

FAQ'S ON PUMPING & FINISHING FRC

Q: WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE 'PUMPABILITY' OF A FIBER MIX?

A: For most cases, a “good pumpable mix” can accommodate fibers with little to no adjustments made. Often in the field, because FRC looks different and more cohesive, users will want to add water to make the concrete ‘flow better’. This can sometimes cause the situation to become worse as too much water will actually cause a mix to segregate and can block a pump hose. When discharging an FRC mix into a hopper assembly on a pump truck, raise the chute of the Ready-Mix truck 12 to 18 in. (300-450 mm) above the grate (if a grate is present) on the pump to allow for the fibers to ‘impact” the grate and help them pass through. A working vibrator on a grate will also improve the FRC’s ability to pass through the grate.

Q: CAN I REDUCE THE IMPACT OR VISIBILITY OF FIBERS AT THE SURFACE OF A CONCRETE FLOOR?

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