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MasterFlow 9200 Ultra-high Strength Exagrout for Onshore Wind Turbines

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MasterFlow 9200: Turbine Specific Grout for Onshore Wind Turbines

MasterFlow 9200 is an ultra-high strength, fatigue resistant cement based Exagrout for grouting onshore wind turbines – making wind energy projects more cost effective during installation, and more durable and secure over the entire lifetime of the wind farm. The product is especially developed to be compatible with all Vestas onshore wind turbine types.

MasterFlow 9200 is typically used in onshore installations built with the anchor cage design, and where the bottom flange of the turbine tower is to be grouted and connected to the concrete foundations.

The material has been especially formulated for onshore wind turbines:

- Grouting under the T-flanges of Vestas' wind turbine towers
- Grouting under harsh conditions and temperatures as low as 2°C
- All void filling from 25 to 300 mm where excellent fatigue resistance, high early and final strength are required







Excellent Compatibility with all Turbines

Meeting the very demanding specifications of the turbine supplier

MasterFlow 9200 has been developed by Master Builders Solutions experts especially to meet the highest requirements of Vestas Wind Systems.

High fatigue resistance is of utmost importance to guarantee a trouble free operation over the expected 25 years lifetime of the wind farm. MasterFlow 9200 will ensure such excellent transfer of the dynamic loads that are occurring over the entire lifespan of a wind turbine installation. To meet the requirements of the designers and wind turbine supplier, high early and final characteristic strengths are required for long term durability of the grout.

Application of MasterFlow 9200 by Licensed Contractors, which are even previously validated by Vestas Wind Systems, guarantees that the highly specialized MasterFlow 9200 is correctly installed. Mechanical properties are therefore also secured on the jobsite.







Strength and Strength Development

Even under harsh conditions and low temperatures

Compressive strength

The compressive strength of MasterFlow 9200 was tested using 150×300 mm cylinders. Figure 1 shows the strength measurements of MasterFlow 9200 tested at 20 °C after different ages. According the concrete norm EN 206, the material is classified in the highest possible strength class C100/115. In reality MasterFlow 9200 achieves a strength class C110/115.

Strength development at 20 °C

Figure 1



A minimum compressive strength is being considered in the installation procedures of Vestas Wind Systems. This to commence and proceed the installation of the tower components under the given environmental conditions, e.g. wind loads during erection of the tower. Furthermore, a safe and secure installation is only available when the anchor bolts of the tower are pre-stressed. Rapid strength development of the grout material is therefor of highest importance. Figure 2 shows the early strength development of MasterFlow 9200 at various temperatures between 2°C and 30°C, measured on 75 mm cubes.

Early strength development



Flexural strength – Tensile splitting strength – Modulus of elasticity

The flexural strength of MasterFlow 9200 was measured in accordance with EN 196-1 using $40 \times 40 \times 160$ mm prisms, while the splitting tensile strength was determined according EN 12390-5 on 100×200 mm cylinders. The static modulus of elasticity was measured in line with EN 13412 using 100×200 mm cylinders.

Results obtained after 28 days of curing are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1

Flexural	Tensile	Static modulus
strength	splitting strength	of elasticity
(MPa)	(MPa)	(GPa)
18	8	50



Outstanding Fatigue Resistance

Long term load transfer and control of cyclic loading

Fatigue resistance is the resistance to the progressive and localized structural damage that occurs when a material is subjected to cyclic loading. The nominal maximum stress values are less than the ultimate stress limit and may be below the yield stress limit of the Material.

Fatigue resistance

Fatigue occurs when a material is subjected to repeated loading and unloading. If the loads are above a certain threshold, microscopic cracks will begin to form. Eventually a crack will reach a critical size, and the structure will suddenly fracture.

Fatigue according fib-Model Code 2010

The uniaxial fatigue resistance testing of MasterFlow 9200 was part of an investigation at a renowned German test institute. Confirmation of the fatigue resistance of MasterFlow 9200 according fib-Model Code 2010 was based on that study.

For the investigation on MasterFlow 9200, the design and application of the grout has been reviewed in general accordance of EN 1992 and DIN 1045. And thus the same service conditions apply to MasterFlow 9200 as for ultra-high strength concrete.

The design criteria for the fatigue behavior of a material are based on CEB-FIP Model Code 90 in both norms mentioned before. It is therefor also assumed that these design criteria for fatigue apply also for the new fib-Model Code 2010. In addition, the applicability of the Wöhler-curves on MasterFlow 9200 has been evaluated.

This complete investigation allows to demonstrate the fatigue resistance of MasterFlow 9200 according the new fib-Model Code 2010.

Fatigue resistance of MasterFlow 9200

The behavior of MasterFlow 9200 under cyclic loading was studied using cylindrical specimens, 60 mm in diameter and 180 mm high. The grout material has been tested for fatigue resistance in air at 4 different load regimes (85%, 75%, 70% and 60% of the static compressive strength). Tests were performed at high frequency (10 Hz).

The observed number of cycles to failure in the tests under cyclic loading corresponds well with the prediction according fib-Model Code 2010 (Figure 3).

It can be concluded that for the confirmation of the fatigue resistance of MasterFlow 9200 the Wöhler-curves according fib-Model Code 2010 can be used. It can also be concluded that at any load condition, MasterFlow 9200 outperforms the requirements as given in CEB-FIP Model Code 90.







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