



# PHOSCRETE FORMULA 3-VO

## TECHNICAL DATA GUIDE

Rapid Hardening MKP (Magnesium Potassium Phosphate) mortar for vertical, and overhead concrete repairs, both hand-packed and shotcrete installations.

### DESCRIPTION

PHOSCRETE® FORMULA 3-VO™ (F3-VO) is a two-part cementitious MPC (Magnesium-Phosphate-Cement) concrete repair mortar composed of magnesium oxide, potassium phosphate, and aggregates (Dry Mix) that must be mixed with pre-measured F3-VO Activator. Phoscrete F3-VO is rapid-hardening, with high-early strength gain. When mixed to a putty consistency, it is easy to apply by hand or trowel, and can be feather-finished. Phoscrete F3-VO allows fast completion of concrete repairs. Phoscrete F3-VO meets ASTM C 928, Type R3.

### PROVEN APPLICATIONS

- ▶ Vertical and overhead: above grade and below grade concrete structures
- ▶ Rehabilitation of concrete bridge structural elements, including soffits, beams, caps, piers, and columns
- ▶ Rehabilitation of marine structures including seawalls, navigation locks, guide walls, reservoirs, dams, and discharge tunnels
- ▶ Rapid repair of new construction concrete's defects, notably pre-cast shapes
- ▶ Rapid repair of spalls on concrete pavements and floors
- ▶ Rapid repair of sidewalks, stairs, sills, and culverts
- ▶ Rapid repair of building facades, parking structures and tilt-up walls

### ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Labor and time-saving - no sandblasting of steel bars, no anti-corrosion primer, no sacrificial anodes.
- ▶ Fast, easy, and accurate mixing in a bucket or pan mixer.  
Two pre-measured components: dry mix in a bag and liquid activator in a jug.
- ▶ Easy to apply: high-build, non-sag.
- ▶ Easy to finish using a trowel, screed, or sponge; can be feather-finished.
- ▶ High early and ultimate compressive, bond, flexural, and tensile strengths.
- ▶ Freeze-thaw and salt scaling resistant.
- ▶ Very low shrinkage.
- ▶ Strong bond to clean cured concrete and to itself with no cold joints.
- ▶ Stops rust and inhibits corrosion: converts iron oxide to metal phosphate.
- ▶ Does not out-gas after cure: accepts sealers and polymer coatings as soon as 30 minutes following initial set.
- ▶ Chemically stable: no added chlorides, resists chloride penetration.
- ▶ All temperature use – heat/cool F3-VO Activator and use Phoscrete Fast-Set/Slow-Set Admixtures to manage setting/working time.
- ▶ Environmentally friendly – no VOCs, no odor.

### Packaging

**Small Bag Kit:** [1] bag + [1] jug

Dry Mix: 22 lb. (10 kg)

Polyethylene-lined paper bag

F3-VO Activator: 54 fl. oz. (1.6 l)

LDPE ½-gallon jug

**Yield:** 2.0 bf, 0.17 ft<sup>3</sup>, 0.0480 m<sup>3</sup>  
96 bags and jugs per full pallet.

**Large Bag Kit:** [1] bag + [1] jug

Dry Mix: 50 lb. (22.7 kg)

Polyethylene-lined paper bag

F3-VO Activator: 122 fl. oz. (3.6 l)

LDPE 1-gallon jug

**Yield:** 4.8 bf, 0.4 ft<sup>3</sup>, 0.113 m<sup>3</sup>  
48 bags and jugs per full pallet.

**Small Pail Kit:** 11 lb. (5 kg)

Dry Mix bag in HDPE pail,

27 fl. oz. (0.8 l) F3-VO Activator in  
HDPE jar

**Yield:** 1.0 bf, 144 in<sup>3</sup>, 0.0024 m<sup>3</sup>  
64 pails per full pallet.

### Mixing Ratio

*Pre-measured, pre-extended.*

*Mix [1] jug into [1] bag.*

*Use color-matched bags and jugs.*

*Always add liquid first.*

*Do not extend with sand or aggregate.*

### Curing

Phoscrete Endure 1-gallon (3.8l)

PET jugs Upon set, apply to

Phoscrete MPC to reduce  
evaporation and shrinkage.

### Storage

Store in clean, dry conditions in  
unopened, original packaging.

### Shelf Life

**Dry Mix:** 24 months

**Activator:** 12 months

(when properly stored)

### VOC Content

0 g/L: Less exempt solvents



LABORATORY TEST DATA

Fresh Properties					
Test	Specification	Description	Time	Independent Test Results	
Set Time	ASTM C191	Time of Setting by Vicat Needles	Initial   Final	20 min	24 min
Slump	ASTM C143	Slump of Hydraulic-Cement Concrete	5 min	4.0 in	
Density	ASTM C387	Density (Unit Weight) of Concrete		140 lb/ft <sup>3</sup>	2243 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Air Content	ASTM C231	Air Content by Pressure Method		4.0%	
Strength Properties					
Test	Specification	Description	Time	Independent Test Results	
				psi	MPa
Compressive Strength	ASTM C109	Compressive Strength of Hydraulic Cement Mortars Using 2-in. Cube Specimens	2 hours	3000	20.7
			3 hours	4000	27.6
			1 day	5000	34.5
			28 days	7000	48.2
Flexural Strength	ASTM C78	Flexural Strength of Concrete Using Simple Beam with Third-Point Loading	1 day	500	3.4
			28 days	600	4.1
Bond Strength	ASTM C882	Bond Strength by Slant Shear: Phoscrete - Concrete	2 hours	2000	13.8
			1 day	2400	16.5
			28 days	3000	20.5
		Bond Strength by Slant Shear: Phoscrete - Phoscrete	2 hours	2400	16.5
			1 day	3000	20.5
			28 days	3500	24.1
Tensile	ASTM C496	Splitting Tensile Strength of Cylindrical Concrete	28 days	640	4.4
Modulus of Elasticity	ASTM C469	Static Modulus of Elasticity and Poisson's Ratio of Concrete in Compression	28 days	4.3 E <sup>+06</sup>	3.0 E <sup>+04</sup>
				0.274	
Durability Properties					
Test	Specification	Description	Test	Independent Test Results	
Free Shrinkage	ASTM C157	Length Change of Hardened Concrete (Std)	28 Days Wet   Dry	0.03%	-0.03%
Freeze Thaw	ASTM C666-A	Resistance of Concrete to Rapid Freezing and Thawing in a Saturated Condition (300 cycles)	Durability Factor	95%	
Scaling	ASTM C672	Scaling Resistance of Concrete Surfaces Exposed to Deicing Chemicals (50 cycles) Results = Visual   Material Loss lbs./ft <sup>2</sup> (%)	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	Visual 0	0.0 lbs/ft <sup>2</sup>
Chlorides	ASTM C1202	Electrical Indication of Concrete's Ability to Resist Chloride Ion Penetration (Coulombs)	28 days	450 C	
	AASHTO T260	Chloride Content (%)	28 days Acid   Water	0.007%	0.002%
Abrasion	ASTM C779 Procedure B	Abrasion Resistance of Horizontal Concrete Surfaces	28 days	30 minutes	0.043 in
				60 minutes	0.060 in

Independent accredited laboratory test reports are available upon request.



## GENERAL INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

- Refer to [Phoscrete Formula 3 \[MKP Series\] Full Installation Guide](#), for the most complete documentation on best installation practices, including recommended tools and mixing equipment.
- Refer to [Phoscrete's Best Practices for Cold Temperature](#) and [Warm Temperature Guidelines](#) for details on working with Phoscrete Admixtures (Fast-Set, Slow-Set).
- Cool Activator on ice to 40°F for additional working time during placement and finishing.
- Warm Activator in hot water when working in cold temperatures for faster set.

## SURFACE PREPARATION

- The concrete surface must be sound and fully cured.
- Remove loose, damaged, and concrete contaminated by oil, grease, and other bond-inhibiting materials.
- Surface must be frost-free, dry, and free of standing water. Gently apply heat (torch) to eliminate surface moisture.
- Concrete profile should reach minimum CSP (Concrete Surface Profile) of 6 per ICRI Guidelines.
- Remove loose scale (rust) from steel bars with a wire brush. Sandblasting is not required.
- When saw-cutting or shot-blasting, remove surface dust and slurry with air or water (allow to dry prior to application).
- Replace reinforcing bars according to instructions from the designer. Generally, bars that lost 25% or more of their original diameter must be replaced.

## MIXING

- Mix Phoscrete F3-VO at the placement site.
- Mix [1] jug of F3-VO Activator into [1] bag F3-VO Dry Mix. Match colored labels on bags and jugs to insure proper mixing ratio. *Note: 22 lb. Kits of F3-VO have purple labels and pair with ½-gallon jugs. 50 lb. Kits have gold labels and pair with 1-gallon jugs.*
- DO NOT MIX USING PARTIAL BAGS OR JUGS. *Note: F3-VO Activator jugs contain liquids with different densities. Using a partial jug does not guarantee equal distribution of liquids.*
- Use a heavy-duty five [5] gallon bucket or larger for mixing bags. Mix with a paddle (Phoscrete's urethane auger is highly recommended), and a dual or variable speed drill suitable for mixing (Bosch GBM-9-16 is highly recommended).
- When mixing multiple bags for shotcrete or pumping applications, use the Phoscrete Pan Mixer and ShotPump™.
- When mixing Small Pail Kits, use a minimum 18v variable speed drill on the high torque setting. For professional use, Phoscrete's small urethane auger is highly recommended.
- Agitate then empty entire jug or jar into a clean bucket first. Next add other Phoscrete admixtures (Fast-Set, Slow-Set) as needed. Then add Dry Mix into the bucket while slowly running the mixer.
- Mix for about 2 minutes, or until the material is fully wetted out and begins to fold over on itself, showing a putty consistency. Do not over-mix.
- A batch of Phoscrete F3-VO must be mixed, placed, and finished within 15 - 25 minutes from mixing, temperature dependent.

## HAND-PACK APPLICATION

- Phoscrete F3-VO is a thixotropic material: vibration and tapping with a trowel increases flow.
- Scrub in a thin layer of F3-VO into the area to be repaired using a gloved hand, being careful to fill all voids.
- Fill the repair in lifts using gloved hands and concrete margin trowels. In-between lifts, scarify the surface by scratching crisscross lines in the layer with a trowel prior to set for best adhesion bond. Phoscrete bonds to itself with no cold joints, whether wet or completely cured. Each lift should have ½ in. (1.27 cm) minimum thickness.
- Finish the repair using margin trowels or a water-dampened stucco sponge. Phoscrete F3-VO can be feather-finished.
- Wipe F3-VO from trowels with a water-dampened cloth. Do not pour water on the repair.
- If rain begins prior to final set, protect the repair area with plastic sheeting for at least 30 minutes following initial set.

## SHOTCRETE APPLICATION

- Use only Phoscrete's ShotPump™ equipment or other Phoscrete-approved equipment for wet shotcrete installations.
- Phoscrete ShotPump is easy to operate with minimal training, and easy cleanout.
- Phoscrete ShotPump may be used with bucket mixes or with the Phoscrete Pan Mixer.
- Phoscrete Large Bag Kits (50 lbs. / 22.7 kg) are recommended for shotcrete installations.
- Follow surface preparation guidelines above.
- Follow hand-pack application guidelines above for finishing.
- Follow Phoscrete ShotPump installation guidelines for mixing and spraying Phoscrete F3-VO.
- Contact Phoscrete installation support to discuss your specific application and requirements.



## CURING

- ▶ Once Phoscrete F3-VO achieves initial set (you can't press a nail into the center of the material), paint or spray-apply a thin coat of Phoscrete Endure™ to the exposed surface. This prevents evaporation while the material cures, reducing or eliminating drying shrinkage.
- ▶ Phoscrete Endure absorbs quickly into Phoscrete F3-VO.

## CLEANING

- ▶ In-between batches, clean tools with a water-dampened towel, and wipe off excess water prior to contact with Phoscrete.
- ▶ When the job is completed, clean the tools with water. Clean hands with soap and water.

## LIMITATIONS

- ▶ Do not use any primer or admixtures other than those provided by Phoscrete.
- ▶ Do not extend Phoscrete F3-VO with aggregate. Do not add sand and/or any type of cement.
- ▶ Do not mix partial units.
- ▶ Minimum recommended thickness for partial depth repairs: ½ inch (1.27 cm). F3-VO can be feather finished. Note: no maximum thickness limitation with Phoscrete F3-VO
- ▶ Minimum ambient temperature: 35°F (2°C)
- ▶ When wet, Phoscrete F3-VO cannot be placed in direct contact with galvanized steel (zinc).
- ▶ Proper application is the responsibility of the user. Field visits by Phoscrete personnel are for the purpose of making technical recommendations, not for supervising or providing quality control on the jobsite.

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