

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## Sikaflex® Construction+

Sealant for concrete and masonry facades and rigid floor joints



### DESCRIPTION

Sikaflex® Construction+ is a 1-component, moisture-curing, elastic joint sealant.

### USES

Sealing joints for:

- Facade elements
- Movement and connections
- Pre-cast elements
- Infill panels
- Cladding
- Curtain walling
- Floor joints
- Rigid pavements
- Interior and exterior use
- Sealing between a range of porous and non-porous substrates

### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Good resistance to weathering
- Movement capability of  $\pm 35\%$  (ASTM C719)
- Bubble-free curing
- Good workability
- Good adhesion to many construction substrates
- Very low emissions

### ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

- EMICODE EC1<sup>PLUS</sup> R
- LEED v2009 IEQc 4.1: Low-Emitting Materials - Adhesives And Sealants

### APPROVALS / STANDARDS

- EN 15651-1 F EXT-INT CC 25 HM
- Testing Joint Sealants, ISO 11600-F, Sikaflex Construction+, SKZ, Report No. 1002
- ASTM C 920 class 35
- BS 5212 : Part 1 : 1990

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

<b>Chemical base</b>	i-Cure® Technology polyurethane
<b>Packaging</b>	600 ml foil pack, 20 foil packs per box
<b>Shelf life</b>	Sikaflex® Construction+ has a shelf life of 15 months from the date of production, if it is stored in undamaged, original, sealed packaging, and if the storage conditions are met.
<b>Storage conditions</b>	Sikaflex® Construction+ shall be stored in dry conditions, where it is protected from direct sunlight and at temperatures between +5 °C and +25 °C.
<b>Colour</b>	Colour range to be defined by local sales organization.
<b>Density</b>	~ 1.45 kg/L <span style="float: right;">(ISO 1183-1)</span>

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Shore A hardness	~28 (after 28 days)	(ISO 868)
Secant tensile modulus	~0.45 N/mm <sup>2</sup> at 100 % elongation (+23 °C) ~1.10 N/mm <sup>2</sup> at 100 % elongation (-20 °C)	(ISO 8339)
Elongation at break	~800 %	(ISO 37)
Movement capability	± 25 % ± 35 %	(ISO 9047) (ASTM C 719)
Elastic recovery	~90 %	(ISO 7389)
Tear propagation resistance	~7.0 N/mm	(ISO 34)
Service temperature	-40 °C to +70 °C	
Resistance to weathering	8	(ISO / DIS 19862)

### Joint design

The joint width must be designed to suit the joint movement required and the movement capability of the sealant. The joint width must be a minimum of 6 mm and a maximum of 50 mm. A width to depth ratio of 2:1 must be maintained. Joint widths less than 10 mm are generally for interior connection joints or crack control joints and therefore considered as non-movement joints. Example of typical joint widths for joints between concrete elements for exterior applications if the joint sealant is classified as ±25 % movement capability according to ISO 9047, calculation according to DIN 18540.

#### Standard joint widths for joints between concrete elements

Joint distance [m]	Min. joint width [mm]	Min. joint depth [mm]
2	10	10
4	15	10
6	20	10
8	30	15
10	35	17

Example of typical joint widths for joints between concrete elements for exterior applications if the joint sealant is classified as ±35 % movement capability according to ASTM C 719, Calculation according to ASTM C 1472-10:

Joint distance [m]	Min. joint width [mm]	Min. joint depth [mm]
2	10	10
4	15	10
6	15	10
8	25	12
10	30	15

All joints must be correctly designed and dimensioned in accordance with the relevant standards and codes of practice before their construction. The basis for calculation of the necessary joint widths are:

- The type of structure
- Dimensions
- Technical values of the adjacent building materials
- Joint sealing material
- The specific exposure of the building and the joints

For joint design and calculations contact Sika® Technical Services for additional information.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Consumption	Joint length [m] per 600 ml foil pack	Joint width [mm]	Joint depth [mm]
	6	10	10
	4	15	10
	3	20	10
	2	25	12
	1.3	30	15

  

<b>Sag flow</b>	0 mm (20 mm profile, 50 °C)	(ISO 7390)
<b>Ambient air temperature</b>	+5 °C to +40 °C, min. 3 °C above dew point temperature	
<b>Substrate temperature</b>	+5 °C to +40 °C	
<b>Backing material</b>	Use closed cell, polyethylene foam backing rods.	
<b>Curing rate</b>	~3 mm/24 hours (23 °C / 50 % r.h.)	(CQP 049-2)
<b>Skin time</b>	~65 minutes (23 °C / 50 % r.h.)	(CQP 019-1)
<b>Tooling time</b>	~55 minutes (23 °C / 50 % r.h.)	(CQP 019-2)

## BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this Product Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

## FURTHER DOCUMENTS

- Safety Data Sheet (SDS)
- Pre-treatment Chart Sealing & Bonding
- Method Statement Joint Sealing
- Method Statement Joint Maintenance, Cleaning and Renovation
- Technical Manual Facade Sealing

## IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- Sikaflex® Construction+ can be over-painted with most conventional facade coating paint systems. However, paints must first be tested to ensure compatibility by carrying out preliminary trials (e.g. according to ISO technical paper: Paintability and Paint Compatibility of Sealants). The best over-painting results are obtained when the sealant is allowed to fully cure first. Note: non-flexible paint systems may impair the elasticity of the sealant and lead to cracking of the paint film.
- Colour variations may occur due to exposure to chemicals, high temperatures and/or UV-radiation (especially with the colour shade white). However, a change in colour is purely of aesthetic nature and does not adversely influence the technical performance or durability of the product.
- Do not use Sikaflex® Construction+ on natural stone.
- Do not use Sikaflex® Construction+ on bituminous substrates, natural rubber, EPDM rubber or on any building materials which might bleed oils, plasticizers or solvents that could attack the sealant.
- Do not use Sikaflex® Construction+ to seal joints in

and around swimming pools.

- Do not use Sikaflex® Construction+ for joints under water pressure or for permanent water immersion.
- Do not expose uncured Sikaflex® Construction+ to alcohol containing products as this may interfere with the curing reaction.

## ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

User must read the most recent corresponding Safety Data Sheets (SDS) before using any products. The SDS provides information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products and contains physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

The substrate must be clean, dry, sound and homogeneous, free from oils, grease, dust and loose or friable particles. Sikaflex® Construction+ adheres without primers and/or activators.

However, for optimum adhesion and critical, high performance applications, such as on multi-story buildings, highly stressed joints, extreme weather exposure or water immersion, the following priming and/or pre-treatment procedures shall be followed:

#### Non-porous substrates

Aluminium, anodised aluminium, stainless steel, galvanised steel, powder coated metals or glazed tiles have to be cleaned and pre-treated using Sika® Aktivator-205, wiped on with a clean towel. Before sealing, allow a flash-off time of > 15 minutes (< 6 hours). Other metals, such as copper, brass and titanium-zinc, also have to be cleaned and pre-treated using Sika® Aktivator-205, wiped on with a clean towel. After the necessary flash-off time, use a brush to apply Sika®

Primer-3 N and allow a further flash-off time of > 30 minutes (< 8 hours) before sealing the joints. PVC has to be cleaned and pre-treated using Sika® Primer-215 applied with a brush. Before sealing, allow a flash-off time of > 30 minutes (< 8 hours).

#### Porous substrates

Concrete, aerated concrete and cement based renders, mortars and bricks shall be primed using Sika® Primer-3 N applied with a brush. Before sealing, allow a flash-off time of > 30 minutes (< 8 hours).

For more detailed advice and instructions please contact the local Sika Technical Services Department.

Note: Primers are adhesion promoters. They are neither a substitute for the correct cleaning of a surface, nor do they improve the strength of the surface significantly.

#### APPLICATION METHOD / TOOLS

Sikaflex® Construction+ is supplied ready to use. After the necessary substrate preparation, insert a suitable backing rod to the required depth and apply any primer if necessary. Insert a foil pack into the sealant gun and extrude Sikaflex® Construction+ into the joint making sure that it comes into full contact with the sides of the joint and avoids any air entrapment. Sikaflex® Construction+ sealant must be firmly tooled against the joint sides to ensure adequate adhesion. It is recommended to use masking tape where exact joint lines or neat lines are required. Remove the tape within the skin time. Use a compatible tooling agent (e.g. Sika® Tooling Agent N) to smooth the joint surfaces. Do not use tooling products containing solvents. If Sikaflex® Construction+ is dry-tooled it shows a slightly structured, concrete-like surface. If it is wet-tooled (using a compatible tooling agent, e.g. Sika® Tooling Agent N) it shows a smooth surface.

#### CLEANING OF TOOLS

Clean all tools and application equipment immediately after use with Sika® Remover-208 and/or Sika® Top-Clean T. Once cured, residual material can only be removed mechanically.

#### LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Note that as a result of specific local regulations the declared data and recommended uses for this product may vary from country to country. Consult the local Product Data Sheet for exact product data and uses.

## LEGAL NOTES

The information, and, in particular, the recommendations relating to the application and end-use of Sika products, are given in good faith based on Sika's current knowledge and experience of the products when properly stored, handled and applied under normal conditions in accordance with Sika's recommendations. In practice, the differences in materials, substrates and actual site conditions are such that no warranty in respect of merchantability or of fitness for a particular purpose, nor any liability arising out of any legal relationship whatsoever, can be inferred either from this information, or from any written recommendations, or from any other advice offered. The user of the product must test the product's suitability for the intended application and purpose. Sika reserves the right to change the properties of its products. The proprietary rights of third parties must be observed. All orders are accepted subject to our current terms of sale and delivery. Users must always refer to the most recent issue of the local Product Data Sheet for the product concerned, copies of which will be supplied on request.

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