



**Cementitious  
Grouts**

# EMBECO® 885

**High-precision, nonshrink metallic-aggregate grout with extended working time**

## Description

EMBECO® 885 grout is a high-precision, nonshrink metallic aggregate grout with extended working time. It is ideally suited for grouting machines or plates requiring optimum toughness and precision load-bearing support, including machine bases subject to thermal movement. EMBECO® 885 grout meets the requirements of ASTM C 1107 and the Army Corp of Engineers CRD C 621, Grades B and C.

## Features/Benefits

- Meets ASTM C 1107 and CRD C 621, Grades B and C requirements at a highly fluid consistency over a temperature range of 45 to 90°F (7 to 32°C) over a 30-minute working time
- High fluidity and extended working time ensure proper placement under a variety of application conditions
- Hardens free of bleeding, segregation, or settlement shrinkage
- Has a high tolerance to thermal movement of machinery and equipment, as well as other effects of heating/cooling and wetting/drying
- The high quality, well-graded blend of metallic and quartz aggregate provides high strength, impact resistance, and optimum toughness under dynamic and repetitive load conditions
- Sulfate resistant

## Where to Use EMBECO® 885

- Precision nonshrink grouting of:
  - Machinery and equipment
  - Paper machine soleplates, including hooded dryer sections
  - Turbines, generators, and centrifugal compressors
  - Rolling, stamping, drawing, and finishing mills for the steel and aluminum industries
- Grouting anchor bolts, reinforcing bars, and dowel rods
- Applications requiring high strength and impact resistance
- Applications requiring nonshrink grout to achieve maximum bearing for optimum load transfer
- Application requiring a metallic grout to be pumped

## Pre-job Conference and Job Service

Conferences prior to the installation of equipment, sole plates, or rail mounts should be held as early as practical. Such conferences are important to review the above recommendations (for a given grouting project) to ensure a placement of highest quality and lowest in-place cost.

## Important: Read This First

ChemRex® does not warrant the performance of this product unless the instructions of this document and other related ChemRex® documents are adhered to in all respects.

## How to Apply EMBECO® 885 GROUT Preplanning

ChemRex® recommends that the user request the services of the local representative for a pre-job conference to plan the installation.

## Surface Preparation

- 1 Steel and concrete surfaces must be free of dirt, oil, grease, or other contaminants. Substrate must be fully cured (28 days).
- 2 All surfaces should be roughened to remove laitance and expose sound concrete.
- 3 When dynamic, shear, or tensile forces are anticipated, concrete surfaces should be chipped with a "chisel point" hammer to a roughness of (+/-) 3/8 in. (10 mm).
- 4 Concrete surfaces should be rough and saturated (ponded) with clean water for 24 hours just prior to grouting.
- 5 All free standing water must be removed from the foundation and bolt holes prior to grouting.
- 6 Bolt holes must be grouted before the major portion of grout is placed.
- 7 Shade the foundation from summer sunlight 24 hours before and 24 hours after grouting.

## Forming

- 1 Forms should be liquid tight and nonabsorbent. Seal forms with grout, putty, or caulking compound.
- 2 Moderately sized equipment should utilize a head form sloped at 45° to enhance the grout placement. A moveable head box may be a way to provide additional head at minimum cost.
- 3 Side and end forms should be a minimum 1 in. (25 mm) horizontally away from the object grouted to permit expulsion of air and any remaining saturation water as the grout is placed.

**Note:** A minimum of 2 in. (51 mm) is required at the area where the grout is to be placed.

- 4 Sufficient bracing is required to prevent the grout from leaking.
- 5 Large nonsupporting grout areas should be eliminated wherever possible.
- 6 Forms should extend a minimum of 1 in. higher than the bottom of the equipment being grouted.
- 7 Expansion joints may be necessary for both indoor and outdoor installation. Consult your local field representative for suggestions and recommendations.

## Temperature

1 For precision grouting, store and mix grout to produce the desired mixed grout temperature. If bagged material is hot, use cold water. If bagged material is cold, use warm water. This will help achieve a mixed product temperature as close to 70°F (21°C) as possible.

### Recommended Temperature Guidelines for Precision Grouting, °F (°C)

	Minimum	Preferred	Maximum
Foundation and plates	45 (7)	50 - 80 (10 - 27)	90 (32)
Mixing water	45 (7)	50 - 80 (10 - 27)	90 (32)
Grout at mixed & placed temp.	45 (7)	50 - 90 (10 - 32)	90 (32)

2 If temperature extremes are anticipated or if special placement procedures are planned, contact your local ChemRex® representative for assistance.

3 When grouting at minimum temperatures, care must be taken to see that foundation, plate, and grout temperatures do not fall below 45°F (7°C) until after final set; and that the grout is protected from freezing (32°F or 0°C) until it has reached 4,000 psi (27.6 MPa) compressive strength.

## Mixing

(Use potable water only.)

For aggregate extension guidelines, see Guide to Cementitious Grouting (page A-10 in the Appendix)

1 Place estimated water into the mixer, then slowly add the dry grout. For a fluid consistency, start with 9 lb. (4 kg) (1.1 gallon (4.2 L)) per 55 lb. bag.

2 The water demand will depend on mixing efficiency, material, and ambient temperature conditions. Adjust the water to achieve the desired flow. Recommended flow is 25 to 30 seconds using the ASTM C 940 Flow Cone method. Use the minimum amount of water required to achieve the necessary placement consistency. Before placing grout below 45°F (7°C) and above 90°F (32°C), consult your ChemRex® representative.

3 Moderate size batches of grout are best mixed in one or more clean mortar mixers.

**Note:** Large batches of grout may be effectively, economically, and most efficiently mixed in ready-mix trucks utilizing 3,300 lb. (1,500 kg) bulk bags.

4 Mix grout a minimum of 5 minutes after all material and water is in the mixer. Use mechanical mixer only.

5 Do not mix more grout than can be placed in approximately 30 minutes.

6 Transport by wheelbarrow, buckets, or pump to the equipment to be grouted.

**Note:** Every measure should be taken to minimize the transporting distance.

7 Do not retemper grout by adding water and remixing after it stiffens.

## Placing and Curing

1 Grout should always be placed from only one side of the equipment to prevent entrapment of air or water beneath the equipment. EMBECO® 885 grout should be placed in a continuous pour. Discard grout that becomes unworkable.

2 Immediately after placement, trim the surfaces with a trowel and cover the exposed grout with clean wet rags and maintain this moisture for 5 to 6 hours.

3 The grout should offer stiff resistance to penetration with a pointed masons trowel prior to removing the grout forms or cutting back excessive grout.

4 Cure all exposed grout with an approved membrane curing compound compliant with ASTM C 309 immediately after the wet rags are removed to further minimize the potential moisture loss within the grout.

5 Do not vibrate grout. Steel straps inserted under the plate may be used to aid in movement of the grout.

6 Consult your ChemRex® representative before placing more than 6 in. (152 mm) in depth per lift.

## Jobsite Testing

If strength tests must be made at the jobsite, use 2 in. 51 mm) cube molds per ASTM C 942. DO NOT use cylinder molds. Testing should be controlled on the basis of the desired placing consistency rather than strictly on the water content. Consult with your local ChemRex® representative for special procedures required when mixing and casting compressive strength tests of fluid, nonshrink grout.



## For Best Performance

- The ambient and initial material temperature of the grout should be in the range of 45 to 90°F (7 to 32°C) for both mixing and placing. Ideally, the amount of mixing water used should be that which is necessary to achieve a 25 to 30 second flow per ASTM C 939 (CRD C 611). For placement outside of 45 to 90°F (7 to 32°C), contact your local ChemRex® representative.
- For pours greater than 6 in. (152 mm) deep, consult your local ChemRex® representative for special precautions and installation procedures.
- When the grout will be in contact with steel which is, or will be, stressed over 80,000 psi (550 MPa), use MASTERFLOW® 816 cable grout or MASTERFLOW® 1205 Grout.
- EMBECO® 885 is not intended for use as floor toppings, or in large areas of exposed shoulders around baseplates. Where grout is exposed for shoulders, occasional hairline cracks may occur. Cracks may also occur near sharp corners of the baseplate and at anchor bolts. These superficial cracks are usually caused by temperature and moisture changes which affect the exposed shoulder grout at a faster rate than the grout beneath the baseplate. These cracks do not affect the structural, nonshrink or vertical support provided by the grout if the foundation preparation, placing, and curing procedures are properly carried out.
- Minimum placement depth is 1" (25 mm).
- Surface discoloration may occur in certain environments and is not an indication of product performance.
- Make certain the most current version of this data guide is being used; call Customer Service (1-800-433-9517) to verify the most current version.
- Proper application is the responsibility of the user. Field visits by ChemRex® personnel are for the purpose of making technical recommendations only and are not for supervising or providing quality control on the jobsite.

## Technical Data

### Compliances

- CRD C 621
- ASTM C 1107, Grades B and C

The following data was developed under controlled laboratory conditions. Reasonable variations from these results can be expected.

### Typical Compressive Strengths (ASTM C 942, Modified)

	Consistency					
	Plastic <sup>1</sup>		Flowable <sup>2</sup>		Fluid <sup>3</sup>	
	psi	MPa	psi	MPa	psi	MPa
1 day	5,000	34	5,000	34	4,000	28
3 days	7,000	48	6,000	41	5,000	34
7 days	9,000	62	8,000	55	7,000	48
28 days	11,000	76	10,000	69	9,000	62

### Volume Change (ASTM C 1090)

	% Change	Requirement per ASTM C 1107, %
1 day	>0	0.0 - 0.30
3 days	0.05	0.0 - 0.30
14 days	0.07	0.0 - 0.30
28 days	0.08	0.0 - 0.30

### Setting Time (ASTM C 191)

	Consistency		
	Plastic <sup>1</sup>	Flowable <sup>2</sup>	Fluid <sup>3</sup>
Initial Set (Hr.:Min.)	3:30	5:00	5:30
Final Set (Hr.:Min.)	4:30	6:00	7:00

### Flexural Strength (ASTM C 78)\*

	psi	MPa
3 days	880	6.1
7 days	1,050	7.2
28 days	1,150	7.9

### Modulus of Elasticity (ASTM C 469, Modified)\*

	psi	MPa
3 days	3.16 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	2.18 x 10 <sup>4</sup>
7 days	3.50 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	2.41 x 10 <sup>4</sup>
28 days	3.69 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	2.54 x 10 <sup>4</sup>

### Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (ASTM C 531)\*

6.5 x 10<sup>-6</sup> in./in./°F (11.7 x 10<sup>-6</sup> mm/mm/°C)

### Split Tensile and Tensile Strength

(ASTM C 496 and ASTM C 190)\*

	Split Tensile		Tensile	
	psi	MPa	psi	MPa
3 days	350	2.4	300	2.1
7 days	490	3.4	400	2.8
28 days	520	3.6	500	3.4

<sup>1</sup>100-125% flow on flow table per ASTM C 230

<sup>2</sup>125-145% flow on flow table per ASTM C 230

<sup>3</sup>25 to 30 seconds through flow cone per ASTM C 939

\*Test conducted at a fluid consistency

### Ultimate Tensile Strength and Bond Stress from ASTM E 488 Tests\*

Diameter, inch	Depth, inch	Tensile Strength, lb.	Bond Stress, psi
5/8	4	29,200	3,718
3/4	5	33,200	2,815
1	7	58,500	2,660

\*Average of 5 tests in  $f'_c \geq 400$  psi concrete using 125 ksi threaded rod in 2 inch diameter, damp, core-drilled holes.

#### Notes:

1. Grout was mixed to a fluid consistency.
2. Recommended design stress = 1,750 psi.
3. Refer to the "Adhesive and Grouted Fastener Capacity Design Guidelines" for more detailed information.
4. Tensile tests with headed fasteners were governed by concrete failure.

### Punching Shear Strength (ChemRex Inc. Method)\*

	psi	MPa
3 days	1,600	11.0
7 days	1,800	12.4
28 days	2,600	17.9

\*Test conducted at a fluid consistency

## Order Information

### Packaging

EMBECO® 885

- 55 lb. (25 kg) moisture-resistant bags
- 3,300 lb. (1,500 kg) bulk bags

### Shelf Life

- Shelf life is 12 months if stored in original, unopened bags under normal conditions.

### Coverage

- One 55 lb. (25 kg) bag of EMBECO® 885 grout mixed with approximately 10 lb. (4.5 kg) or 1.2 gallon (4.5 L) of water yields approximately 0.43 ft.<sup>3</sup> (0.012 m<sup>3</sup>) of grout.
- One 3,300 lb. super sack yields approximately one cubic yard (0.72 cu. m.).

**Note:** The water requirement may vary due to mixing efficiency, temperature, and other variables.

## Caution

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### Risks

Eye irritant. Skin irritant. Causes burns. Lung irritant. May cause delayed lung injury.

### Precautions

KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. Avoid contact with eyes. Wear suitable protective eyewear. Avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin. Wear suitable gloves. Wear suitable protective clothing. Do not breathe dust. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Wash soiled clothing before reuse.

### First Aid

Wash exposed skin with soap and water. Flush eyes with large quantities of water. If breathing is difficult, move person to fresh air.

### Waste Disposal Method

This product when discarded or disposed of is not listed as a hazardous waste in federal regulations. Dispose of in a landfill in accordance with local regulations.

For additional information on personal protective equipment, first aid, and emergency procedures, refer to the product Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) on the job site or contact the company at the address or phone numbers given below.

### Proposition 65

This product contains materials listed by the state of California as known to cause cancer, birth defects, or reproductive harm.

### VOC Content

This product contains 0 g/L or 0 lbs./gallon.

*For medical emergencies only, call ChemTrec (1/800/424-9300).*

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