite ions surround the defective ferrous oxide ion and

convert it to a more stable ferric ion species less susceptible to corrosion. This oxidation reaction serves to repassivate the reinforcing steel and re-establish the barrier between the steel and chlorides that initiate corrosion.

### APPLICATIONS

**MasterLife CI 30** admixture will effectively inhibit corrosion in all types of steel reinforced concrete including precast / prestressed and post-tensioned applications. **MasterLife CI 30** admixture is recommended for use in parking garages, bridge decks, marine structures, slabs, floors, and other reinforced concrete applications requiring corrosion protection against chlorides from deicing salts or marine exposure. **MasterLife CI 30** admixture will also inhibit the potentially corrosive effects of chloride-bearing concrete-making ingredients.

### COMPATIBILITY

**MasterLife CI 30** admixture may be used with Portland cements and mineral admixtures approved under ASTM, AASHTO, or CRD specifications. It is compatible with other chemical admixtures, including water reducers, superplasticizers, retarders and air entrainers. Chemical admixtures should be added separately to the concrete to ensure desired results.

### CONCRETE SETTING TIME

Concrete setting times may be accelerated with the use of **MasterLife CI 30** admixture. If desired, a retarding or hydration control admixture may be added to the concrete mixture to offset the acceleration effects of **MasterLife CI 30** admixture. Please contact your local Master Builders Solutions representative for additional information on set-balancing admixtures for concrete.

### DOSAGE

**MasterLife CI 30** is recommended for use at a rate of 5.0 to 30.0 L/m<sup>3</sup> of concrete, depending upon the severity of the corrosion environment and the anticipated chloride loading of the structure.

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**MasterLife CI 30** may be used to offset the potentially corrosive effects of chloride-bearing concrete-making ingredients and in applications where the initial chloride ion content of the concrete may exceed code requirements or other specified chloride limits.

Chloride protection limits for **MasterLife CI 30** are as given in the dosage table. The limits for applications involving the use of chloride-bearing materials are based on a critical chloride-to-nitrite ratio of 0.90 in accordance with the recommendations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). These limits may also be used in very severe corrosion environments for enhanced protection, if desired. The chloride protection limits given for all other applications, such as parking structures and bridges, are based on critical chloride-to-nitrite ratios that range from 1.20 to 1.50. Please contact your local Master Builders Solutions representative for additional information regarding dosage rates of **MasterLife CI 30** for your application.

MasterLife CI 30 Dosage L/m <sup>3</sup>	Chloride Protection Limit, kg/m <sup>3</sup>	
	With Chloride Bearing Materials	All Other Applications
5.0	1.2	---
10.0	2.4	3.6
15.0	3.6	5.9
20.0	4.8	7.7
25.0	6.0	8.9
30.0	7.2	9.5

Master Builders Solutions recommends that steel reinforced concrete structures that will be exposed to chlorides in service should be designed in accordance with ACI 318, ACI 357, CSA, AASHTO or other applicable codes.

## CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

**MasterLife CI 30** admixture contains a minimum of 30% calcium nitrite by mass as an active ingredient. **MasterLife CI 30** is identical in composition and mechanism to other commercially available 30% calcium nitrite corrosion-inhibiting admixtures; and at equal

dosage rates, provides similar performance and corrosion protection.

The water content of **MasterLife CI 30** admixture is approximately 0.65kg per litre. This water contributes to the consistency of the concrete mixture and the hydration of the cementitious materials. The water contributed by **MasterLife CI 30** should be used in the calculation of the water-to cementitious material ratio of the concrete.

## NON-CHLORIDE

**MasterLife CI 30** admixture will not initiate or promote corrosion of reinforcing steel embedded in concrete, prestressed concrete or concrete placed on galvanized steel floor and roof systems. Neither calcium chloride nor any chloride-based ingredients are used in the manufacture of **MasterLife CI 30**.

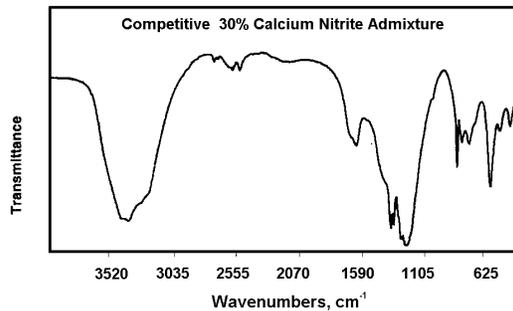
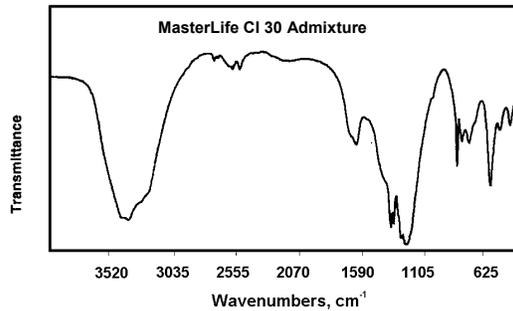
## TEMPERATURE PRECAUTION

**MasterLife CI 30** admixture can be stored at temperatures between -12° to 50°C. If **MasterLife CI 30** admixture freezes, it can be fully reconstituted by thawing and mechanical agitation. **Do not use pressurized air for agitation.**

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