

# MEYCO® SA 160

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## Alkali-free, liquid high performance set accelerator for sprayed concrete

### Product description

MEYCO® SA 160 is a high performance alkali-free set accelerator for sprayed concrete. It is a liquid admixture whose dosage can be varied to the desired setting and hardening times.

### Fields of application

MEYCO® SA 160 is suitable for all applications, where exceptionally high early strength, good final strength and extremely thick layers are required.

- Temporary and permanent rock support in tunnels
- Rock support in mining
- In poor ground conditions
- Slope stabilisation
- Also suitable for acceleration of cementitious grouts, such as used in TBM tunnel linings, cement ground injection and foam concrete backfill operations.

### Packaging

MEYCO® SA 160 is supplied in 210 litre drums, 1000 litre containers or in bulk.

### Features and benefits

MEYCO® SA 160 is ideally suited for wet mix sprayed concrete for rock support, because:

- The quick setting property allows: Rapid work progress and the ability to construct thick sprayed concrete linings via layered application during one construction sequence.
- The unique product formulation provides extremely fast setting coupled with continual early-age strength development. Good long-term strength and durability are also achieved.
- MEYCO® SA 160 is a liquid product and thus provides easy handling as well as facilitating accurate addition to the concrete.
- Very low dust production and therefore a good working environment.

- Since the product is non-aggressive it provides improved working safety, reduced environmental impact and lower handling costs.

### Technical data

Form	Suspension
Colour	Beige
Density (+20°C)	1.43±0.03g/ml
pH value (1:1 water solution)	2.6 ± 0.5
Viscosity <sup>1)</sup>	>400 mPa.s
Thermal stability	+5°C to +35°C
Chloride content	<0.1%
[Na <sub>2</sub> O] EQV. (%bw)	<1%

<sup>1)</sup> Brookfield, + 20 °C. Viscosity is dependent on degree of product agitation and temperature.

### Application procedure

The substrate should be clean and free from loose particles and preferably damp.

It is recommended to use only fresh cement as the age of the cement can have a negative influence on the setting characteristics of the mix.

MEYCO® SA 160 can be sensitive to the type of cement. With some cements the setting characteristics can be too slow. We recommend the use of Portland cements (PC/HPC) which normally give faster setting than blended or sulphate resistant cement types. However MEYCO® SA 160 also works well with composite cement types (blended cements, fly-ash/slag). In all cases, it is strongly recommended to do preliminary tests to check setting and the 24 h strength of the cements planned for use in a project.

Evaluation of setting and 24 h strength (without addition of slump killing system), should be carried out on a test mortar in accordance with EFNARC European Specification for Sprayed Concrete (1996), Appendix 1, Clause 6.3



The following results should be taken as a performance guide only:

Initial set	Final set	24 h strength	Rating
2 min.	6-8 min.	18-20 MPa	good
5 min.	8-12 min.	12-15 MPa	OK
>10 min	>15 min.	<10 MPa	poor

Remark: If the setting times are poor, the 24 h strength usually remains good.

## Mixing

When MEYCO® SA 160 is used for wet mix spraying, the w/c+b ratio should be below 0.5 and preferably <0.45. When targeting extremely high early strength, 0.40 or lower. The lower w/c+b ratios provide faster setting, higher early strength, better durability, lower accelerator dosage and thicker layers can be applied over head.

## Dosage

MEYCO® SA 160 is added in the nozzle. To ensure a constant and accurate dosage to ensure quality sprayed concrete, it is crucial to follow the pump selection guideline given below:

Works very well with:

- mono pumps (screw pumps)
- squeeze pumps (Bredel)
- MEYCO® Dosa

Should not to be used with:

- piston pumps
- all pumps with ball- and seat valves
- pressure tanks
- gear pumps

**Do not use a filter on the suction hose as this causes obstructions. Preferably the material should be drawn off the bottom of the drum/container.**

## Compatibility with other accelerators

MEYCO® SA can be interchanged with BASF's alkali-free accelerators MEYCO® SA 161, 162, 163, 170, 171, 172, 173, 175, 176 and 180. However storage of mixed MEYCO® SA accelerators is not recommended. BASF's alkali-free accelerators shall not be mixed with any other type of BASF accelerator other than those listed above.

**Do not mix MEYCO® SA 160 with any type of accelerator produced by another manufacturer, as this could cause immediate clogging of dosing pumps and hoses.**

## Consumption

The dosage of MEYCO® SA 160 depends on the temperature conditions, reactivity of cement used and on required thickness of layers, setting time and early strength development. The consumption of MEYCO® SA 160 is normally in the range of 3 to 10% of binder weight. **Overdosing (>10%) may result in decreased final strength.**

## Cleaning of dosing pump

Prior to the use of MEYCO® SA 160, the dosing pump and other parts of the system **must be thoroughly cleaned** with plenty of water. Failure to do so provokes blockages in the dosing system. Make sure that all operators involved in testing and application are fully informed.

## Storage

MEYCO® SA 160 must be stored at minimum +5°C and maximum +35°C. (optimum temperature for storage and performance +20°C).

MEYCO® SA 160 has to be kept in closed containers made of plastic, glass fibre plastic or stainless steel.

MEYCO® SA 160 must not be stored in normal steel containers as the pH can cause corrosion that might affect the performance of the product.

After prolonged storage we recommend that MEYCO® SA 160 be always fully agitated prior to use by mechanical stirring or re-circulation pumping.

If stored in tightly closed original containers under the above given conditions, MEYCO® SA 160 have a shelf life of 3 months.

It is recommended that your local BASF representative be consulted prior to the use of any product that has been frozen.

Performance testing should always be carried out before use.

## Safety precautions

MEYCO® SA 160 contains no hazardous substances requiring labeling. However, the same precautions as with handling and use of cementitious products should be observed:

Avoid eye and skin contact and wear rubber gloves and goggles. If contact occurs, rinse with

plenty of water. In case of eye contact seek medical advice.

For further information, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet or contact your local UGC representative.

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