# **Microsol ECO Synthetic Micro Fibres**

# **TECHNICAL DATA SHEET**

12 mm Staple Fibre

## Microsol – Polypropylene fibres for concrete and mortar reinforcement

### **Product Information**

## 1. Properties

1 1	Appearance:	White staple fibre

Fibre Type: Micro Polyethylene 12 mm
 Chemical Name: Polyethylene Terephthalate

1.4 Description: Thermoplastic fibre, round and uncrimped

1.5 Fibre Diameter: 18 µm

1.6 Fibre count per gram: 231 400 for 12mm (Calculated)

1.7 Density: 1.34 - 1.41.8 Melting point: 254 °C 1.9 515 °C Auto Ignition Temperature: Physical State: 1.10 Solid 0.5% 1.11 Moisture Regain: 1.12 Solubility in water: Not soluble

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 Tenacity at break:
 45 cN/Tex (+/- 5)

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 Elongation at break:
 40 % (+/- 5)

1.12 Tensile Strength: 380 N/mm² min

1.13 Packaging: 600g water soluble bag or as per requirement

## 2. <u>Typical use in Concrete / Cementitious applications</u>

#### 3. Advantages of using Microsol

- 3.1 Reduces plastic settlement and plastic shrinkage cracking in concrete formed during hardening stages
- 3.2 Reduces water permeability thus helping to prevent walls from dampening as well as helping to avoid corrosion in reinforcing steel used in concrete
- 3.3 Adds Impact and abrasion resistance
- 3.4 Increase shatter and spalling resistance
- 3.5 Explosive spalling resistance

**Caution:** The addition of **Microsol** fibres helps to effectively limit plastic shrinkage and reduce cracks normally formed during dry shrinkage of concrete as well as improving other properties of the same. <u>It must not, however, be used as a replacement for structural or load bearing reinforcement materials.</u>

#### 4. FIBSOL - Microsol dosage rate and directions for use

- 4.1 Dosage: 600 g/m³ to 1500 g/m³ (depending on Engineer's specifications) or approximately 0.2% by volume.
- 4.2 Directions for use:

<u>Transit mixer</u>: Simply add **Microsol** fibre bag in to revolving truck mixer, according to dosing recommendations, on top of concrete matrix;

<u>Mixer</u>: Sprinkle **Microsol** fibres in the rotating mixer on top of sand and stone. Allow dry aggregates to mix for 30 seconds, add cement, balance of water and allow rotating as usual;

<u>Manual mixing</u>: For best results, sprinkle fibres over dry aggregates (sand/stone) and manually mix as usual, add cement and mix once more before adding water

Note: For plastering applications, we recommend our 6 mm fibre whereas all other applications are best suited with our 12 mm fibre as used in our testing