

# KERAMICAST

## Fibrous and Decorative Plaster



### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Keramicast is a formulated hemihydrate plaster ( $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 1/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) produced from naturally occurring high purity gypsum mineral. It is off-white in colour. It is used for the production of fibrous plasterwork and GRG. It is also traditionally used in ceramics for the production of working moulds for both jiggering and slip casting.

### PRODUCT BENEFITS

- + Working properties suitable for both casting of decorative plasterwork and the production of working moulds for ceramics
- + Produces good strength fibrous plasterwork pieces
- + Good reproduction of fine detail

### APPLICATIONS

Fibrous plaster, Tableware

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

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| Chemical name                               | Calcium sulphate hemihydrate   |
| Chemical composition                        | $\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 1/2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  |
| Plaster to water ratio (by weight)          | 1.79:1   |
| Water to plaster ratio (by weight)          | 56%  |
| Plaster to water mix ratio (by weight)      | 100/56   |
| Colour                                      | Off-white  |
| Vicat Ring Fluidity (cm)                    | 19   |
| Initial setting time (minutes)              | 8  |
| Final setting time (minutes)                | 12   |
| Linear Expansion (%)                        | 0.28   |
| Brinell Hardness (MPa)                      | 60   |
| Dry compressive strength (Mpa)              | 22   |
| Pore Volume (%)                             | 30%  |
| Particle Size (% weight retained)           | 3.5% at 150 $\mu\text{m}$<br>13% at 90 $\mu\text{m}$<br>23% at 63 $\mu\text{m}$<br>40% at 32 $\mu\text{m}$ |
| Loose bulk density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )     | 960  |
| Compacted bulk density (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) | 1360   |

The technical data outlined represents typical figures only. For further details, please contact Saint-Gobain Formula directly.

### KEY INFORMATION

Please use with the recommended plaster water ratio, with a mixing time of approx. 2 to 4 minutes or with a mix until homogenous. The precise consistency to use will need to be adjusted to suit the individual application. Changes to plaster to water ratio will influence product performance particularly setting time and strength.

## PACKAGING AND SHELF LIFE

|     | Packaging Available | Shelf Life (Month) |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------|
| Bag | 25 kg               | 6                  |

When stored under dry conditions and in its original packaging, the product will have a specified shelf life that commences from the date of manufacture that is displayed on each sack. Shelf life depends on the packaging type. For those products where a defined 'best before' date is applicable, BBE (Best Before End) followed by the date will be displayed on each sack.

## STORAGE

Plaster based products are not recommended for conditions where they are likely to be located externally or in any way subjected to weathering or excessive dampness.

Absorption of moisture can result in changes to physical properties, including a reduction in the set strength of plasters and also a lengthening of setting time.

Gypsum minerals can be affected by absorption of moisture and may change physical properties.

To help protect the product during use, open or part used bags should be carefully folded and closed. Each bag is date stamped and stocks should be rotated so that the oldest material is used first.

## CERTIFICATION



DoP n° NK001

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