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STRUCTURAL GROUTS

The obvious choice for excellence



"non-shrink" explained "fit for purpose" defined

So called "non-shrink" structural grouts often fail due to misuse and an improper understanding of the characteristics of a non shrink grout. International standards such as; those provided by the US Government Corps of Engineers, ASTM, ISO require that without moisture loss a structural grout must not show dimensional loss within a prescribed number of days. Most cementitious structural grouts show some level of shrinkage due to long term moisture loss.

Plain cement and sand grouts mixed with special plasticisers, to a flowable or fluid consistency will shrink within hours due to aggregate settlement and bleeding. (Fig 1 illustrates this volume loss)

With specialised rheology control ingredients a non-bleed fluid mix provides an initially dimensionally stable plastic phase grout. (Fig 2)

Expansion generating chemicals provide longer term dimensional stability. (Fig 3)

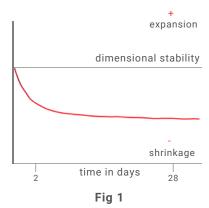
Workability and "open times" of structural grouts are also misunderstood. Common expressions such as are "dry-pack", "thixotropic", "flowable" or "fluid" need definition.

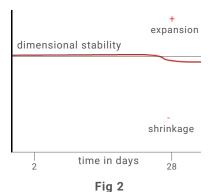
Dry-pack often fails due to incorrect installation and insufficient consolidation. A paddle and wooden mallet are needed to hammer the dry-pack in several lifts in order not to leave cavities.

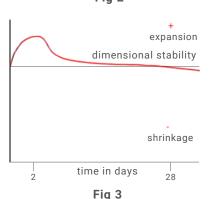
Plastic pack or thixotropic grout can successfully overcome the arduous process of dry-pack installation.

Flowable grout is defined by its reaction to flow table drop and is measured by the diameter increase of the grout under kinetic energy.

Fluid grout is essential for "tortuous path" grouting such as where bolt holes need to be filled, shear keys properly bedded whilst expelling trapped air.







* Indicative graphs, not absolute



Flowable Grout

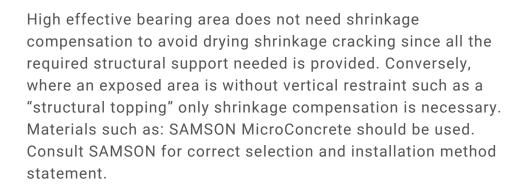


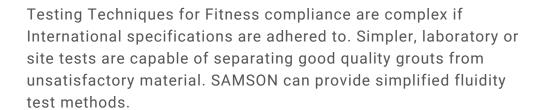
US Corp of Engineers



INSTALLATION TECHNIQUES include; shuttering and paddle installation, "letter-box" fluid flow and pumped and tremie application as suited for specific circumstances SAMSON Advisory services will provide method statements on request.

"Fit for Purpose" means that the grout characteristics enable structural integrity. Expansive grouts without secondary shrinkage compensation are fit for purpose under base plates.





International specifications rely on retention of the initial mix water.

"Non-shrink" grout placed against a thirsty dry concrete will experience plastic shrinkage and cracking due to moisture loss. Correct pre-saturation is an essential requirement for in-service performance.

Where long-term (up to 6 months) drying shrinkage takes place, no cracking will be evidenced unless the shrinkage stress exceeds the tensile resistance of the grout.

Unnecessary high strengths are often quoted as benefits but adverse side-effect not mentioned. Realising the need for vastly differing site conditions SAMSON provides a variety of grouts to cater for all site conditions.



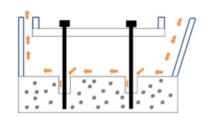
Thixotropic Grout



Thixotropic Grout is stagnant without energy



Tremie installation method



Letterbox installation method

Before you grout, consult Samson specialists.



There is a myth often repeated by contactors that all grouts are the same.

Recognizing that different grout technology is needed to produce "fit for purpose" materials Samson Technologies offers four different grouts to satisfy different needs on construction sites.

Another common myth is that grout excellence is to be judged by its compressive strength as a main criterion. Strength is the most easily achieved property of a grout mix design. In terms of both ASTM and US corp of engineers requirements, grout need only reach 35MPa at 28 days cure. Much more important are properties such as flow retention, total absence of bleed and plastic settlement, effective bearing area and installation technique.

Below you will find a chart for the selection of the appropriate grout for various installation requirements.

Samson Grouts have a significant South African track record having been used in various industrial facilities such as power station and electrical generating turbines, industrial structures and plants, mining including coal handling plants and water treatment sluice gates and the like.

GROUT SELECTION CHART

Application requirements	SuperFlow [™] **	HS60 **	MS40 **	SDP	MicroConcrete
Early return to service	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Base Plates with bolt hole pockets	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Small Base Plates with easy access and no shims to encapsulate	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Base plates with shims	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Continuous heavy duty rails	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Easy Access no bolt hole thick sections (60mm up to 150mm depth)	No	No	No	No	Yes
Use of non-shrink grout for concrete repairs	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Re-surfacing of industrial Floor with grout	No	No	No	No	Yes
Thick set repairs of concrete beams, etc	No	No	No	No	Yes
Polymer modification for thin set application	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Skid mounted machinery	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

** How to choose between SuperFlow , HS60 and MS40

Require early strength development and	SuperFlow [™]	HS60	MS40
quick setting?	Yes	Yes	No
Over 60MPa compressive strength needed?	Yes	Yes	No
	*minimum compressive strength 60MPa if mixed according to literature	i	*minimum compressive
Extended flow in hot weather?	No	No	Yes *minimum compressive
Cost effective not dependent on compressive strength?	No	No	Yes



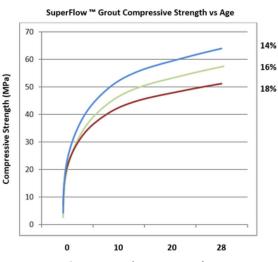
SuperFlow TM Grout

Samson **SuperFlow TM** structural grout is comprised of rapid hardening Cem I 52,5 portland cement selected aggregates flow aides and an expansive component for the preparation of a fluid flow grout by the addition of specified amounts of water only.

SuperFlow TM grout meets the requirements of ASTM C1107 and US Corp of Engineers CRD-C621 for flow strength and dimensional stability.



Flow cone test stability



Compressive strength

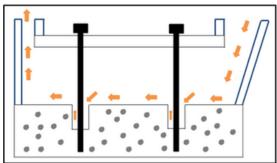


Dimensional ASTM C1107/CRD-C621

SuperFlow TM grout is placeable by pump letter-box shutter or tremie methods as illustrated.



HS60 being pumped under large base plate



Letter-box shutter system



Tremie placement

Samson **SuperFlow TM** grout correctly placed to Samson requirements achieves exceptional effective bearing area (over 90%) is totally bleed free and has mild expansion in the plastic phase to overcome any possible settlement. On reverse of this sheet is further critical technical data which may be required for engineering purposes.



SuperFlow

™Grout

Composition

SuperFlow TM Grout contains very clean specially graded quartz aggregate (maximum particle size 1400 um) combined with 52.5 Cem I, binders and specialised chemicals and minerals. The composition when mixed with water, produces a fluid flow grout for tortuous path filling of base plates, bolt holes, keyways and the like where limited access precludes plastic packing.

Flow

By varying water addition rates the flowability of **SuperFlow TM** Grout can be suited to various applications:

- 16% water to mass of grout produces a thixotropic flowable mortar
- 18% water to mass of grout produces a semi self-levelling mortar
- 20% water to mass of grout produces a fluid flow non-bleeding self-levelling grout

Dimensional Stability

SuperFlow TM Grout is designed to be mildly expansive in the plastic phase to final set. Together with the non-bleeding characteristic of SuperFlow TM Grout, this mild expansion ensures complete contact of the hydrating grout to its encasement.

Compliance

SuperFlow TM Grout complies to ASTM C1107/CRD-C621

Strength range (28 days)

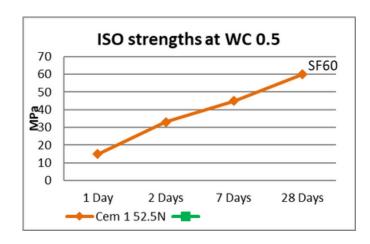
Water/binder

16% 0.40 60 to 65 MPa

18% 0.44 55 to 60 MPa

19% 0.47 50 to 55 MPa

20% 0.50 45 to 50 MPa



Placing

Various practical requirements of each circumstance for grout placement determine the method and viscosity needed.

Do no use **SuperFlow TM** Grout for dry-pack grouting. Typical installation is by "letterbox head" shutter or by pump. Techniques required include allowing the liquid grout to flow through and circulate under a base plate to ensure complete filling and expulsion of air. Mix and place promptly.

Contact Samson for a method statement for your requirements.

Yield

When mixed with 16% water, the average yield of SuperFlow Grout is 12.5L per 25kg bag and approximately 80 bags per m3.

Any increase in water addition will increase the yield.

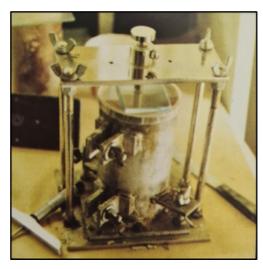


Structural Grout - HS60

Samson **HS60** structural grout is comprised of rapid hardening Cem I 52,5 portland cement selected aggregates flow aides and an expansive component for the preparation of a fluid flow grout by the addition of specified amounts of water only.

HS60 grout meets the requirements of ASTM C1 107 and US Corp of Engineers CRD-C621 for flow strength and dimensional stability.





Flow cone test stability

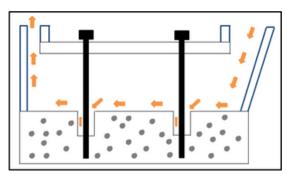
Compressive strength

Dimensional ASTM C1107/CRD-C621

HS60 grout is placeable by pump letter-box shutter or tremie methods as illustrated.



HS60 being pumped under large base plate



Letter-box shutter system



Tremie placement

Samson **HS60** grout correctly placed to Samson requirements achieves exceptional effective bearing area (over 90%) is totally bleed free and has mild expansion in the plastic phase to overcome any possible settlement. On reverse of this sheet is further critical technical data which may be required for engineering purposes.



HS60 Grout Technical Data

Description

Samson **HS60** grout is a specially formulated fluid flow Portland cement structural grout with a large number of application suitablities. (See Grout selection chart)

Flow

By varying water addition rates the workability and flow of the grout can be adjusted to meet a number of site requirements.

Dimensional stability

Tested in accordance with the requirements of international standards ASTM C1107 US corp of engineers CRD-C621

HS60 meets the test requirements for dimensional stability and compressive strength. For the grout to be dimensionally stable upon installation proper care must be taken to ensure that mix-water is not sucked out of the grout by surrounding or juxtaposed concrete. This should be achieved by ensuring that shuttering is leak-proof and that surrounding encasement is adequately prequenched with clean water.

Compliance

Volume control Grade A -

expands during set

Fluid flow exits flow cone

within 30 seconds

Strength exceeds 35MPa

at 28 days

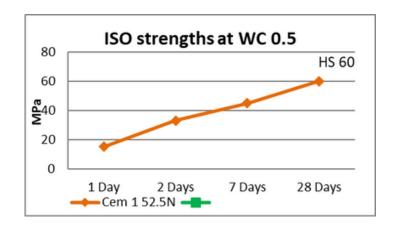
Temperatures may be placed from

4 to 32 degrees C

Strength range (28 days)

Water/Cement

16% 0.40 60 to 65 MPa 18% 0.44 55 to 60 MPa



Placing

Flow requirements will vary according to specific site requirements. Do not use **HS60** for dry-pack grouting. It is designed for fluid flow where dry-pack or plastic placement is preferred. Use Samson **SDP** grout. For high effective bearing area request SAMSON method statement.

Curing

All exposed areas of grout should be covered immediately after placement until set, after which it should be coated with a good quality curing compound. (SAMSON **ResinCure**)

Yield

At water addition of 4.5lt per 25kg bag yield is 12.5lt per bag. Approximately 80 bags per m³.



Structural Grout - MS40

Samson **MS40** structural grout is comprised of blended cement Cem III 32,5 and selected aggregates flow aides and an expansive component for the preparation of a fluid flow grout by the addition of specified amounts of water only.

MS40 grout meets the requirements of ASTM C1107 and US Corp of Engineers CRD-C621 for flow strength and dimensional stability.



MS40 Compressive Strength vs Age

70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
10
20
28



Flow cone test stability

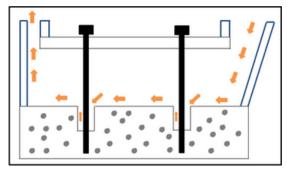
Compressive strength

Dimensional ASTM C1107/CRD-C621

MS40 grout is placeable by pump letter-box shutter or tremie methods as illustrated.



MS40 being pumped under a machine



Letter-box shutter system



Tremie placement

Samson **MS40** grout correctly placed to Samson requirements achieves exceptional effective bearing area (over90%) is totally bleed free and has mild expansion in the plastic phase to overcome any possible settlement. On reverse of this sheet is further critical technical data which may be required for engineering purposes.

For details of how to choose between **HS60** and **MS40** see the grout selection chart on the back of our general leaflet about grouts.



MS40 Grout Technical Data

Description

MS40 is a specially formulated fluid flow blended cement (Cem III 32,5)structural grout with a large number of application suitabilities. (See Grout selection chart)

Flow

By varying water addition rates the workability and flow of the grout may be adjusted to meet a number of site requirements. MS40 is better suited to hot weather conditions than HS60 where very early strengths is not required.

Dimensional stability

Tested in accordance with the requirements of international standards ASTM C1107 US corp of engineers CRD-C621, MS40 meets the test requirements for dimensional stability and compressive strength.

For the grout to be dimensionally stable upon installation proper care must be taken to ensure that mix-water is not sucked out of the grout by surrounding or juxtaposed concrete. This should be achieved by ensuring that shuttering is leak-proof and that surrounding encasement is adequately pre-quenched with clean water, or using wetted hessian bags to cool down base plates.

Compliance

Volume control Grade A – expands

during setFluid flow exits flow cone within

30 seconds

Strength exceeds 35MPa at

28 days Temperatures may be placed from 4 to 36 degrees C

Strength range (28 days)

Water/Cement 14% 0.40 55 to 60MPa

16% 0.44 50 to 55MPa 17% 0.47 45 to 50MPa 18% 0.50 40 to 45MPa

Placing

Flow requirements will vary according to specific site requirements. Do not use MS40 for dry-pack grouting. It is designed for fluid flow. Where dry-pack or plastic placement is preferred, use SAMSON SDP grout. For winter or cold condition grouting HS60 is preferred because of its CEM I 52,5 content.

Curing

All exposed areas of grout should be covered immediately after placement until set, after which it should be coated with a good quality curing compound. (SAMSON **ResinCure**)

Yield

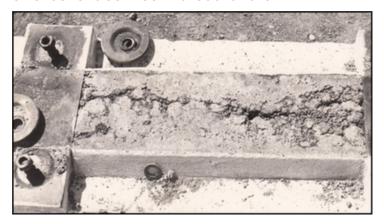
At water addition of 4,5lt per 25kg bag yield is 12,5lt per bag. Approximately 80 bags per m³.

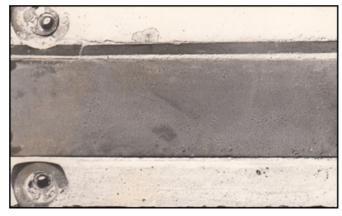


Structural Grout - SDP

Samson Technologies has used the letters **SDP** to denote that the grout is designed as a standard dry-pack grout to distinguish it from the fluid flow grouts. **SDP** is formulated to be installed either as a classical dry-pack (a crumbly but cohesive mix capable of being caulked into place) Samson experience has shown that site personnel all too often do not put sufficient energy into the caulking process and thus results in insufficiently filled cavities with compromised effective bearing area (see photo below). By adding the specified amount of water described in the technical data sheet overleaf a plastic consistency "thixotropic" mortar may be prepared with significant improvement in the ease of placement and achievement of full effective bearing area (see second photo depicting excellent achievement of bearing area)

Samson has prepared a case study and method statement as used for heavy duty rail grouting at several coal mines and in particular at Sasol 2. The incorrectly filled rail as depicted in the first photo failed in less than six months. The correctly filled rail grout has given many years of excellent service without failure.





Compromised bearing area

SDP Grout with full effective bearing area

Thixotropic means that in the passive state the grout does not flow however when submitted to kinetic energy shear thinning takes place at micro particle level and allows the grout to flow as in the second photo.





ive Response to energy

Dimensional stability of **SDP** grout in the plastic phase is achieved by the inclusion of a mildly expansive agent which overcomes any tendency for settlement.



SDP Grout Technical Data

Description

SDP grout is a blend of selected and graded aggregate with CEM I, CEM III and other pozzolanic fillers suitability modified with chemicals to produce either a crumbly caulkable mortar or a plastic mortar with thixotropic properties. The mortar is mildly expansive in the plastic phase.

Dimensional stability of **SDP** grout is achieved through two mechanisms. Firstly, through the total absence of bleed-water and secondly, through the inclusion of expansive agents.

Compliance

Volume control Grade A – expands

during set

Consistency Dry pack, thixotropic

pourable

Strength See table

Temperatures May be placed at

4 to 32 degrees C

SDP grout is an effective corrosion inhibitor.

Strength	16%	14%
1 day	22MPa	32MPa
3 days	40MPa	50MPa
7 days	50MPa	60MPa
28 days	65MPa	75MPa

Placing

The placing method for **SDP** grout varies according to the consistency of mortar chosen. Traditional dry-pack requires caulking with a suitable paddle and wooden hammer to ensure proper consolidation. Plastic consistency SDP should be placed by packing against suitably designed shutters and the paddled into place in lifts without requiring a wooden mallet for consolidation. See the SAMSON method statement as used for rail grouting at Sasol 2. SDP grout mixed to flowable consistency may be poured, rodded or pumped into place. See case study document describing the use of thixotropic pumpable **SDP** grout as used for tensometer duct grouting at Koeberg Power Station.

Curing

All exposed areas of grout should be covered immediately after placement until set, after which it should be coated with a good quality curing compound. (SAMSON **ResinCure**)

Yield

One 25kg bag of SDP grout yields approximately 11L to 12L of mortar.



Structural Grout - MicroConcrete

Samson **MicroConcrete** is comprised of rapid hardening CEM 1 52,5 and other pozzolanic secondary binders and selected aggregates including a 5mm chip, flow aids and two expansive components. The expansive components are designed to induce mild expansion during the plastic phase and then a second chemically shrinkage induced compensation to reduce the effects of longer term drying shrinkage.

By addition of specified amount of water only or water and diluted polymer emulsions consistencies fit for different purposes may be achieved. For example, see the photos below showing semi-self levelling **MicroConcrete** being applied to the prepared surface inside concrete sewer pipes.

The secondary shrinkage compensation mechanism in **MicroConcrete** makes it suitable for relatively large area repairs of heavy duty concrete floors. (See SAMSON case studies and method statements.)







"Semi-self levelling" MicroConcrete being placed

Simple device used for" Armco" profiling

MicroConcrete may be placed in a number of methods according to site requirements. Different consistencies will be required and consultation with SAMSON will ensure a "fit for purpose" method for particular intricacies to be selected.







MicroConcrete repair to industrial floor

On reverse of this sheet is further critical data required for engineering purposes.



MicroConcrete Grout Technical Data

Description

Samson **MicroConcrete** is comprised of rapid hardening CEM I 52,5 and pozzolanic secondary binders and selected aggregates including 5mm chip, flow aids and two expansive components.

Consistencies

Mixed with water at the following rates per 25kg bag, **MicroConcrete** will have the following fresh and hardened properties:

Litres per bag: 2,5Consistency -

Semi-self levelling

Litres per bag: 3,0Consistency -

Flowable

Litres per bag 3,5 Consistency -

Self levelling

Strength expectations (MPa)

	2,5 L	3 L	3,5 L
1 day	30	25	20
7 days	50	45	40
28 days	65	55	50
Water binder ratio	0.42	0.50	0.58

Variety

MicroConcrete is available as:

MicroConcrete X

MicroConcrete P

MicroConcrete P44

Dimensional stability

Samson **MicroConcrete** has mechanisms to prevent settlement and is shrinkage compensated to decrease shrinkage stresses which often lead to screed de-bonding.

Installation

Samson installation requirements must be faithfully followed. These include good practice preparation of surfaces, the use of Samson P3 bonder and proper after installation protection and curing.

Curing

All exposed areas of grout should be covered immediately after placement until set, after which it should be coated with a good quality curing compound. (SAMSON **ResinCure**)

Yield

Mixed with 3lt water each 25kg bag will yield 11 to 12 liters of mixed concrete.

Approximately 80 bags per m³.



TowerBase Grout 100 HW Technical Data

Performance Requirements

The function of TowerBase Grout 100 HW is to fill the gap between a tower base and its underlying concrete support. The product must have sufficient strength and dimensional stability to resist dynamic stresses transferred to the grout through the base plate emanating from wind and other causes of kinetic energy transfer.

Installation characteristics must be such that full effective bearing area is achieved for various installation conditions.

Critical installation conditions in South Africa include high heat (+30oC) and low ambient relative humidity (under 35%).

Consideration has been given to typical depth of cavity to be grouted, circumference of annulus and withstanding typical temperatures of steel base plates.

Constituents

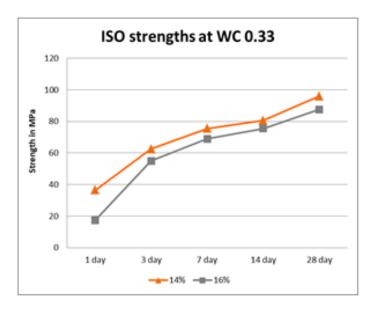
TowerBase Grout 100 HW is formulated with CEM I 52.5 as the primary binder and micron size pozzolanic secondary binders including PFA, sub-micron and nano-sized fumed silica particulates, for optimum mechanical packing and rheology control. Dimensional stability is catered for by the grout being non-bleed, slightly expansive in the plastic phase and shrinkage compensated in the early hardened phase. Chemical admixtures are included to provide flowability and delay of early set at low water addition rates. Siliceous aggregates optimally graded from 75 micron to 5mm, are included for low water demand and mechanical packing for high strength and excellent in service performance.

Initial Flow and Workability Retention

Testing has been conducted at water addition rates of 14% and 16% by mass of grout (the independent laboratory included below). The tests indicate excellent initial workability and exceptional workability retention (at ambient of 26 – 27 oC)

Hardened Properties

Initial trials on TowerBase Grout 100 HW indicate excellent strength development using locally sourced cements.



Strength	16%	14%
1 day	17.5MPa	36.5MPa
3 days	55MPa	62.5MPa
7 days	69MPa	75.5MPa
28 days	87.5MPa	96MPa



Tensometer Duct Grouting – Koeberg Nuclear Power Station

A case study in grouting excellence

The tensometer ducts require a special grout material and a unique method of installation to meet the requirements of complete void filling without any settlement or bleeding of the grout and maximum elimination of entrapped air.

Development of appropriate materials.

The grout material after mixing with an appropriate quantity of water needed to produce a plastic consistency mortar with thixotropic properties.

This was met by the use of micro particulates with appropriate admixtures to produce shear thinning under the kinetic energy of pumping and then chelate and hold its dimensions in the passive state after pumping.

The curved shape of the ducts.

Illustrated below is a diagram showing that the curved shape of the ducts precluded the use of fluid flow grouts if the desired void filling requirement was to be met.

The curved shape also requires an innovative approach to replacement method of the grout for successful installation. Samson believed that its proposals would achieve the desired result but tests were needed to confirm this.

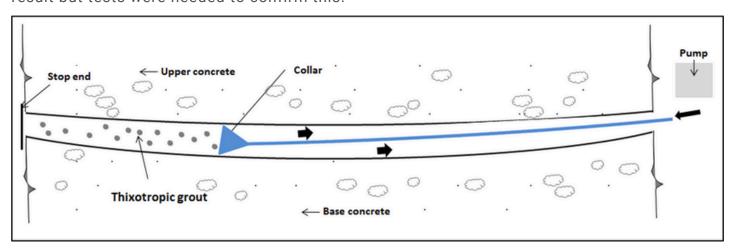


Illustration of Grouting the Tensometer Duct

The test process.

Under the guidance and surveillance of Professor Mark Alexander a test rig was designed and filled with grout.

Suitable pipes were obtained to simulate the ducts but without the curvature being replicated. On completion of the pumping process the grout was allowed to set. Thereafter, an angle grinder was used to cut open section of the pipe to examine the results. The following photographs show the results of the procedure. The void filling was adjudged to be excellent and fit for purpose.









Modified SDP for pumping with thixotropic properties to facilitate installation

The unique placement system used.

For satisfactory void filling the grout needed to be placed continuously from one side of the ducts to the other. To contain the thixotropic grout for maximum void filling a plastic collar was recommended for attachment to the end of the pump pipe. The concept was that in a similar way to a tremie under the pressure of the grout back filling the collar would cause the pipe to be withdrawn from the duct leaving a completed filled duct behind it.

Conclusion

The trials having been declared successful the system described above was actually implemented at Koeberg with good results.



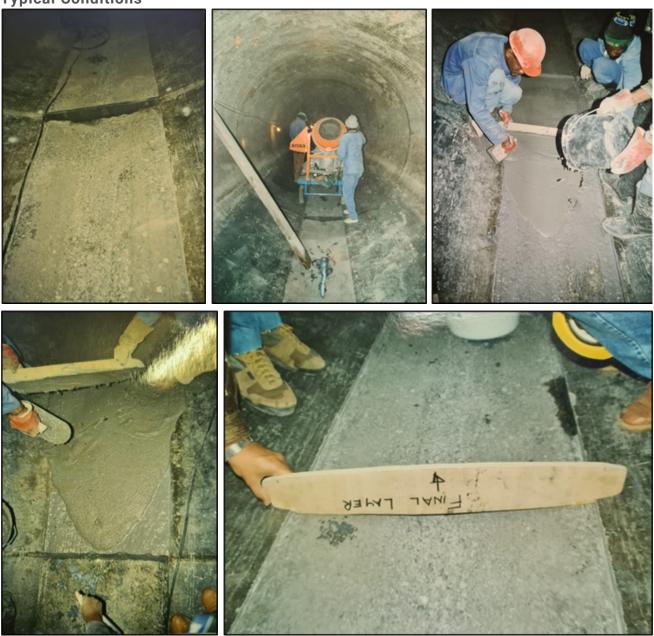
Southern Outfall sewer pipe repair

An example of success with Samson MicroConcrete

Cause of Damage

Scouring of the nadir of the 60mm thick concrete pipe was caused by flow of sewerage and abrasion by chemical and solids impact attack.

Typical Conditions



Repair materials required

The repair materials should be high strength (over 60MPa) resistant to humic acid attack and physical impact.

Once placed it should be dimensionally stable with absence of shrinkage stress being transferred to the bond line between the original concrete and the new hardened repair material.



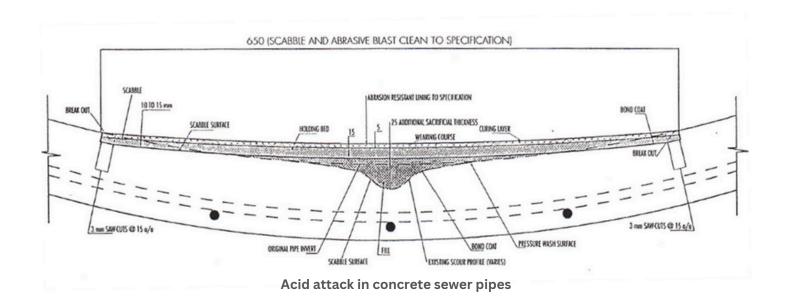
The Samson proposal

Scarify and clean the damaged nadir of the pipes. Apply a slightly flexible but powerful bonding layer. Samson **P3 Primer** triple blend polymer modified bonder was proposed. A special "Armco" pipe profile for the repairs was proposed to reduce the velocity of flow of the aggressive sewerage. Polymer modification was proposed to protect the alkaline matrix of the cementitious repair material. Lowering the Young's Modulus of the hardened repair material would better absorb impact stress where the brittleness of a high strength material would shatter under impact.

Installation method and profiling

It was considered prudent to have a wearing layer more than the thickness of the pipe, especially at damaged joints. The selected profile was as illustrated below.

A simple profiling device was developed to shape and increase the protective layer to about 75mm. The **MicroConcrete** needed to be semi-self levelling, thixotropic and capable of holding its wet-state profile when left passive. See drawing of proposed profile.



Conclusion

The installation done by Eigenbau was well executed under Samson's advisory service. Some 5 years after the installation inspection was made to determine damage to the **MicroConcrete** wearing layer.

It was estimated that the repair would last for another 20 years before another repair process would be necessary.

The Samson process provided a repair which would make pipe replacement unnecessary.



SuperFlow [™]

60MPa Traditional fluid flow Grout

HS60 High strength fluid flow Grout

MS40 Medium strength fluid flow Grout

SDP Thixotropic Grout, Standard Dry-Pack

MicroConcrete Double shrinkage compensated small

aggregate concrete

MicroConcrete X Microcrystalline, double shrinkage

compensated small aggregate

concrete

MicroConcrete P Polymer modified, double shrinkage

compensated small aggregate

concrete

MicroConcrete P44 Polymer modified, double shrinkage

compensated small aggregate

concrete for dynamic load substrates

TowerBase Grout 100 HW High strength special Grout for wind

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