# MICRO GOLD STEEL

High-ductility, high-fluidity fibre-reinforced cementitious mortar (HPFRC) for structural strengthening of concrete elements.



## FIELDS OF APPLICATION

- Low-thickness jacketing (20-50 mm) on r.c. elements, such as beams, columns, and beam-columns joints, and in foundation structures, even without traditional reinforcement elements.
- Low-thickness collaborating top concrete slabs (20-50 mm) for structural strengthening on concrete beam and block floors, timber, steel beams, hollow clay blocks, and corrugated steel deck sheets slabs.
- Repairing decks on bridge structures.
- Refurbishing of tunnel covers.
- Repairing special paving (airport runways, etc.)

## **METHOD OF USE**

## Preparing the substrate for horizontal applications

- The substrate where the product is to be applied (which forms an integral and structural parts of the slab) must be solid, resistant and free from any loose parts, dust or other residues; if necessary, eliminate any deteriorated and/or loose concrete, subject to prior approval from the Works Manager.
- To ensure MICRO GOLD STEEL adheres correctly to the substrate, the surface should have a degree of roughness of at least 5 mm, in addition, it should be treated with CentroStorico Latex (or be saturated with water) to prevent the product from drying out too quickly, which could cause it to crack.
- In the event that the mechanical strength or compactness of the existing slab is compromised in any way, before applying MICRO GOLD STEEL apply a coat of CentroStorico Primer, dusting with sand so as to consolidate the surface (rather than applying CentroStorico Latex and saturating the support with water)
- In the case of smooth substrates (where the degree of surface roughness is less than 5 mm) in brickwork

(e.g. self-supporting) or where it is necessary to enhance adhesion, apply **CentroStorico Chemical Connector** first.

## Preparing the substrate for formwork applications

- Eliminate any loose material and previous repairs that do not adhere perfectly to the substrate.
- If necessary, clean the surfaces by sand-blasting or using low pressure water until they are suitable rough.
- Clean the concrete rebars, eliminating any dust, rust, grease, oils, varnishes or pre-existing paint.

## Preparing the mix

- MICRO GOLD STEEL does not require any additional materials and may be prepared using normal concrete mixers, planetary mixers or screw mixers (not in continuous mode), providing the resulting mix is homogeneous.
- MICRO GOLD STEEL may be pumped using a concrete pump together with a premixing system.
- The product should be mixed according to the following proportions: 4 bags of premix (100 kg) + 1 pack of metallic fibres (3.5 kg) + 12-14 litres of clean water. If this is not possible, mix the components in the following ratio: 1 bag of premix + 0.875 kg of metallic fibres + 3-3.5 litres of clean water.
- Pour the specified quantity of water into the mixer, followed by the premix and mix for approx. 5-6 minutes until the resulting mix is homogeneous, with a fluid, lump-free consistency.
- Add the metallic fibres a few at a time so that they are completely enveloped in the mix.
- Continue mixing for approx. 5-6 minutes until the resulting mix is homogeneous, with a fluid, lump-free consistency.



## **APPLICATION**

## Horizontal applications (slabs, decking)

- Pour the MICRO GOLD STEEL over the surface, using a squeegee, if necessary to ensure it spreads evenly.
- When applying the product where it is exposed to the open air, direct sunlight, high temperatures, etc., cover the MICRO GOLD STEEL cast with an impermeable sheet for 2-3 days to ensure it cures correctly.

## Formwork applications

- Prepare the cast by pouring the MICRO GOLD STEEL into the frame. The product should be poured continuously and always from the same side, so as to prevent any air from being trapped.
- In areas that are particularly heavily reinforced or that have complex geometry, apply slight mechanical vibration or use wooden elements or iron rods to facilitate the flow of MICRO GOLD STEEL.

## **IDENTIFICATION DATA**

Classification EN 1504-3:2006	Product for repair work on concrete structures: Structural Repair - Class R4
Classification EN 1504-6:2007	Product for repair work on concrete structures: <b>Anchoring the steel reinforcements</b>
L.G. C.S.LL.PP. (Ministry of Public	Fibre-reinforced concrete (FRC) Fibre-reinforced micro-concrete for repair and
Works Guidelines) FRC:2021	strengthening work on reinforced concrete structures.
	Technical Evaluation Certificate (CVT) issued pursuant to the provisions of Chap.11,
Compliance	sect. 11.1 para. c) of Italian Ministerial Decree 17.1.2018 (Technical Regulations for
	constructions and relative circular)
Grain size of aggregates	0-2.5 mm
Density of hardened concrete (UNI EN 12390-7:2019)	Approx. 2300 kg/m <sup>3</sup>

## **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS	REQUIREMENTS IN AC- CORDANCE WITH EN 1504-3	REQUIREMENTS IN AC- CORDANCE WITH UNI EN 1504-6	PRODUCT PERFOR- MANCE SPECIFICA- TIONS
Compressive strength after 28 days	≥ 45 MPa	-	Class R4 ≥ 110 MPa
Chloride content	≤ 0.05 %	≤ 0.05 %	Outdated specifica- tion ≤ 0.05 %
Adhesion bond	≥ 2.0 MPa	-	Outdated specifica- tion ≥ 2.0 MPa
Resistance to carbonatisation	$d_k \le control concrete [MC (0.45)]$	-	Outdated specifica- tion
Modulus of elasticity in compression after 28 days	≥ 20 GPa	-	Outdated specifica- tion ≥ 20 GPa
Thermal compatibility - freeze/thaw	Bonding force after 50 cy- cles ≥ 2.0 MPa	-	Outdated specifica- tion
Capillary absorption	$\leq 0.5 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-2} \cdot \text{h}^{-0.5}$	-	Outdated specifica- tion
Pull-out strength	-	Displacement ≤ 0.6 mm at 75 kN load	Outdated specifica- tion
Reaction to fire	-	-	Euroclass A1

## PROPERTIES OF THE FIBRES

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Shape	Hooked
Aspect ratio	78.9
Material	Steel
Material density	8.5 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Length	30 mm
Equivalent diameter	0.38 mm
Tensile strength	> 3000 MPa
Modulus of elasticity	200 GPa



# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HPFRC COMPOSITE SYSTEM

Certified in accordance with the "FRC Guidelines 11/2021" - Designed in accordance with "CNR-DT204/2006" (National Research Council Technical Guidelines)

PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS	TEST METHOD AND REFERENCE STANDARDS	PRODUCT PERFORMANCE SPECIFI- CATIONS	
Fibres content	_	≥ 1 % by volume	
		≥ 3.5 % by weight	
Consistency class	EN 12350-1,2,3,5	SF3	
Compressive strength class	EN 12390-1,2,3	C 80/95	
Modulus of elasticity	NTC 2018 § 11.2.10.3 (Technical Construction Regulations)	42.42 GPa	
Poisson's ratio	NTC 2018 § 11.2.10.4 (Technical Construction Regulations)	0-0.2	
Coefficient of linear thermal expansion	NTC 2018 § 11.2.10.5 (Technical Construction Regulations)	10·10 <sup>-6</sup> °C <sup>-1</sup>	
Toughness class	EN 14651	7d	
Strength at the limit of proportionality (mean value) ffct,Lm	EN 14651	5.58 MPa	
Strength at the limit of proportionality (characteristic value) ff <sub>ct,Lm</sub>	EN 14651	3.87 MPa	
f <sub>R1k</sub> / ff <sub>ct,Lk</sub>	EN 14651	1.836	
f <sub>R3k</sub> / f <sub>R1k</sub>	EN 14651	1.102	
Tensile strength (mean value) f <sub>ctm</sub>	NTC 2018 § 11.2.10.2 (Technical Construction Regulations)	4.84 MPa	
Tensile strength (characteristic value) f <sub>ctm</sub>	NTC 2018 § 11.2.10.2 (Technical Construction Regulations)	3.39 MPa	
Exposure class	X0 XC1, XC2, XC3, XC4 EN 206 XD1, XD2, XD3 XS1, XS2, XS3 XF1, XF2, XF3, XF4		
Resistance to freeze/thaw cycle	EN 12390-9	20 cycles	
Pressurised water penetration depth	UNI EN 12390-8	0 mm	
Residual flexural tensile strength (characteristic values)	EN 14651	f <sub>R1k</sub> = 7.11 MPa (CMOD1) f <sub>R2k</sub> = 9.15 MPa (CMOD2) f <sub>R3k</sub> = 7.83 MPa (CMOD3) f <sub>R4k</sub> = 6.48 MPa (CMOD4)	



## APPLICATION DATA

Mixing water per 25 kg bag	approx. 3 - 3.5 litres	
Mix consistency	Super fluid (Self-compacting)	
Treadability	approx. 24 hours	
Mix durability	rability approx. 30-45 minutes	
Application temperature	From +5°C up to +35°C	
Coverage	approx. 20 kg/m² per cm of application thickness	
Application thickness	20-50 mm	
Packaging	<b>Part A</b> : Disposable wooden pallet laden with 60 x 25 kg bags, equivalent to 1500 kg of loose product <b>Part B</b> : 15 x 3.5 kg boxes of fibres	
Storage conditions (Italian Ministerial Decree 10/05/2004)	In original packaging, indoors, in a cool, dry, unventilated place	
Durability (Italian Ministerial Decree 10/05/2004)	Not more than 12 months from packing date.	

## SPECIFICATION ITEM

Supply and implementation of a Technical Evaluation certified HPFRC concretes, consisting of pourable, premix mortar with hooked steel fibres, highly adhesive to any type of support, with very good ductility and durability. Non-hardening post-cracking behaviour, e.g. Ruregold **MICRO GOLD STEEL**, compressive strength class C80/95, mean flexural tensile strength per UNI EN 14651:  $f_{R1}$  =9.39 Mpa,  $f_{R2}$  =10.83 Mpa,  $f_{R3}$  =9.68 Mpa,  $f_{R4}$  =8.41 Mpa. The HPFRC system with steel fibres may be used to create low-thickness jacketing for structural elements such as beams and columns, reducing or eliminating the need for additional rebars, and for low-thickness strengthening on concrete beam and block floor and timber slabs, beams or bridge deck slabs, replacing the electrowelded steel mesh. The surfaces must be prepared and the concrete applied in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

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