

# NOVOCON® FE08550

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

### NOVOCON® FE08550 STEEL FIBRE

Novocon® FE08550, formerly Novotex™ 08550, steel fibres are designed specifically for the reinforcement of concrete, mortars and other cementitious mixes. Novocon® FE08550 is a cold drawn wire fibre, deformed with flat ends to provide optimum performance within the concrete mix. Novocon® FE08550 steel fibres are European Standard EN 14889-1:2006 compliant and have been specifically designed to meet or exceed the defined performance requirements.

### FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Provides uniform multi-directional concrete reinforcement
- Increases crack resistance, ductility, energy absorption or toughness of concrete
- Improves impact resistance, fatigue endurance and shear strength of concrete
- High tensile strength fibre bridging joints and cracks to provide tighter aggregate interlock resulting in increased load carrying capacity
- Provides increased ultimate load bearing capacity which allows possible reduction of concrete section
- Requires less labour to incorporate into concrete than conventional reinforcement
- Offers economical concrete reinforcement solutions with greater project scheduling accuracy
- Ideally suited for hand or vibratory screeds, laser screeds and all conventional finishing equipment

### PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

- Ground supported slabs
- Suspended ground slabs
- Jointless floors
- External roads & pavements
- Precast
- Overlays
- Walls
- Blast-resistant concrete

### COMPLIANCE

- Complies with European Standard EN 14889-1:2006 Fibres for Concrete Part 1: Group I and carries CE marking
- Conforms to ASTM A820/A820M-04 Standard Specification for Steel Fibers for Fiber Reinforced Concrete. Type I cold drawn wire

### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Fibre Length	50 mm
Fibre Diameter	0.85 mm
Aspect Ratio	59
Tensile Strength	1100 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Deformation	Flat End
Appearance	Bright and clean wire

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## PRODUCT USE

**MIXING DESIGNS AND PROCEDURES:** Novocon® FE08550 steel fibres can be added during or after the batching of the concrete but should never be added as the first component. Such devices as conveyor belts, chutes and dispensers may be used to add fibres to the mixer at the ready mix plant. After the fibres have been added, the concrete should be mixed for sufficient time (minimum 5 minutes at full mixing speed) to ensure uniform distribution of the fibres throughout the concrete. The use of mid or high-range water reducing admixtures can be advantageous, but is not essential.

**PLACING:** Novocon® FE08550 steel fibres can be pumped and placed using conventional equipment. Hand or vibratory screeds and laser screeds can be used with Novocon® FE08550 steel fibres.

**FINISHING:** Conventional finishing techniques and equipment can be used when finishing Novocon® FE08550 steel fibre concrete. In some cases an extra bull float process is advised and lowering the angle of the power float blades will help to minimize fibre exposure on the surface.

**DOSAGE RATE:** The fibre dosage will vary depending on the type of application, concrete mix design and the performance/ toughness requirements of each particular project. Typically, steel fibre dosage will be in the range of 20 kg to 40 kg per cubic meter. Propex Concrete Systems technical staff can offer advice on dosage rates once performance requirements have been established by the project designer/engineer.

## COMPATIBILITY

Novocon® FE08550 steel fibres are compatible with all curing compounds, super plasticizers, water reducers, hardeners and coatings.

## SAFETY

It is recommended that gloves and eye protection be used when handling or adding Novocon® FE08550 steel fibres to concrete.

## PACKAGING

Novocon® FE08550 fibres are available, as standard, in 20 kg boxes. They are also available upon request in 1000 kg bulk bags. The pallets should be protected against rain and snow. Do NOT stack pallets on top of each other.

## TECHNICAL SERVICES

Propex Concrete Systems is backed by our team of reinforced concrete specialists who can carefully analyze each project and provide fibre reinforced concrete design solutions to ensure maximum project performance and cost efficiency.

## REFERENCES

- European Standard EN 14889 -1:2006 Fibres for Concrete
- ASTM A820/A820M-04 Standard Specification for Steel Fibers for Fiber Reinforced Concrete.
- ASTM C1116/C1116M Standard Specification for Fiber-Reinforced Concrete.
- ASTM C1399 Standard Test Method for Obtaining Average Residual-Strength of Fiber Reinforced Concrete.
- ASTM C1550 Standard Test Method for Flexural Toughness of Fiber Reinforced Concrete (Using centrally loaded round panel).
- ASTM C1609/C1609M Standard Test Method for Flexural Performance of Fiber-Reinforced Concrete. (Replaces ASTM C1018)
- JCI-SF4 Method of Test for Flexural Strength and Flexural Toughness of Fiber Reinforced Concrete.
- Concrete Society (UK) Technical Report 63 Guidance for the Design of Steel Fibre Reinforced Concrete
- Concrete Society (UK) Technical Report 34 Concrete Industrial Floors
- Concrete Society (UK) Technical Report 66 External In-situ Concrete Paving

## SPECIFICATION CLAUSE

Fibres for concrete shall be Novocon® FE08550 flat end steel fibres conforming to EN 14889-1:2006 Group I and manufactured from cold drawn wire with a minimum tensile strength of 1100 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. Unless otherwise stated Novocon® FE08550 steel fibres shall be added to the concrete at the recommended application rate of .....kg per cubic metre and mixed for sufficient time (minimum 5 minutes at full mixing speed) to ensure uniform distribution of the fibres throughout the concrete.

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