

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sikaflex®-551

HIGH WEATHERING RESISTANT MULTIFUNCTIONAL AND LOW EMISSION STP ADHESIVE

TYPICAL PRODUCT DATA (FURTHER VALUES SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET)

Chemical base	Silane Terminated Polymer
Color (CQP001-1)	White, black
Cure mechanism	Moisture-curing
Density (uncured)	1.5 kg/l
Non-sag properties (CQP061-1)	Good
Application temperature	ambient 5 – 40 °C
Skin time (CQP019-1)	35 minutes ^A
Open time (CQP526-1)	20 minutes ^A
Curing speed (CQP049-1)	(see diagram)
Shore A hardness (CQP023-1 / ISO 7619-1)	45
Tensile strength (CQP036-1 / ISO 527)	2.2 MPa
Elongation at break (CQP036-1 / ISO 527)	500 %
Tear propagation resistance (CQP045-1 / ISO 34)	14 N/mm
Tensile lap-shear strength (CQP046-1 / ISO 4587)	1.8 MPa
Service temperature (CQP509-1 / CQP513-1)	-50 – 90 °C
Shelf life (CQP016-1)	Cartridge / Unipack 12 months ^B Drum 9 months ^B

CQP = Corporate Quality Procedure

^A) 23°C / 50 % r.h.^B) storage below 25 °C

DESCRIPTION

Sikaflex®-551 is a very low emission 1-component Silane Terminated Polymer (STP) assembly adhesive. It has a very high weathering and mold/fungus resistance. It exceeds common environmental and safety standards and sets a new benchmark. It bonds well to a wide range of substrates with minimal pre-treatment.

PRODUCT BENEFITS

- Excellent ageing and weathering resistance
- High fungicidal resistance
- Exceeds highest EHS standards
- Free of isocyanate, solvents, PVC, tin and phthalates
- Bonds well to a wide variety of substrates without the need for special pre-treatments
- Highly elastic
- Can be painted
- Very low emission
- Meets hygiene requirements for ventilation and air-conditioning systems and unit according VDI 6022 Blatt 1:2011-07
- ISEGA certificate for foodstuff area usage

AREAS OF APPLICATION

Sikaflex®-551 is suited for highly demanding bonding and sealing applications, where high weathering and mold resistance are required. It can be used for applications with incidental food contact as well as in areas of air ventilation. It is suitable for elastic, vibration resistant joint seals and for a wide variety of interior and exterior sealing applications. It adheres well to a wide variety of substrates with minimal pre-treatment. Suitable substrate materials include timber, glass, metals, metal primers and paint coatings (2-part systems), ceramic materials and plastics. Seek manufacturer's advice and perform tests on original substrates before using Sikaflex®-551 on materials prone to stress cracking. This product is suitable for experienced professional users only. Test with actual substrates and conditions have to be performed to ensure adhesion and material compatibility.

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CURE MECHANISM

Sikaflex®-551 cures by reaction with atmospheric moisture. At low temperatures the water content of the air is generally lower and the curing reaction proceeds somewhat slower (see diagram 1).

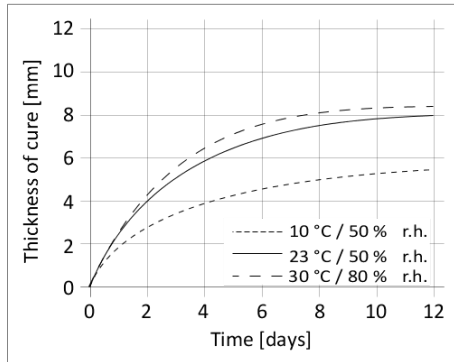


Diagram 1: Curing speed Sikaflex®-551

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Sikaflex®-551 is generally resistant to fresh water, seawater, diluted acids and diluted caustic solutions; temporarily resistant to fuels, mineral oils, vegetable and animal fats and oils; not resistant to organic acids, glycolic alcohol, concentrated mineral acids and caustic solutions or solvents.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Surface preparation

Surfaces must be clean, dry and free from grease, oil, dust and contaminants. Surface treatment depends on the specific nature of the substrates and is crucial for a long lasting bond. Suggestions for surface preparation may be found on the current edition of the appropriate Sika® Pre-treatment Chart. Consider that these suggestions are based on experience and have in any case to be verified by tests on original substrates.

Application

Sikaflex®-551 can be processed between 5 °C and 40 °C (climate and product) but changes in reactivity and application properties have to be considered. The optimum temperature for substrate and adhesive is between 15 °C and 25 °C. Consider that the viscosity will increase at low temperature. For easy application, condition the adhesive at ambient temperature prior to use.

To ensure a uniform thickness of the bondline it is recommended to apply the adhesive in form of a triangular bead (see figure 1).

Figure 1: Recommended bead configuration

Sikaflex®-551 can be processed with manual, pneumatic or electric driven piston guns as well as pump equipment.

The open time is significantly shorter in hot and humid climate. The parts must always be installed within the open time. Never join bonding parts if the adhesive has built a skin. For advice on selecting and setting up a suitable pump system, contact the System Engineering Department of Sika Industry.

Tooling and finishing

Tooling and finishing must be carried out within the skin time of the product. It is recommended using Sika® Tooling Agent N. Other finishing agents must be tested for suitability and compatibility prior the use.

Removal

Uncured Sikaflex®-551 can be removed from tools and equipment with Sika® Remover-208 or another suitable solvent. Once cured, the material can only be removed mechanically. Hands and exposed skin have to be washed immediately using hand wipes such as Sika® Cleaner-350H or a suitable industrial hand cleaner and water.

Do not use solvents on skin.

Overpainting

Sikaflex®-551 can be best painted within the skin formation time. If painting process takes place after the sealant has built a skin, adhesion could be improved by treating the joint surface with Sika® Aktivator-100 or Sika® Aktivator-205 prior to paint process. If the paint requires a baking process (> 80 °C), best performance is achieved by allowing the sealant to fully cure first. All paints have to be tested by carrying preliminary trials under manufacturing conditions.

The elasticity of paints is usually lower than that of sealants. This could lead to cracking of the paint in the joint area.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information herein is offered for general guidance only. Advice on specific application is available on request from the Technical Department of Sika Industry.

Copies of the following publications are available on request:

- Safety Data Sheets
- Sika Pre-treatment Chart For Silane Terminated Polymers (STP)
- General Guideline Bonding and Sealing with 1-component Sikaflex®

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Cartridge	300 ml
Unipack	600 ml
Drum	195 l

BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

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

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

For information and advice regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the actual Safety Data Sheets containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

DISCLAIMER

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