

# COSTAR RM 20

## High Quality Concrete Patch Repair Mortar



### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Costar RM 20 is a one-component, polymer modified, easy to use cementitious patching mortar ideal for the repair or re-profiling of concrete.

Costar RM 20 is provided as a pre-mixed, polymer charged, dry powder which when blended with water is intended for application between 10mm to 100mm. Repairs more note worthy than 20mm can be accomplished by building out the repair concrete with perfect, dry total. It is manufactured for repair on concrete highways, bridge decks, concrete parking lots and concrete floors.

### BENEFITS

- Easy to prepare i.e User friendly and quick to apply.
- Improves impermeability and chemical resistance.
- Improves compressive strength and durability
- Excellent high build properties
- Zero VOC content and freeze/thaw resistant
- Good adhesion to substrates, subfloors and stable adhesive residue.
- Excellent standard of finish can be achieved to allow direct application of coverings.

### USES

- Patching and repair of masonry blocks, curbs, steps, sidewalks, and more, both for external and internal purposes
- Used as plaster on walls and panel system.
- Ideal for restoration of honeycombed, spalled or otherwise damaged concrete
- It may be used for flatwork, in-situ or precast beams, columns and walls.
- It may be applied for mass or thin-set repairs.
- It's suitable for above and below grade repairs.
- It's used as plaster on new type walling and panel system.

### APPLICATION

#### Surface Preparation

Ensure that the concrete surface to be repaired is sound and free from dirt, oil, laitance and any other deleterious substances, which reduces adhesion of material to the substrate. Weak, damaged and deteriorated concrete should be removed and edge of repair area should be recessed to a depth of 5mm to prevent feather edging.

To ensure satisfactory bonding, the prepared surface should be dampened down to minimize suction. Ensure that the surface is in a saturated surface dry condition prior to application of Costar RM 20.

#### Priming

All exposed reinforcement bars must be cleaned and treated with Costar anti-corrosion rebar primer. Absorbent surfaces should be dampened with clean water. Very absorbent surfaces must be primed with dilute Primer-Aqualatex C10. Non-absorbent surfaces must be primed as well. The primer should be used in accordance with the instructions printed on the Product Datasheet and must be allowed to dry before applying the repair mortar.

#### Mixing

Costar RM 20 should be mixed in the proportions of 20kg of powder to 4.6 liters of water. Add Costar RM 20 powder to the required amount of water in a clean container and mix for at least 3-4 minutes until a homogenous, smooth, and even trowel-able plastic consistency is obtained. Mixing is best achieved using a drill fitted with a power whisk. Only mix enough mortar that can be applied before the product begins to set. Costar RM 20 can be applied up to a thickness of 100mm. For increased economy the mortar can be bulked out by adding up to an equal volume of graded aggregate. For layers about 20mm-100mm, Costar RM 20 must have filler (aggregate/granite) of 10mm-20mm size.

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### TECHNICAL PROPERTIES

Packaging	20kg				
Appearance	Gray				
Shelf life	12 months from date of production				
Storage condition	Product must be stored in original, unopened, and undamaged sealed packaging in dry condition and temperature between +5 °C and +35 °C.				
Water ratio	4.5litres of water per 20kg bag of product				
Setting time	Initial: Approx. 20 minutes	Final: 20 to 40 minutes	ASTM C191		
Unit weight	128 lb/cu ft (2051 kg/m3)				
Compressive strength	3 hours (12.5 MPa)	24 hours (22.5 MPa)	7 days (31.4 MPa)	28 days (36.3 MPa)	ASTM C109 modified
Slant shear, modified	24 hours: (5.4 MPa)	7 days: (9.3 MPa)	28 days: (11.7 MPa)	ASTM C882	
Length change	28 days, air : $\geq -0.05\%$	28 days, water: $\leq 0.05\%$	ASTM C157		
Application temp	A minimum 10°C Maximum 30° C				
Density	2.0kg/l				
Open time	Approximately 100 minute@20°C and 45minute@35°C				
Coverage	Approximately 1.2 – 1.5 kg per m <sup>2</sup> per 1 mm thickness. (Note: The figure above does not take in to account surface profile, porosity or material waste, thus variation in actual site results can be expected)				

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### STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Protect from freezing, if frozen or crystallized, thaw gradually and stir to homogenous mixture. Shelf life in unopened original containers is 12 months when stored at 70°F (21°C).

### LIMITATIONS

Costar RM 20 should not be used when the temperature is below 50C and falling. Do not exceed the maximum recommended water content and only use clean potable water. If any doubts arise concerning temperature or substrate conditions, consult your local Costar Building Product office.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

- Please ensure that hand gloves and goggles are worn during installation
- Apply in ventilated areas, away from flames
- It is only important that during application and after application, standard safety procedures are done.
- Please consult current MSDS for product.
- *For Professional Use only.*

### STANDARD COMPLIANCE

- ASTM C109 Standard Test Method for Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars
- ASTM C157 Standard Test Method for Length Change of Hardened Hydraulic-Cement, Mortar, and Concrete

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Costarchem manufactures a complete range of construction chemical products which include:

- Concrete admixtures
- Waterproofing system
- Flooring system
- Cementitious and epoxy precision grouts
- Damp-proofing products
- Sealants and adhesives
- Repair and refurbishment systems

For more information on any of our products, please contact Costarchem global or regional office.

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