

# Deluxcote® Concentrate

## Formulations

Due to the unique nature of the product, the formulation implemented will vary from foundry to foundry. This flexibility allows the foundry to obtain the maximum number of benefits from DELUXCOTE concentrate. The following formulation is for casters just starting out.

% Refractory	Target Slurry Density (g/ml)	Target Viscosity	Formula for 10 Gallons (lbs)				Formula for 10 Liters (kgs)			
			Levasil® FO830 colloidal silica	Deionized Water	DELUXCOTE concentrate	Ranco-Sil™ fused silica*	LEVASIL FO830 colloidal silica	Deionized Water	DELUXCOTE concentrate	RANCO-SIL fused silica
61%	1.60-1.64	13-16 sec/#5 Zahn	35.3	6.9	10.5	82.4	4.2	0.8	1.3	9.9

\*This formula can be used with RANCO-SIL 4 fused silica or RANCO-SIL 140 fused silica.

## Application Recommendations

1. Remix the DELUXCOTE concentrate prior to use to ensure a homogeneous blend of material.
2. For best results, weigh all ingredients when making up a new slurry or making additions to an existing slurry.
3. When building the slurry, add the refractory last. If more than one refractory is used, add the lowest density refractory first: fused silicas (2.2 g/cc), alumino silicates (2.7 g/cc), zircon (4.5 g/cc). Add refractory slowly for best results.
4. New and makeup slurries must be prepared with a propeller mixer, not in a rotating tank. This ensures proper dispersion of the refractory particles. The propeller mixer must be of adequate HP and RPM. Excessive mixing action can introduce air into the slurry and cause erratic viscosity and/or bubbles in the slurry coat.
5. As with any slurry, the viscosity of the slurry must be stable before use. A stable viscosity is one that does not change by more than 1 second when checked at 1 hour intervals. Viscosity can be increased by adding more refractory and decreased by adding more binder.
6. It is required to replace water lost to evaporation. When water is needed (based on test results for viscosity and/or binder solids), use distilled or deionized water as opposed to tap water, which can contain contaminants that can negatively affect slurry life.
7. Antifoam, wetting and bactericide agents are already formulated into DELUXCOTE concentrate and other additions may not be compatible. Contact R&R's technical team before making these additions to the slurry.

## Slurry Control Procedures

Slurry Control Worksheets are available for download at [www.ransom-randolph.com](http://www.ransom-randolph.com) under resources. Slurry Control Worksheets allow you to input data directly and help you calculate values.



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## Slurry Testing Frequency

R&R recommends running the following tests accordingly.

Slurry Test	Recommended Testing Frequency
Slurry Viscosity	Two Times Per Shift
Slurry Density	Weekly
Refractory Solids	Weekly
Binder Solids	Two Times Per Week
Binder pH	Weekly

## Target Binder Solids Range

The target binder solids range for DELUXCOTE concentrate is 29.5%-31.5% by weight.

Specific Gravity	Binder Solids	Specific Gravity	Binder Solids	Specific Gravity	Binder Solids
1.126	27.3	<b>1.142</b>	<b>29.5</b>	1.158	31.7
1.127	27.4	<b>1.143</b>	<b>29.6</b>	1.159	31.8
1.128	27.6	<b>1.144</b>	<b>29.7</b>	1.160	31.9
1.129	27.7	<b>1.145</b>	<b>29.9</b>	1.161	32.1
1.130	27.8	<b>1.146</b>	<b>30.0</b>	1.162	32.2
1.131	28.0	<b>1.147</b>	<b>30.2</b>	1.163	32.3
1.132	28.1	<b>1.148</b>	<b>30.3</b>	1.164	32.5
1.133	28.2	<b>1.149</b>	<b>30.4</b>	1.165	32.6
1.134	28.4	<b>1.150</b>	<b>30.6</b>	1.166	32.8
1.135	28.5	<b>1.151</b>	<b>30.7</b>	1.167	32.9
1.136	28.7	<b>1.152</b>	<b>30.8</b>	1.168	33.0
1.137	28.8	<b>1.153</b>	<b>31.0</b>	1.169	33.2
1.138	28.9	<b>1.154</b>	<b>31.1</b>	1.170	33.3
1.139	29.1	<b>1.155</b>	<b>31.3</b>	1.171	33.4
1.14	29.2	<b>1.156</b>	<b>31.4</b>	1.172	33.6
1.141	29.3	<b>1.157</b>	<b>31.5</b>	1.173	33.7



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## Safety

OSHA-approved respiratory protection should always be worn to avoid inhalation of respirable silica dust, which can result in an irreversible lung disease, silicosis. Such exposure includes slurry makeup, casting, knockout and cleanup. Refer to SDS for specific details.

## Storage & Handling

Keep from freezing. DELUXCOTE concentrate must be maintained above 35°F (2°C) to prevent the material from precipitating irreversibly and making the product unsuitable for use. Binder stored in transparent or translucent containers should be sheltered from direct sunlight. Shelf life is 1 year from date (MMDDYY) in batch lot number on label. Rotate stock to maximize shelf life.

## Technical Tips

For additional information and recommendations, refer to the Shell Building, Slurry Control, Autoclaving and FlashFire Dewax Method Technical Tips available for download at [www.ransom-randolph.com](http://www.ransom-randolph.com) under resources.

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