

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF

ALKALI FREE SHOTCRETE ACCELERATOR



### DESCRIPTION

Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF is a high-performance liquid, alkali-free, set accelerator for shotcrete.

### USES

Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF is suitable for both dry and wet spraying processes and it is used for:

- Excavation stabilisation in tunnelling and mining
- Rock, slope and trench stabilisation
- High quality lining shotcrete

### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF has the following characteristics and advantages:

- High early strength development
- Alkali-free
- Minimal strength loss of the accelerated concrete
- No pollution of groundwater by leached out alkalis
- Distinct reduction of rebound and dust
- Improved bond of shotcrete to substrate
- Chloride-free, no negative affect on reinforcement steel

### APPROVALS / CERTIFICATES

CE-marking and Declaration of Performance as Sprayed concrete set accelerating admixture according to EN 934-5:2007, T.2, based on certificate of factory production control issued by notified factory production control certification body and type testing.

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

<b>Composition</b>	Inorganic aluminium complexes
<b>Packaging</b>	Bulk supply IBC
<b>Appearance / Colour</b>	Liquid, yellowish
<b>Shelf life</b>	3 months from date of production
<b>Storage conditions</b>	Store properly in original, unopened, undamaged and sealed containers, at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C. Protect from direct sunlight, frost and contamination. Use clean containers when delivered in bulk. Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF must not be stored in standard steel containers.
<b>Density</b>	~ 1.46 kg/L
<b>pH-Value</b>	~ 3.0
<b>Conventional Dry Material Content</b>	~ 51 %
<b>Viscosity</b>	≤ 120 mPa s at 20°C
<b>Total Chloride Ion Content</b>	≤ 0.1 %

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

<b>Specific Advice</b>	Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF is added at the nozzle. Accurate and constant dosing into the concrete flow is essential.
<b>Concrete Mix Design</b>	The suitability of the proposed mix design must be tested in field trials before commencement of the project. High quality shotcrete requires a w/c ratio of less than 0.5 and a flow table spread of more than 500 mm. Temperature of basic mix must be higher than 15°C.
<b>Substrate</b>	The substrate must be clean, free of loose stones and free of water under hydrostatic pressure.

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

<b>Recommended Dosage</b>	The correct dosage must be determined by preliminary testing. For layer thicknesses of up to 10 cm applied in one pass, the recommended accelerator dosage is between 4 % and 7 % by weight of binder. Lower ambient and basic mix temperatures require higher dosage of accelerator.
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## IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

The accelerator's effect depends on the content, age and type of cement, as well as on the shotcrete temperature. Furthermore, the shotcrete quality is widely affected by the substrate, the applied layer thickness, the spraying process, the quality of equipment and the application technique. The w/c ratio of the basic concrete mix in the wet spraying process, and the quantity of gauging water in the dry spraying process are also parameters influencing the acceleration effect of Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF.

When using sulphate resistant cements strength development can be slower.

Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF is not compatible with alkaline shotcrete accelerators. Before using Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF the accelerator hoses must be cleaned thoroughly.

The use of Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF requires technically correct dosing and conveying / spraying technology. Metal parts of the pump and piping that come into direct contact with Sika® Sigunit® L-53 AF must be made of stainless steel.

Contact your local Sika company for any additional technical support required.

## 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.

## LEGAL NOTES

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