

Sikasil® Wet Areas (NZ)

Alcoxy Silicone Sealant

Positioning

Description

Sikasil Wet Areas is a one-component neutral curing silicone sealant suitable for wet area applications. It is used as a joint sealant between a variety of substrates.

Use

Sikasil Wet Areas is a highly durable silicone rubber that has excellent long term performance in wet areas where there is high humidity, including:

- Bathrooms and toilets
- Showers and wash down areas
- Kitchens
- Laundries
- Commercial and residential

Sikasil Wet Areas has been developed to resist the growth of mould and fungus on its surface. It is highly elastic and flexible and has very strong adhesion to a wide variety of "wet room" surfaces including:

- Porcelain whiteware and fittings
- Ceramic tiles and grouts
- Plastic laminates
- Rigid PVC, acrylics, polycarbonate
- Powder coated aluminium
- Painted surfaces
- Glass
- Stainless steel
- Metal, copper and brass fittings
- Concrete

Advantages

- Highest quality, non-sag
- Contains mould repellent – long term resistance to fungal activity
- Excellent adhesion to a wide range of substrates
- Highly elastic +/-25%
- Excellent UV resistance
- Non-corrosive
- Fast curing
- Low odour

Tests

Approvals / Standards

- Complies with ISO 11600 – Type F – Class 25LM and ISO 11600 – Type G - Class 25 LM. Suitable for use under Clause E3 of the Building Code – Internal Moisture.

Product Data

Colour:

Translucent, white

Packaging:

300ml cartridges, 12 cartridges per box.

Shelf life:

18 months from date of production when stored in cool, dry conditions in original unopened containers.

Technical Data

Application temp.:

+ 5°C to + 40°C.

Cure system:

Alcoxy

Specific gravity:

Clear: ~ 1.01 kg/l

Skin-over time:

~ 15 min. (23° C, 50% R.H.)

Cure rate:

1 day ~ 2 mm (23° C, 50% R.H.)

E-Modulus at

100% elongation:

ISO 8339 ~ 0.34 MPa

Tensile strength:

ISO 8339 ~ 0.50 MPa

Shore A hardness:

ISO 868 ~ 18

Tear strength:

ISO 34 method C 4.0 N/mm

Elastic recovery:

> 90 %

Joint movement capability: 25 % (ISO 11600)



Application Conditions

Substrate preparation	Surfaces must be clean, dry and free from loose particles, grease and dirt. Degrease surface with Sika Thinner C if necessary. Allow the surface to dry (i.e. the solvent to fully evaporate) before proceeding.
Method of application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For best results apply masking tape to both sides of the joint before sealing and remove masking tape before silicone skins. Cut tip off nozzle at 45 angle and gun sealant into joint. The sealant should be tooled smooth within 5-10 minutes, or before surface skins, using a spatula which has been dipped into diluted soapy water. Masking tape is then removed immediately.
Clean up	Uncured material can be removed by using a suitable solvent or an approved sealant remover such as Sika Thinner C, Acetone or MEK. Cured material may be removed by abrasion or other mechanical means.
Joint design	The sealant joint width should be designed to accommodate the movement capability of the sealant. In general, minimum joint width should be 6mm. For joints between 6 – 12 mm wide, a seal depth of 6mm is recommended. For joints greater than 12mm wide, a width to depth ratio of 2 : 1 is recommended.
Notes on Application / Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not use on bituminous substrates, natural rubber, chloroprene or EPDM or on building materials which might bleed oils, plasticizers or solvents. Do not use in a totally confined space, because the sealant requires atmospheric moisture to cure. Bleeding can occur on porous substrates such as concrete, marble, granite and other natural stones. On sensitive substrates, specific testing should be carried out. Sikasil Wet Areas is not recommended for use in submerged joints or in joints where mechanical damage or abrasion are likely to occur. Do not use in fish tanks. Sikasil Wet Areas is not recommended for structural glazing or insulated glazing applications. Sikasil Wet Areas is not suitable for food contact applications. Sikasil Wet Areas is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses. Refer to the "Sikaflex Elastomeric Sealants" data sheet, for information on joint design and calculation of joint movement.
Notes	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.
Health & Safety Information	
Protective Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To avoid rare allergic reactions, we recommend the use of protective gloves. Change soiled work clothes and wash hands before breaks and after finishing work. Local regulations as well as health and safety advice on packaging labels must be observed. For further information refer to the Sika Material Safety Data Sheet which is available on request. If in doubt always follow the directions given on the pack or label.
Important Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residues of material must be removed according to local regulations. Fully cured material can be disposed of as household waste under agreement with the responsible local authorities. Detailed health and safety information as well as detailed precautionary measures e.g. physical, toxicological and ecological data can be obtained from the safety data sheet.
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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