

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sikaflex® PRO-3

HIGH-PERFORMANCE SEALANT FOR FLOOR JOINTS AND CIVIL ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sikaflex® PRO-3 is a 1-component, moisture-curing, elastic joint sealant with high mechanical and chemical resistance.

USES

Sikaflex® PRO-3 is designed for movement and connection joints in floors, pedestrian and traffic areas (e.g. parking decks, car parks), warehouses and production areas, applications in the food industry, sewage treatment plants, tunnel construction and in cleanrooms.

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Movement capability of $\pm 35\%$ (ASTM C 719)
- Very high mechanical and chemical resistance
- Bubble-free curing
- Good adhesion to most construction materials
- Solvent-free
- Very low emissions

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

- EMICODE EC1^{PLUS} R
- LEED v4 EQc 2: Low-Emitting Materials

APPROVALS / STANDARDS

- EN 15651-4 PW EXT-INT CC 25 HM
- ISO 11600 F 25 HM
- ASTM C 920, class 35
- ISEGA Certificate for foodstuff area usage
- BS 6920 (drinking water contact)
- ASTM C 1248 non-staining on marble
- ISO 16938-1 non-staining on marble
- CSM TVOC tested (ISO-6.8)
- CSM biological resistant: very good
- Tested according principals of DIBt for Waste Water Exposure
- Resistance against Diesel and Jet Fuel according to the DIBt guidelines



PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	<i>i-Cure</i> ® Technology polyurethane
Packaging	300 ml cartridge, 12 cartridges per box 600 ml foil pack, 20 foil packs per box
Colour	Concrete Grey, Black, White and Anthracite Grey.
Shelf Life	Sikaflex® PRO-3 has a shelf life of 15 months from the date of production, if stored in an undamaged, original, sealed packaging and if the storage conditions are met.
Storage Conditions	Sikaflex® PRO-3 shall be stored in dry conditions, where it is protected from direct sunlight and at temperatures between +5 °C and +25 °C.
Density	~1.35 kg/l (ISO 1183-1)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Shore A Hardness	~37 (after 28 days)	(ISO 868)
Secant Tensile Modulus	~0.60 N/mm ² at 100 % elongation (+23 °C) ~1.10 N/mm ² at 100 % elongation (-20 °C)	(ISO 8339)
Elongation at Break	~600 %	(ISO 37)
Elastic Recovery	~90 %	(ISO 7389)
Tear Propagation Resistance	~8.0 N/mm	(ISO 34)
Movement Capability	± 25 % ±35 %	(ISO 9047) (ASTM C 719)
Chemical Resistance	Sikaflex® PRO-3 is resistant to water, seawater, diluted alkalis, cement slurry and water dispersed detergent, diesel and jet fuel according to the DIBt guidelines. Sikaflex® PRO-3 is not resistant to alcohols, organic acids, concentrated alkalis and concentrated acids and other hydro-carbons.	
Service Temperature	-40 °C to +70 °C	

Joint Design

The joint width must be designed to suit the joint movement required and the movement capability of the sealant. The joint width shall be ≥ 10 mm and ≤ 40 mm. A width to depth ratio of 1:0.8 must be maintained (for exceptions, see table below).

Standard joint widths for joints between concrete elements for interior applications:

Joint distance [m]	Min. joint width [mm]	Min. joint depth [mm]
2	10	10
4	10	10
6	10	10
8	15	12
10	18	15

Standard joint widths for joints between concrete elements for exterior applications:

Joint distance [m]	Min. joint width [mm]	Min. joint depth [mm]
2	10	10
4	15	12
6	20	17
8	28	22
10	35	28

All joints must be correctly designed and dimensioned in accordance with the relevant standards, before their construction. The basis for calculation of the necessary joint widths are the type of structure and its dimensions, the technical values of the adjacent building materials and the joint sealing material, as well as the specific exposure of the building and the joints. For larger joints please contact our Technical Service Department.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Consumption	Joint length [m] per 600 ml foil pack	Joint width [mm]	Joint depth [mm]
	6	10	10
	3.3	15	12
	1.9	20	16
	1.2	25	20
	0.8	30	24

Backing Material	Use closed cell, polyethylene foam backing rods.		
Sag Flow	0 mm (20 mm profile, 50 °C)		(ISO 7390)
Ambient Air Temperature	+5 °C to +40 °C, min. 3 °C above dew point temperature		
Substrate Temperature	+5 °C to +40 °C		
Curing Rate	~3.5 mm/24 hours (23 °C / 50 % r.h.)		(CQP 049-2)
Skin Time	~60 minutes (23 °C / 50 % r.h.)		(CQP 019-1)
Tooling Time	~50 minutes (23 °C / 50 % r.h.)		(CQP 019-2)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

The substrate must be clean, dry, sound and homogeneous, free from oils, grease, dust and loose or friable particles. Sikaflex® PRO-3 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® PRO-3 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 or cartridge into the sealant gun and extrude Sikaflex® PRO-3 into the joint making sure that it comes into full contact with the sides of the joint and avoids any air entrapment. Sikaflex® PRO-3 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.

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.

FURTHER DOCUMENTS

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

LIMITATIONS

- Sikaflex® PRO-3 can be overpainted 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.
- Before using Sikaflex® PRO-3 on natural stone, please contact our Technical Service Department.
- Do not use Sikaflex® PRO-3 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® PRO-3 to seal joints in and around swimming pools.
- Do not expose uncured Sikaflex® PRO-3 to alcohol containing products as this may interfere with the curing reaction.

VALUE BASE

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.

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Please note that as a result of specific local regulations the performance of this product may vary from country to country. Please consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact description of the application fields.

ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

For information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the most recent Safety Data Sheet (SDS) containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

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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