



SPECIAL GROUT 550

High Temperature Application Precision Nonshrink Grout

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Five Star® Special Grout 550 is the first cement-based, non-shrink grout formulated for grouting at temperatures up to 115°F (46°C) with no ice or cold water. It is a high performing, versatile, hot weather precision grout. Five Star Special Grout 550 meets the performance requirements of ASTM C 1107-02 Grades A, B and C, ASTM C 1107-07 and CRD-C 621-93 specifications for non-shrink grout over a wide temperature range, 40°F - 90°F (4°C - 32°C).

ADVANTAGES

- Air release technology per ACI 351.1 R
- Precision nonshrink
- 95% effective bearing area is typically achieved following proper grouting procedures
- Long working time
- No ice or cold water required for placement temperatures up to 115°F (46°C)

USES

- Grouting large, heavy operating equipment in extreme hot weather
- Grouting structural columns in extreme hot weather
- Grouting anchors in extreme hot weather
- Grouting precast and prestressed panels in extreme hot weather

PACKAGING AND YIELD

Five Star Special Grout 550 is packaged in heavy-duty, polyethylene lined bags and is available in 100 lb (45.4 kg) units yielding approximately 0.90 cubic foot (25.5 liters) of hardened material at maximum water content.

SHELF LIFE

One year in original unopened packaging when stored in dry conditions; high relative humidity will reduce shelf life.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES AT 70°F (21°C)	
Early Height Change , ASTM C 827	0.0 to 4.0%
Hardened Height Change , ASTM C 1090	0.0 to 0.3%
Effective Bearing Area	95%
Bond Strength , ASTM C 882 / 28 Days	2000 psi (13.8 MPa)
Pull-out Strength , Shear Bond with #5 deformed bar, 7 days	2400 psi (16.6 MPa)
Compressive Strength , ASTM C 942 (C 109 Restrained)	
1 Day	2000 psi (13.8 MPa)
7 Days	5000 psi (34.5 MPa)
28 Days	6500 psi (44.9 MPa)
Working Time at 115°F (46°C)	45 minutes

The data shown above reflects typical results based on laboratory testing under controlled conditions. Reasonable variations from the data shown may result. Test methods are modified where applicable.

PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

1. **SURFACE PREPARATION:** All surfaces in contact with Five Star® Special Grout 550 shall be free of oil, grease, laitance and other contaminants. Concrete must be clean, sound and roughened to ensure a good bond. Soak concrete surface for 8 to 24 hours prior to application with liberal quantities of potable water, leaving the concrete saturated and free of standing water.
2. **FORMWORK:** Formwork shall be constructed of rigid non-absorbent materials, securely anchored, liquid-tight and strong enough to resist forces developed during grout placement. The clearance between formwork and baseplate shall be sufficient to allow for a headbox. The clearance for remaining sides shall be one to two inches (25 - 50 mm). Areas where bond is not desired must be treated with form oil, paste wax or similar material. Isolation joints may be necessary depending on pour dimensions. Contact the Five Star Engineering and Technical Service Center for further information.
3. **MIXING:** Mix Five Star Special Grout 550 thoroughly for approximately four to five minutes to a uniform consistency with a mortar mixer (stationary barrel with moving blades). A drill and paddle mixer is acceptable for single bag mixes. For optimum performance, condition between 40°F and 90°F (4°C and 32°C). Mix Five Star Special Grout 550 with 7 to 11 quarts potable water per 100 lb. bag. Working time is approximately 45 minutes. Follow printed instructions on the package. Always add mixing water first to mixer followed by grout.
4. **METHODS OF PLACEMENT:** Five Star Special Grout 550 may be dry packed, poured or pumped into place. Minimum placement thickness for Five Star Special Grout 550 is one inch (25 mm). For pours over six inches (150 mm) in depth Five Star Special Grout 550 should be extended with a clean damp coarse aggregate meeting the requirements of ASTM C 33. Refer to the Five Star Technical Bulletin "Cement Grout Aggregate Extension" for guidelines.
5. **POST-PLACEMENT PROCEDURES:** Five Star Special Grout 550 shall be wet cured for a minimum of three days, or coated with an approved curing compound meeting the requirements of ASTM C 309 after a minimum 24 hour wet cure. In-service operation may begin immediately after the required grout strength has been reached.

NOTE: PRIOR TO APPLICATION, READ ALL PRODUCT PACKAGING THOROUGHLY. For more detailed placement procedures, refer to *Design-A-Spec™* installation guidelines or call the Five Star Engineering and Technical Service Center at (800) 243-2206.

CONSIDERATIONS

- At time of placement, if temperatures of equipment and surfaces are above 90°F (4°C and 32°C), refer to Design-A-Spec™ for cold and hot weather grouting procedures or contact the Five Star Engineering and Technical Service Center at (800) 243-2206 .
- Substrate shall be free of frost and ice.
- Grout shall be protected from freezing until it reaches 1000 psi (6.9 MPa).
- Never exceed the maximum water content stated on the bag.
- Construction practices dictate concrete foundation should achieve its design strength before grouting.

CAUTION

Contains cementitious material and crystalline silica. International Agency for Research on Cancer has determined that there is sufficient evidence for the carcinogenicity of inhaled crystalline silica to humans. Take appropriate measures to avoid breathing dust. Avoid contact with eyes and contact with skin. In case of contact with eyes, immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Immediately call a physician. Wash skin thoroughly after handling. Keep product out of reach of children. **PRIOR TO USE, REFER TO MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET.**

For worldwide availability, additional product information and technical support, contact your local Five Star distributor, local sales representative, or you may call Five Star's Engineering and Technical Service Center at (800) 243-2206.

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