

Technical Bulletin

Performance of OPUS SCM™ with granitic feedstock



Why use OPUS?

Substituting OPUS SCM™ for fly ash in concrete results in performance and strength that is on par with fly ash. OPUS SCM™ performance has been evaluated in mix designs with varying cement contents. OPUS SCM™ has similar results for time of set, workability, and bleeding in concrete as compared to concrete batched with Class F fly ash.

Terra's OPUS SCM™ also presents a solution to the decreasing supply of Class F fly ash sources as coal-fired plants are either converted to gas-fired plants or shutdown.

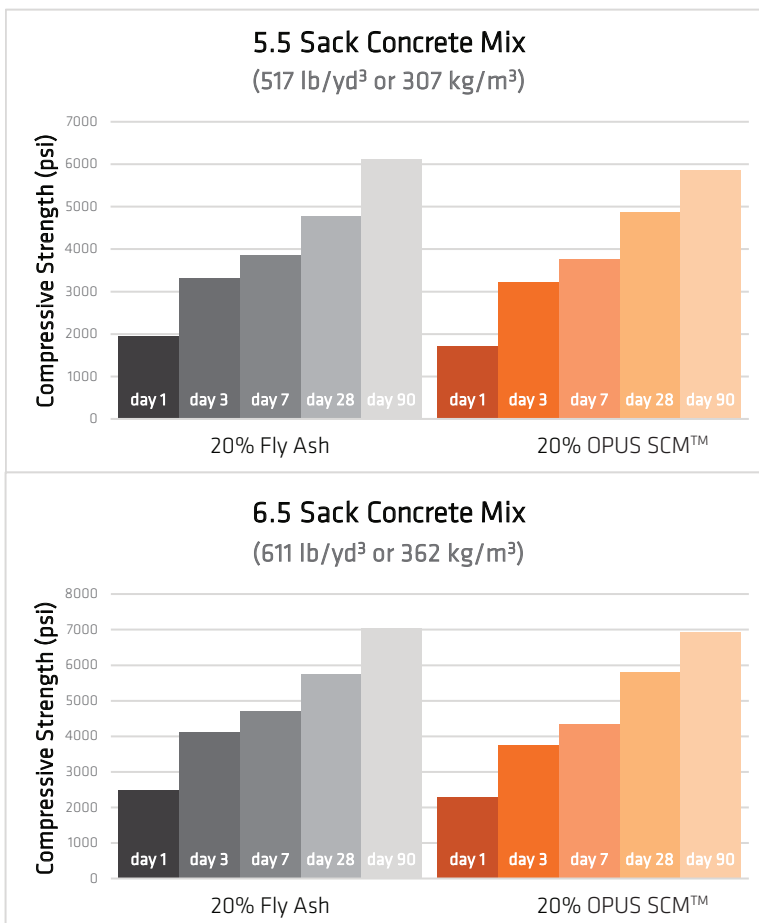
OPUS SCM™ has been evaluated following the guidelines specified in ASTM C1709 and meets the performance requirements listed for fly ash or Class N pozzolan under ASTM C618.

All testing has been performed by an AASHTO accredited third party laboratory. All cement, fly ash, and chemical admixtures were sourced from AASHTO accredited national and international suppliers. Additionally, aggregates utilized were sourced from major suppliers in the local market.

Per the requirements of the Buy America Act under section 1605 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, OPUS is qualified as being goods produced in the United States using Raw Material Sourced from the United States.

Application Guidelines

Concrete properties depend on the characteristics of the aggregate, sand, water, and cement used, as well as the batching and curing processes. OPUS SCM™ has consistently performed well during repeated tests in laboratory conditions. Terra recommends that end-users test OPUS SCM™ in concrete mix designs using their local materials to confirm performance.



ASTM Standard	Unit	5.5 Sack (517 lb/yd³)		6.5 Sack (611 lb/yd³)	
		20% OPUS SCM™	20% Fly Ash	20% OPUS SCM™	20% Fly Ash
C39: Compressive Strength at 28 days	psi	4,870	4,770	5,820	5,770
C78: Flexural Strength at 28 days	psi	750	690	810	740
C138: Unit Weight	pcf	145.6	145.8	145.4	146.8
C143: Slump retention at 90 minutes	%	N/A	N/A	38	35
C403: Initial & Final Time of Set	Hours:Minutes	5:41 & 7:18	5:27 & 7:44	5:42 & 7:07	5:30 & 7:00
C157: Length Change	%	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04
C1012: Length Change by Sulfate Exposure	%	N/A	N/A	0.02	0.02
C1202: Chloride Permeability	N/A	Low	Low	Low	Low
C232: Accumulated Bleed Water	%	1.43	1.21	1.42	1.15
C469: Modulus of Elasticity	psi	5.25 × 10 ⁶	5.46 × 10 ⁶	5.64 × 10 ⁶	5.88 × 10 ⁶



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