





Macro vs. Micro Synthetic Fibers

Micro synthetic fibers are used to control plastic shrinkage cracks that occur prior to an initial set of concrete. Micro fibers are typically less than 1.5 inches (38 mm) long, with addition rates between 0.5 and 1.5 lb/yd^3 (0.3 to 0.9 kg/m^3).

Macro synthetic fibers are typically used to provide temperature and drying shrinkage crack control as an alternative to welded wire reinforcement (WWR). Like WWR, their purpose is not to prevent cracks, but to minimize crack width opening. They are typically greater than 1.25 inches (32 mm) long with addition rates between 3 and 15 lb/yd³ (1.8 to 6.0 kg/m³) depending on specific design parameters.

STRUX® Macro Fibers

Temperature & Shrinkage Control

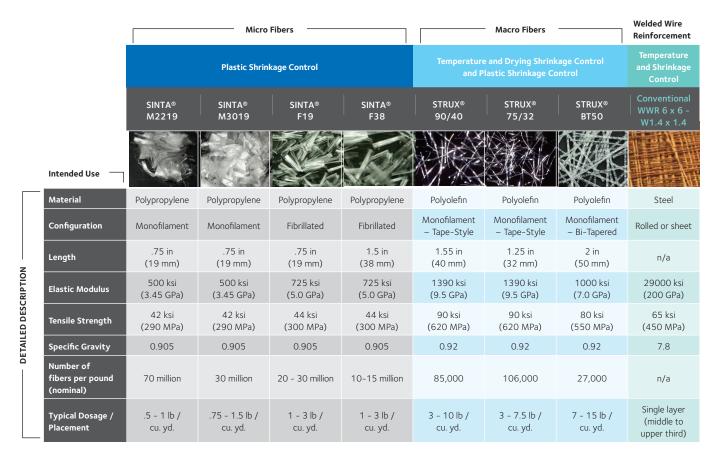
- STRUX® 90/40
- STRUX® 75/32
- STRUX® BT50

SINTA® Micro Fibers

Plastic Shrinkage Control

- SINTA® M2219
- SINTA® M3019
- SINTA® F19
- SINTA® F38

Typical Applications and Benefits of Synthetic Fibers



Typical Construction Applications of Synthetic Fibers

		Micro Fibers					Welded Wire Reinforcement		
		Plastic Shrinkage Control				Temperature and P	Temperature and Shrinkage Control		
		SINTA® M2219	SINTA® M3019	SINTA® F19	SINTA® F38	STRUX® 90/40	STRUX® 75/32	STRUX® BT50	Conventional WWR 6 x 6 - W1.4 x 1.4
	Intended Use —								
COMPOSITE METAL DECKS	Multi-story commercial	J	1	1	1	1	J	J	1
SLABS	Residential / light commercial	1	√	√	√	✓	✓		✓
	Commercial	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Industrial / warehouses	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STS	Parking garages & lots	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CONCRETE PAVEMENTS	Highways, roadways & runways	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓
NCRET	Overlays	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
00	Thin Overlays	1	✓	✓	✓		✓		
WALLS	Exposed concrete walls & sections	1	√	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	
	Tilt-up	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
PRECAST	Vaults	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Tunnel linings	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓
	Tanks & containers	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
	Manholes	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
SHOTCRETE		J	J	J	J	1	✓	J	✓

Benefits of Synthetic Fibers

		Micro Fibers —				Macro Fibers —			Welded Wire Reinforcement
		Plastic Shrinkage Control				Temperature and Drying Shrinkage Control and Plastic Shrinkage Control			Temperature and Shrinkage Control
		SINTA® M2219	SINTA® M3019	SINTA® F19	SINTA® F38	STRUX® 90/40	STRUX® 75/32	STRUX® BT50	Conventional WWR 6 x 6 - W1.4 x 1.4
	Intended Use —								
FIRE RATED	UL Certification	YES (1 lb / cu. yd.)	YES (1 lb / cu. yd.)	YES (1 lb / cu. yd.)	YES (1 lb / cu. yd.)	YES (max 5 lb / cu. yd.)	YES (max 5 lb / cu. yd.)		
	Weight approx. per 100 sq. ft.	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.92	4.92		
SDI STANDARD	ANSI / SDI C 1.0 Standard					Min. 4 lb / cu. yd.	Min. 4 lb / cu. yd.		√
BENEFITS: PLASTIC CONCRETE	Safe, easy handling	J	1	1	1	✓	1	1	✓
	Plastic shrinkage crack control	1	√	√	√	✓	1	1	
BENEFITS: HARDENED CONCRETE	Drying shrinkage crack control			Minimum 1.5 lb / cu. yd.	Minimum 1.5 lb / cu. yd.	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Post-crack load carrying capacity					✓	✓	✓	✓
	Non-corroding	1	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
OTHER BENEFITS	No chairs required	✓	√	√	√	✓	✓	✓	
	Uniform dispersion	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	
	Minimum concrete cover required								✓
	Pumpability	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	n/a
	Saves time	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	
	Easy to finish	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	1	✓

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