

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sikagard®-550 W Elastic

CRACK BRIDGING PROTECTIVE COATING FOR CONCRETE



DESCRIPTION

Sikagard®-550 W Elastic is a one component, plasto-elastic coating based on UV-curing acrylic dispersion with excellent crack-bridging properties even at temperatures below 0 °C.

Sikagard®-550 W Elastic complies with the requirements of EN 1504-2 as protective coating.

USES

Sikagard®-550 W Elastic is used for protection and enhancement of concrete structures (normal and lightweight concrete), especially exposed outdoor concrete surfaces with a risk of cracking.

Sikagard®-550 W Elastic is used with concrete repair works as an elastic protective coating on Sika® smoothing mortar (refer to relevant product / system data sheet), fibre cement and overcoating of existing soundly adhering coatings

- Suitable for protection against ingress (Principle 1, method 1.3 of EN 1504-9),
- Suitable for moisture control (Principle 2, method 2.3 of EN 1504-9)
- Suitable for increasing the resistivity (Principle 8, method 8.3 of EN 1504-9)

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Crack-bridging even at low temperatures (-20°C)
- High diffusion resistance against CO₂ reducing the rate of carbonation
- Water vapour permeable
- Very good resistance against weathering and ageing
- Environmentally friendly (solvent free)
- Reduced tendency to dirt pick up and contamination

APPROVALS / CERTIFICATES

- EN 1504-2 performance testing, LPM Report A-33'882-2 dated July 09
- The product is included in a compilation of tested products and systems as per OS 5a (OS DII) at the German Institute of Road Systems
- Determination of dynamic crack bridging properties according to EN 1062-7, report P8690a dated 27/08/2014, Kiwa Polymer Institut GmbH
- Protective coating according to EN 1504-2, DoP 02 03 03 03 002 0 000003 1125; certified by Factory Production Control Body: 0921; certificate 0921-BPR-2046 and provided with the CE-mark

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	Acrylate dispersion
Packaging	15 l oval plastic pail
Appearance / Colour	Thixotropic liquid available in almost every colour shade.
Shelf life	24 months from date of production if stored properly in undamaged and unopened original sealed packaging.
Storage conditions	Store in cool and dry conditions. Protect from direct sunlight and frost.
Density	~ 1.39 kg/l (at +20°C)
Solid content by weight	~ 66.1%

Solid content by volume ~ 53.4%

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Elongation at Break	Elongation at break ▪ at room temperature (not exposed to weathering): 120% ▪ at -20°C: 70%	
Tensile Adhesion Strength	2,9 (2,8) N/mm ²	(EN 1542)
Crack Bridging Ability	Class A1 (-20°C) - 2 coats (EN 1062-7) Class B2 (-15°C) - 3 coats	
Freeze Thaw De-icing Salt Resistance	2,9 (2,1) N/mm ²	(EN 13687 part 1 & part 2)
Behaviour after Artificial Weathering	Pass after 2000 hours	(EN 1062-11)
Permeability to Water Vapour	Dry film thickness	d = 230 µm (EN ISO 7783-1)
	Equivalent air layer thickness	S _D , H ₂ O = 0.35 m (EN ISO 7783-2)
	Diffusion coefficient H ₂ O	µH ₂ O = 1.5 x 10 ³
	Requirements for breathability	S _D , H ₂ O ≤ 5 m
Capillary Absorption	w = 0,02 kg/(m ² h ^{0.5})	(EN 1062-3)
Permeability to Carbon Dioxide	Dry film thickness	d = 160 µm (EN 1062-6)
	Equivalent air layer thickness	S _D , CO ₂ = 51 m
	Diffusion coefficient CO ₂	µCO ₂ = 3,1 x 10 ⁵
	Requirements for protection	S _D , CO ₂ ≥ 50 m

SYSTEMS

System Structure	System	Product ¹⁾	Number of applications
	Priming ²⁾	Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer	1
	Top coat ³⁾	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic	2 – 3

¹⁾ Please refer to the respective product data sheet for additional information.

²⁾ For very difficult substrate (very dense or weak with tensile strength < 1 N/mm²) and at low temperature, use solvent containing primer Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer.

³⁾ In case of an intensive yellow or red colour shade and/or a dark substrate, more than two coats might be required.

A third coat is also required in order to achieve the required thickness for full durability (crack bridging, adhesion after thermal cycling, etc.)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Consumption	Product	Per coat
	Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer	~ 0.10 - 0.15 kg/m ²
	Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer	~ 0.10 - 0.15 kg/m ²
	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic	~ 0.25 - 0.35 kg/m ²

Layer Thickness	<i>Minimum</i> required dry film thickness to achieve the required characteristics (CO ₂ equivalent air thickness of 50 m) ≈ 160 µm. <i>Minimum</i> required dry film thickness to achieve full durability characteristics (CO ₂ diffusion, adhesion after thermal cycling and crack bridging) ≈ 340µm.
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Ambient Air Temperature	+8°C min. / +35°C max.												
Relative Air Humidity	< 80%												
Dew Point	Temperature must be at least 3°C above dew point.												
Substrate Temperature	+8°C min. / +35°C max.												
Waiting Time / Overcoating	<p>Waiting time between coats at +20°C substrate temperature:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Previous coating</th> <th>Waiting time</th> <th>Next coating</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer</td> <td>5 hours min.</td> <td>Sikagard®-550 W Elastic</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer</td> <td>18 hours min.</td> <td>Sikagard®-550 W Elastic</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sikagard®-550 W Elastic</td> <td>8 hours min.</td> <td>Sikagard®-550 W Elastic</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Note: When application is on existing coatings, the waiting time for both primers will increase by 100%. Refresher coats of Sikagard®-550 W Elastic can be applied without priming if the existing coat has been thoroughly cleaned.</p>	Previous coating	Waiting time	Next coating	Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer	5 hours min.	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic	Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer	18 hours min.	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic	8 hours min.	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic
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Curing Treatment	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic does not require any special curing but must be protected from rain for at least 4 hours at +20°C.												
Applied Product Ready for Use	Full cure: ~ 7 days at +20°C												

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SUBSTRATE QUALITY / PRE-TREATMENT

Exposed concrete without existing coating:

- The surface must be dry, sound and free from loose and friable particles.
- Suitable preparation methods are steam cleaning, high pressure water jetting or blastcleaning.
- New concrete must be at least 28 days old.
- If required, a levelling pore sealer (e.g. Sikagard®-720 EpoCem®, Sikagard®-545 W Elastofill, etc.) shall be applied – refer to the respective product data sheet. For cement based products, allow a curing time of at least 4 days before coating (except when the EpoCem is used, then coating can be applied within 24 hours).

Exposed concrete with existing coating:

- Existing coatings must be tested to confirm their adhesion to the substrate and their suitability - adhesion test average > 0.8 N/mm² with no single value below 0.5 N/mm².
- For water based coating, use Sikagard®-552 W AquaPrimer as primer.
- For solvent based coating, use Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer as primer.
- In case of doubt, carry out adherence testing to determine which primer is most suitable – wait at least 2 weeks prior to conduct the adhesion test - an average value of 0.8 N/mm² is required with no single value below 0.5 N/mm².

APPLICATION

Apply Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer or Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer evenly onto the substrate. For use on very dense substrates up to 10% Sika Thinner C may be added to Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer. Sikagard®-550 W Elastic can be applied by brush, roller or airless spray. For more details, refer to Protective Coating Application Method Statement.

CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT

Removal of fresh remnants from tools and application equipment can be carried out using water immediately after use. For Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer use Thinner C. Hardened / cured material can only be removed mechanically.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Do not apply when there is:

- Expected rain
- Relative humidity > 80%
- Temperature below +8°C and/or below dew point
- Concrete younger than 28 days

The system is resistant to aggressive atmospheric influences.

Dark colour shades (especially black, dark red and blue, etc.) may fade more rapidly than other lighter tone colours. Refreshing coat might be required at earlier interval than usual.

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.

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.

DIRECTIVE 2004/42/CE LIMITATION OF EMISSIONS OF VOC

According to the EU-Directive 2004/42, the maximum allowed content of VOC (Product category IIA / c type wb) is 40 g/l (Limits 2010) for the ready to use product. The maximum content of Sikagard®-550 W Elastic is < 40 g/l VOC for the ready to use product.

LEGAL NOTES

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