Improving Curling, Strength, and Taber Abrasion in Cementitious Flooring with Short Stuff<sup>®</sup> Grade E620F



### Shrinkage Reducing Admixtures (SRAs)

- Can be used to reduce drying shrinkage and curling, but.....
  - Are costly
  - Reduce Compressive Strength
  - Reduce Taber Abrasion

### Short Stuff® E620F

 Reduces curling similarly while maintaining Compressive Strength and improving Taber Abrasion

### Drying shrinkage - Mix Design

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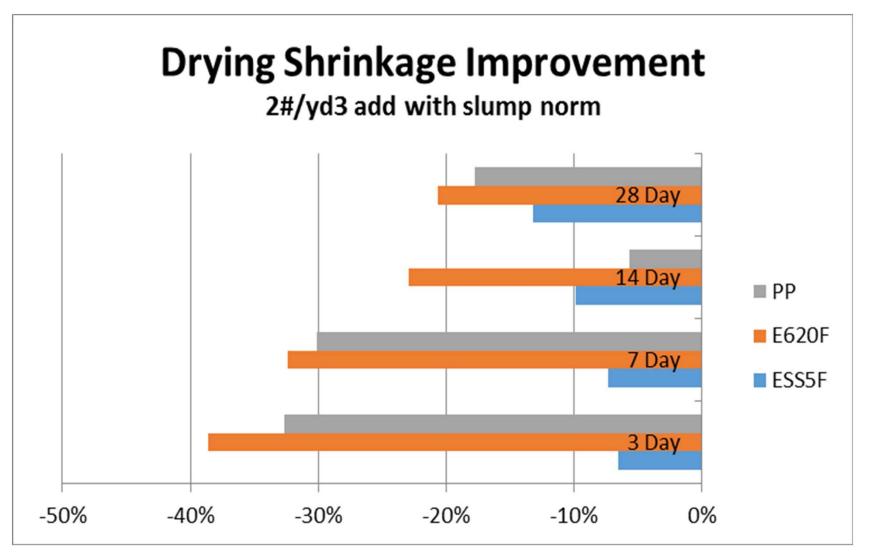
Load, typical: 2.0 #/yd<sup>3</sup>

Mini Fibers Concrete Mix Design			
Material	Specific Gravity	Weight, lbs.	Volume,cu.ft.
Cement	3.15	635	3.228
3/4" Limestor	2.66	1664	10.026
River Sand	2.65	1409	8.524
Water	1	292.16	4.682
Air Content	2%	0	0.54
Total		4000.16	27

### **Drying shrinkage - Results**

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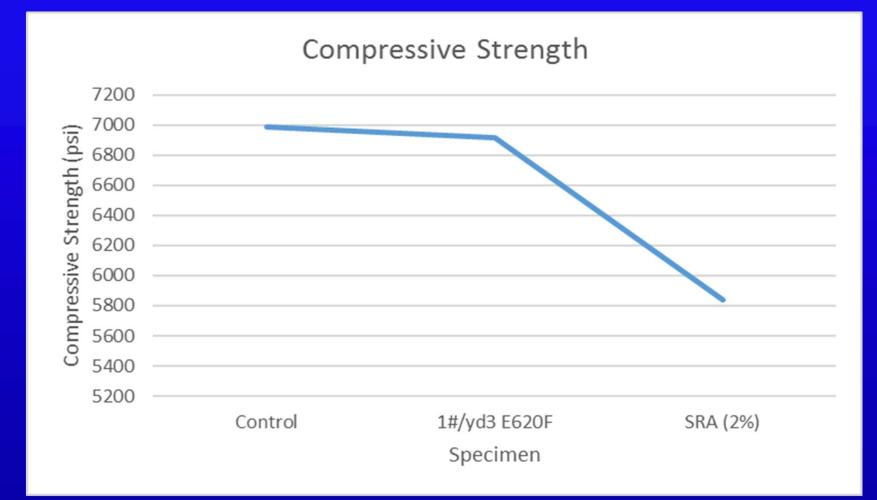


### **Basic Mix Design**

Material	lb./cubic yard			
Lafarge Alpena Type I/II	900			
Natural Fine Agg SSD	2456			
Total Water (Includes SRA Water equiv.)	405			
Other Properties				
Designed Air %	4.0			
Cement /Sand Ratio	0.37			
Water/Cement Ratio	0.45			

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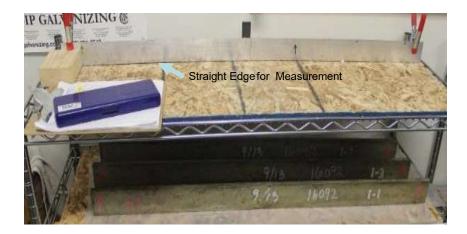
### **Compressive Strength**



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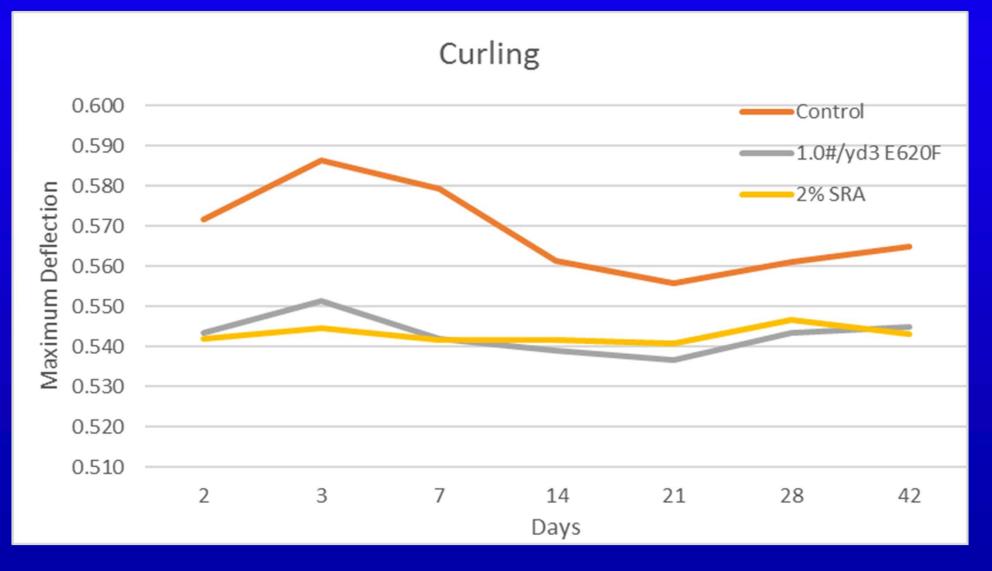
## Curling

- Specimens in 50% RH for drying shrinkage
- Only one wide surface for drying
- Sample curls when moisture gradient is created (drier surface)
- Curl decreases once specimen comes to uniform moisture content





### **Curling Data**



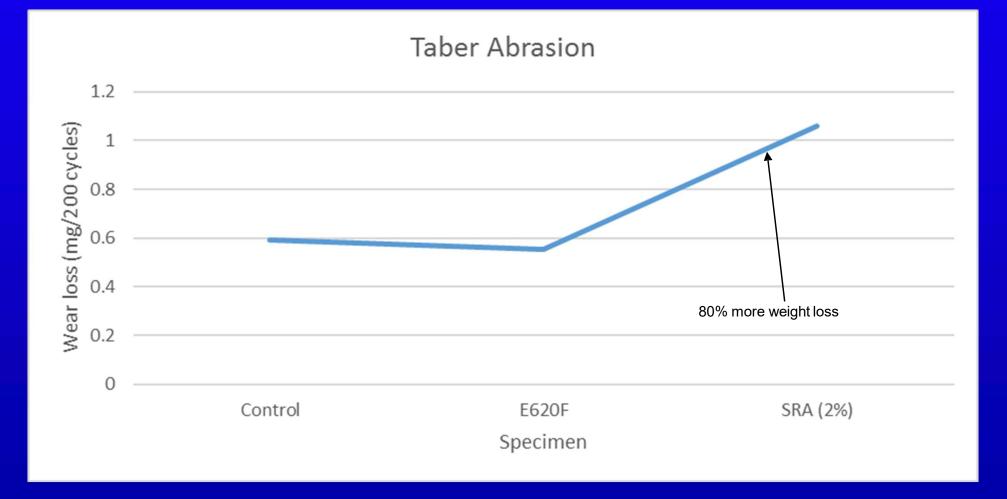
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### Taber Abrasion Weight Loss After Abrasion





### Taber Abrasion: ASTM G195 and C1803



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### Short Stuff® E620F

- Gave equivalent curling reduction vs. an SRA
- Improved compressive strength vs. an SRA
- Improved Taber abrasion resistance vs. an SRA

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