



# PC-400K (POLYCARBOXYLIC)

**Polycarboxylic ether superplasticizer for the production of high-quality ready-mix concrete with low water cement ratio.**

## Description:

**PC-400K** has been primarily developed for applications in the ready mixed and precast concrete industries where the highest durability and performance is required.

Super plasticizing action of PC-400K is different than conventional super plasticizers based on sulfonated melamine and naphthalene formaldehyde condensate which create electrostatic repulsion of particles.

**PC-400K** initially create the same electrostatic repulsion and further stabilizes the mixes due to static repulsion of long lateral chains linked to the polymer backbone.

## Advantages

### During mixing and placement:

- High workability without segregation or bleeding
- Can be placed and compacted in congested reinforcement
- Reduced labor requirement
- Improved surface finish
- Chloride free

### Effect on hardened concrete properties:

- Increased early and ultimate compressive strengths
- Increased flexural strength
- Higher E modulus
- Improved adhesion to reinforcing and stressing steel
- Better resistance to carbonation
- Lower permeability
- Better resistance to aggressive atmospheric conditions
- Reduced shrinkage and creep
- Increased durability

## Uses

The excellent dispersion properties of **PC-400K** make it the ideal admixture for precast and ready mixed concrete where low water cement ratios are required. This property allows the production of very high early and high ultimate strength concrete with minimal voids and therefore optimum density. Due to the strength development characteristics the elimination or reduction of steam curing in precast works be considered as an economical option.

## BENEFITS

**PC-400K offers the following benefits for:**

### The ready-mix producer:

- Capability of delivering high performance concrete at any time to the job site in place.
- Production of a concrete with low water cement ratios without loss of workability
- Single product for many application needs

### The contractor / applicator:

- Easier placing and faster strength development
- Improved concrete surfaces

### The engineer:

- Insurance that concrete meets original specification
- High quality durable concrete

## Typical Properties\*

Consistence	Liquid
Colour	Light Yellow
Chloride According to EN 934-2	Nil
Classification According to ASTM C494 and ASTM C1017	Type B and Type D
Specific Gravity	1.07±0.03@ 25°C
Air Entrainment	Less than 1.9%
pH (ISO 4316)	4.0 – 6.0
Alkali Content (EN 480-12) (%)	< 3

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## Compatibility

**PC-400K** is compatible with all Portland cements that meet recognized international standards. PC-400K must not be used in conjunction with any other admixture unless prior approval is received from **KENAL CHEMICAL** Technical Department.

**PC-400K** is suitable for mixes containing: Micro silica Pulverized fuel ash Ground granulated blast furnace slag cement.

## Instructions for Use

**PC-400K** is a ready to use admixture that is added to the concrete at the time of batching. The maximum effect is achieved when the PC-400K is added after the addition of 70% to 80% of the water. PC-400K must not be added to the dry materials. Thorough mixing is essential and a minimum mixing cycle, after the addition of the PC-400K, of 90 seconds for forced action mixers is recommended.

## Dosage

The normal dosage for **PC-400K** is between 0.5% and 2.0% per 100 kg of cement (cementitious material). Dosages outside this range are permissible subject to trial mixes.

## Packing

**PC-400K** is available in IBC, 210-liter drums and in bulk tanks upon request.

## Shelf Life

**PC-400K** should be protected from extreme temperature. Should the material become frozen, it must be completely thawed and thoroughly mixed before use. PC-400K has a minimum shelf life of 12 months provided temperature is kept within range 5°C to 30°C.

### Fire:

**PC-400K** is non-flammable

## Precautions

### Health & Safety:

**PC-400K** is non-toxic. Any splashes to the skin should be washed immediately with water. Splashes to the eyes should be washed immediately with water and medical advice should be sought.

### Curing:

As with all structural concrete, normal curing methods apply.

### Cleaning:

Spillages of PC-400K can be removed with water.

## Technical Support

Kenal Chemical offers full technical support package to specifiers, contractors and end users, as well as technical assistance on site and after sales consultations.

Ensure the container is available for the medical attendant to examine for any relevant instructions and content details. Reseal all containers after use and ensure product is stored as instructed on the safety section of the labelling.