

# Mixing recommendations for MiniBars™

**HANDLING** 



 GLOVES, DUST MASKS AND EYE PROTECTION MUST BE USED

## BEFORE ADDING MINBARS



#### DOSAGE DEPENDS ON:

- · Concrete composition
- · Type of application
- In General all fibres reduce slump
- Adjust consistency as required
- Dosage over 8Kg /m3 might require ix design adjustments
- MiniBars have been used in Dry concrete, normal concrete, selfcompacting concrete and HPC with success

### **DOSING**



### BATCH PLANT MIXER

- Volume fraction of fibre is based on Engineering Specifications
- We recommend adding MiniBars as a last component
- Vibratory bowl feeders work well with MiniBars
- Ensure MiniBars do not develop a pile on the surface of the wet concrete. These can be folded over forming balls in dry concrete.
- Broadcast the MiniBars over the surface as the mixer is running.
- It is recommended that dosages above 10kg is done at the batch plant mixer



#### TRUCK MIXER

- Recommended only for dosages below 10kg /M3
- Add fibres continuously at a 10 to 15 kg/min
- Use of a blower is recommended to ensure dispersion

### **MIXING**



#### PLANT MIXER

- Mixing time depends on the efficiency of the mixing equipment
- Visual check will indicate the MiniBars are dispersed well.

#### TRUCK MIXER

- Mix continuously while adding fibres
- Recommended drum rotation speed > 12 rpm
- After adding all fibres, it is recommended to mix for 3 minute / m3 concrete and not less than 6 min in total



#### LAB MIXER

- Avoid high energy compulsory mixers, these shear MiniBars
- Recommended to use free fall mixers
- After adding all fibres, mix for 2 or 3 minute until even distribution

### QUALITY CONTROL



- Workability
- Air content
- Separation of fibres
- Fibre distribution in the concrete

### **PUMPING**



 MiniBars have been successfully pumped using piston and stator pumps

