



MIGRATING CORROSION INHIBITORS  
FROM GREY TO GREEN

03 30 00	Cast in Place Concrete
03 40 00	Precast Concrete
03 70 00	Mass Concrete



# MCI<sup>®</sup>-2005 Patented

## DESCRIPTION

MCI<sup>®</sup>-2005 is a water-based, organic, corrosion inhibiting admixture for protection of metallic reinforcement in concrete structures.

When incorporated into concrete, MCI-2005<sup>®</sup> forms a protective, monomolecular layer on embedded metals that inhibits corrosion. In new construction, this is quantified by an increase in critical chloride threshold and subsequent reduction in corrosion rates when corrosion does initiate. When used with repair mortars and grouts, MCI<sup>®</sup>-2005 not only protects rebar within the patch, it is able to migrate into undisturbed concrete adjacent to the repair, to protect reinforcement already in place.

MCI<sup>®</sup>-2005 has been awarded the USA BioPreferred<sup>™</sup> designation ([www.biopreferred.gov](http://www.biopreferred.gov)).

## PACKAGING & STORAGE

Available in 5 gallon (19 L) pails, 55 gallon (208 L) drums, and 275 gallon (1040 L) totes.

Store away from direct sunlight and at ambient temperatures – above 32°F (0°C) and up to 131°F (55°C). When properly stored, MCI<sup>®</sup>-2005 has a shelf life of 24 months.



## HOW IT WORKS

MCI<sup>®</sup>-2005 is an organic corrosion inhibitor. It is considered ambiodic (mixed), meaning it protects both anodic and cathodic areas within a corrosion cell. MCI<sup>®</sup>-2005 contains a blend of amine salts of carboxylic acids which form a protective layer on embedded reinforcement delaying the onset of corrosion as well as reducing existing corrosion rates.

MCI<sup>®</sup>-2005 is effective at enhancing the durability and extending the service life of concrete structures exposed to corrosive environments (carbonation, chlorides, and atmospheric attack).

## WHERE TO USE

- Reinforced concrete including precast, pre-stressed, and post-tensioned structures
- Corrosive environments including exposure to deicing salts, saline groundwater, airborne chlorides, and carbonation
- Marine and coastal structures, highways and bridges, parking decks, balconies, pools, concrete tanks, pilings, substructures, piers, pillars, pipes, and utility poles

## ADVANTAGES

- Biobased (67%), awarded USA BioPreferred<sup>™</sup> designation ([www.biopreferred.gov](http://www.biopreferred.gov))
- Earns credit towards LEED certification
- Lower toxicity and environmental impact than traditional corrosion inhibiting admixtures such as calcium nitrite
- Low dosage rate with minimal effect on concrete properties (i.e. workability, strength development, air entrainment, etc.)
- Single dosage rate which is independent of expected exposure to chlorides
- Ability to migrate through porous substrates (concrete, masonry, limestone, etc.) by capillary action, vapor diffusion and ionic attraction
- Meets all requirements of ASTM C1582
- Certified to meet ANSI/NSF Standard 61 for use on structures holding potable water
- Field and lab tested worldwide
- Complies with CSA S413, Section C1.2, for corrosion inhibiting
- UFI: A630-K05W-N001-4GEM

## PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	Clear dark brown liquid
pH	9.5-11.5 (neat)
Non-volatile Content	44-55%
Density	9.5-10.3 lb/gal (1.14-1.23 Kg/L)
Shelf Life	24 months

## DOSAGE

Add MCI®-2005 to concrete mix or repair mortars at 1 pt/yd<sup>3</sup> (0.6 L/m<sup>3</sup>). Dosage is fixed and independent of chloride levels.

## APPLICATION

MCI®-2005 is best added with the mix water into ready mix concrete at the plant. Alternatively, it can be dosed into the ready mix truck using portable dosing equipment. Concrete should be mixed thoroughly before placement.

## STANDARD TEST RESULTS

Slump	ASTM C143	Neutral
Air Content	ASTM C231	Neutral
Density	ASTM C138	Neutral
Set Time	ASTM C403	Delayed
Flexural Strength	ASTM C78	Improved
Compressive Strength	ASTM C192	Improved
Corrosion Properties	ASTM C1582 ASTM G180	Meets Requirements
Biobased Content	ASTM D6866	67%
Workability	N/A	No adverse effects when used with pozzolans or other high performance concrete admixtures

### ASTM C1582 PHYSICAL PROPERTY RESULTS

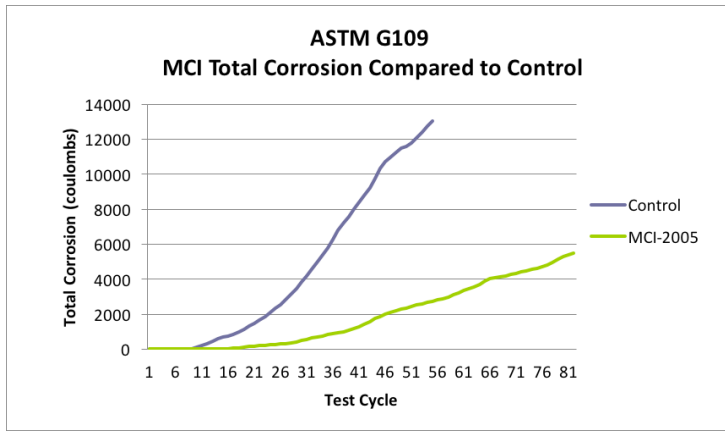
Setting Time					
	Control	MCI 2005	Relative to Control	ASTM C1582 Requirement	Result
Initial Set (Minutes)	312	431	+119	+/- 210 Min of Control	Meets Requirement
Final Set (Minutes)	404	524	+120	+/- 210 Min of Control	Meets Requirement
Compressive Strength					
3 Day (psi)	3290	3647	111%	Min 80% of Control	Meets Requirement
7 Day (psi)	4070	4377	108%	Min 80% of Control	Meets Requirement
28 Day (psi)	5143	5330	104%	Min 80% of Control	Meets Requirement
6 Month (psi)	6077	6650	109%	Min 80% of Control	Meets Requirement
1 Year (psi)	6463	6877	106%	Min 80% of Control	Meets Requirement
Flexural Strength					
3 Day (psi)	585	591	101%	Min 80% of Control	Meets Requirement
7 Day (psi)	661	691	104%	Min 80% of Control	Meets Requirement
28 Day (psi)	757	797	105%	Min 80% of Control	Meets Requirement
Shrinkage					
Length Change (%)	-0.025	-0.021	0.004	Max 0.010 Over Control	Meets Requirement
Durability					
Freeze/Thaw Durability	99.1	98.8	99.8	RDF 80%	Meets Requirement

### ASTM C1582 CORROSION PROPERTIES - ASTM G180 RESULTS

Sample	Potential	Rp	1/Rp	Log (1/Rp)	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Dosage	Mean 1/Rp	SD 1/Rp	Log (1/Rp)	Log SD
	mV (SSC)	(Ohms)	(μS/cm <sup>2</sup> )			(L/m <sup>3</sup> )	(μS/cm <sup>2</sup> )	(μS/cm <sup>2</sup> )		
Cortec®-1	-509	8192	23.85	1.38	5.12	0.60	38.91	21.29	1.33	0.29
Cortec®-2	-530.6	3626	53.96	1.73	5.11					
Cortec®-3	-500.2	9373	20.85	1.32	5.12					
Cortec®-4	-457.9	24360	8.10	0.91	5.07					
Controls (13) Average of Results		-522.9 Average				0	394.71	214.21	2.49	0.35

The results from the inhibitor tests were compared to 13 control runs on the same steel heat, and using the same cement in lab database. The comparison shows that MCI®-2005 reduces the corrosion current (1/Rp) by a factor of ten so it meets the ASTM C1582 requirement of being 1/8 the value (49.3μS/cm<sup>2</sup>) of the control specimens without inhibitor.

## ASTM G109 RESULTS



ASTM G109 - Standard Test Method for Determining Effects of Chemical Admixtures on Corrosion of Embedded Steel Reinforcement in Concrete Exposed to Chloride Environments

MCI®-2005 doubles the time to the onset of corrosion and reduces corrosion currents by 80% compared to untreated samples.

## CONSIDERATIONS

The use of MCI®-2005 can cause a delay of initial setting time. The extent of this delay is dependent on the mix design, temperature and humidity. The combination of MCI®-2005 with certain superplasticizers can also increase the set delay experienced. Concrete properties are always best determined in a trial using the actual mix components. Cortec recommends a trial batch anytime you are using MCI®-2005 with new mix components.

Consult with Cortec's Technical Support Department for further guidance if necessary.

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