# The Next-Gen Concrete Producer: 4 Tech Innovations to Boost Productivity

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# **The Speakers**











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Command Alkon technology helps you procure, make, dispatch, sell, or track and trace your heavy building materials.



### The Supplier Collaboration Platform for Your Heavy Work

Harness the problem-solving energies of your business, replace manual processes to streamline your operations, simplify data across your supply chain partners, and gain visibility into your future.

We accomplish more when we see, work, and grow together.



# **CONNEX** Jobsite

Proof of delivery and peace of mind

Automated ticket entry and more

Trading partners work from one version of the truth

Say goodbye to paper!

- Automate and standardize your material ordering
- · Know and manage your waste daily
- Remove paper tickets
- · Electronically accept/reject material deliveries
- · Eliminate the need for Excel tracking sheets
- Clock-in / Clock-out onsite trucking electronically

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**Receive Materials** 

# CONNEX is more than just eTicketing

The CONNEX Platform facilitates every step in your workflow, from initial orders through to paying the final bill.

**Reconcile Invoices** 





# **COMMANDassurance**

Real time visibility of concrete properties in transit. Integrated across your enterprise.

Empower users with data to improve operational efficiency and product quality.

Historical data view for mix improvements, or claims.

- · Savings on wash rack times, and on job wait times
- · Returned materials information to dispatch enables reuse
- · Eases new driver training
- · Reduction of rejections from out of spec loads
- · Reduce excursions of drivers up ladder
- Identify & correct unsafe driver behaviors



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# COMMANDoptimize

Increase Productivity with Finite Resources – 5-10 more loads per month per truck!

Balances costs and desired customer service levels

Reduce Non-Productive Time & Running Time Waste

Reschedule the entire dispatch day in seconds

Reduce Variable Delivery Costs – more than \$1/yard savings on average!

- Pre-allocate loads to trucks for the entire dispatch day
- · Forecast plant loading and material requirements
- · Precision driver-call in schedule





collaborate as craftsmen and technologists from all facets of the Heavy Work supply chain community to

WE

# BUILD

the structures that lay the foundations for the

# AMAZING

world where we live, work, and play.

### **Vision: Revolutionizing the Construction Industry**



### **Challenge: How to Measure Concrete Strength?**

#### Field-cured specimens



Does not represent the actual concrete in-situ (smaller volume and different temperature)

#### Lab-cured specimens



Does not represent neither the curing condition nor the in-situ concrete

#### Maturity meters



Measures the real temperature and strength in the concrete element



### **Concrete Performance Prediction**





### Results



#### **Optimize Mix Proportions**

Evaluates mix's prescriptive requirements and suggests adjustments in ingredients and proportions without jeopardizing its designed compressive strength, workability, and air content.

GIATEC



#### **Reduce Cement Usage**

Examines concrete mix proportions to optimize strength gain, lower material costs, and reduce cement usage and resulting CO<sub>2</sub> footprint.



#### **Predict Mix Performance**

Analyzes concrete mixture proportions, material characteristics, ambient conditions, and more to predict a mix's performance over time.

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# Digital EPDs and the Next-Gen Producer





Climate Earth is a provider of digital EPD solutions for the concrete industry

The CarbonCLARITY<sup>™</sup> Suite includes

- Instant Digital EPDs
   > EPD Generator
- Digital marketing tools
   The Project Builder
   The Concrete Designer
- Data access and analysis
   > EPD data analysis
  - > The digital API







# In a Changing World: The EPD for the Next-Gen Producer GWP is a new concrete performance metric

- Driving a shift from prescriptive to performance-based specs
- Instant Digital EPDs offer the needed speed, access, and low cost to meet the new demand for low carbon concrete





### The Role of the EPD in the Next-Gen Producer







- > Uses instant digital EPDs to measure embodied carbon of every mix
- > Utilizes digital tools to market and demonstrate low carbon mix design expertise
- Offers EPD data integration with BIM systems, whole building LCA, and purchase analysis tools



## **Digital EPDs Today**

- > Over 31,000 Generated
- Deployed at over 275 plants

# Thank You







# **Did You Know?**

Embodied carbon is expected to account for nearly 50% of the carbon footprint of new construction. Concrete is typically the largest contributor to embodied carbon on a project.

Source: Architecture 2030



### What is CarbonCure?

CO<sub>2</sub> Utilization in Concrete

CarbonCure's technology beneficially repurposes carbon dioxide to reduce the carbon footprint of concrete without compromising concrete performance.



# **CarbonCure Concrete Impact**



Operating at **300+ Concrete Plants** 



Used in **9,000,000+ yd<sup>3</sup> of concrete** 



Resulting in **85,000+ tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> saved** 







# How it works

Seamless retrofit technology that integrates with existing concrete operations





#### Collection

CO<sub>2</sub> is collected from large emitters and purified by industrial gas suppliers

### Delivery

The CO<sub>2</sub> is delivered to concrete plants by gas suppliers and stored in pressurized tanks



### Injection

CarbonCure's technology delivers a precise, automated dosage of CO<sub>2</sub> into mixing concrete



### Mineralization

The CO<sub>2</sub> converts into nano-minerals that become permanently embedded in the concrete





# What Happens When CO<sub>2</sub> is Injected?



- CO<sub>2</sub> mineralization reaction
- CO<sub>2</sub> converts into **CaCO<sub>3</sub> (solid limestone)**

# **Converting CO<sub>2</sub> to a Mineral**



#### **Carbonate product formed** about 400 nm dimension

#### Nano-calcium carbonate

**particles** act as nucleation sites for hydration. Compressive strength benefits arise from this interaction.

The increased strength allows concrete producers to reduce cement content, while maintaining original strength.





## CO<sub>2</sub> has a Neutral Impact on...

#### **Fresh Properties**

#### **Hardened Properties**

- Setting time
- Workability/slump
- Concrete pumping
- Air content
- Temperature
- Finishing

- Freeze-thaw
- pH
- Density
- Durability
- Color
- Texture

*Note: Peer reviewed papers are available to support the above information at carboncure.com.* 



#### CarbonCure for Ready Mix

# How Much CO<sub>2</sub> Can Be Saved?

**20-35 bs**  $CO_2$  saved per yd<sup>3</sup>

 $CO_2$  saved =  $CO_2$  mineralized +  $CO_2$  avoided by reducing cement

## **Reference Projects**



Atlanta, GA – 725 Ponce Concrete Producer: Thomas Concrete CO<sub>2</sub> Saved: 1,500,000 lbs



Mountain View, CA – LinkedIn Campus Concrete Producer: Central Concrete CO<sub>2</sub> Saved: 240,000 lbs



Indianapolis, IN – Infosys Innovation Hub Concrete Producer: Irving Materials CO<sub>2</sub> Saved: 240,000 lbs



Calgary, AB – East Deicing Apron Owner: YYC Calgary International Airport CO<sub>2</sub> Saved: 352,740 lbs (160 tonnes)



Chicago, IL - McDonald's Flagship Concrete Producer: Ozinga CO<sub>2</sub> Saved: 30,000 lbs



Kapolei, HI – Kapolei Interchange Demo. Concrete Producer: Island Ready-Mix CO<sub>2</sub> Saved: 1,500 lbs



Atlanta, GA – Georgia Aquarium Concrete Producer: Thomas Concrete CO<sub>2</sub> Saved: 330,000 lbs



Arlington, VA – Amazon HQ2 Concrete Producer: Miller & Long CO<sub>2</sub> Savings (est.) : 2,500,000 lbs





# How can you help reduce concrete's carbon impact?

- Communicate your commitment to embodied carbon reduction throughout the supply chain *early* and *often*
- Design strengths for what you need
- Use supplementary cementitious materials and/or low-carbon cement
- Remove unnecessary prescriptive concrete specs such as minimum cement content
- Consider **performance**-based concrete specs
- Specify and/or approve CO<sub>2</sub> mineralized concrete



THANK YOU!

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