

Sikaflex[®]-Tank N

1-part elastic sealant for joints exposed to chemicals

Product Description

Sikaflex[®]-Tank N is a one part, moisture curing, elastic joint sealant based on polyurethane. It is used in areas for the storage, filling and handling of water polluting liquids.

Uses

Floor and perimeter joints in areas exposed to chemicals:

- Facilities for storage
- Filling and handling of water - polluting liquids, i. e. filling stations, handling areas, storage tanks and containment bunds, barrel stores etc.
- Floor joints in petrol stations
- Floor- and connection joints according to IVD data sheet no. 1. I. E. in workshops and parking garages

Advantages

- 1-part component, ready to use
- High chemical resistance
- High mechanical resistance
- Movement capability 25%
- Non-sag
- Excellent application properties
- High tear propagation resistance

Approval / Standards

European Technical Approval ETA-09/0272 used in facilities for the storage, handling and filling of substances hazardous to water

Product Data

Colours

Concrete grey

Packaging

600 ml sausages, 20 sausages per box

Storage & Shelf-Life

12 months from date of production if stored in undamaged original sealed containers, in dry conditions and protected from direct sunlight at temperatures between +10°C and +25°C.

Technical Data

Chemical Base

1-part polyurethane, moisture curing

Density

~ 1.50 kg/l

(DIN 53 479)

Skinning Time

~ 60 - 120 minutes (+23°C / 50% r.h.)

Curing Rate

> 2.5 mm/24 h (+23°C / 50% r.h.)

Movement Capability

25%

Joint Dimensions

Min. width = 10 mm / max. width = 35 mm

Sag Flow

0 mm, very good

(DIN EN ISO 7390)

Service Temperature

-40°C to +70°C

Mechanical / Physical Properties

Tear Strength

~ 1 N/mm² (+23°C / 50% r.h.)

(DIN 53 515)

Tear Propagation Resistance

~ 8 N/mm

Shore A Hardness

~ 35 after 28 days (+23°C / 50% r.h.)

(DIN 53 505)

E-Modulus

~ 0.6 N/mm² at 100% elongation (+23°C / 50% r.h.)

(DIN EN ISO 8340)

Elongation at Break

~ 700% (+23°C / 50% r.h.)

(DIN 53 504)

Elastic Recovery

> 80% (+23°C / 50% r.h.)

(DIN EN ISO 7389 B)

Construction



Chemical Resistance

List of liquids for which the joint-sealing system is impermeable and resistant for up to 72 hrs. (medium duty). For these liquids Sikaflex®-Tank N is approved according to TRwS (Technical Rules on Substances Hazardous to Water) for sealing surfaces in storage/filling/handling facilities for water-polluting liquids.

Group no.*	Liquids
DF 1 + 1a	Petrol (Gasoline) for motor vehicles to DIN 51600 and DIN EN 228
DF 2	Aviation fuels
DF 3+ 3a+3b	Extra-light heating oil (DIN 51603-1), diesel fuel (DIN EN 590), unused internal combustion engine oils and unused vehicle gear oils, mixtures of saturated and aromatic hydrocarbons with an aromatic content < 20% by weight and a flash point > 55°C.
DF 4	All hydrocarbons
DF 4a	Benzene and benzene-containing mixtures
DF 4b	Crude oils
DF 4c	Used internal combustion engine oils and used vehicle gear oils with a flash point > 55°C.
DF 5	Monohydric and polyhydric alcohols (up to max. 48% by volume methanol) glycol ethers
DF 5a	All alcohols and glycol ethers
DF 5b	Monohydric and polyhydric alcohols > C ₂ .
DF 11	Inorganic alkalis and alkaline-hydrolysing inorganic salts in aqueous solutions (pH > 8), excluding ammonia solutions and oxidising salt solutions (i. e. hypochlorite).

*) as specified in approval guidelines for joint-sealing systems in storage/filling/handling facilities for water-polluting liquids, Part 1. See DIBt (German Institute for Construction Technology) documentation, Book 16.1

Application Details

Consumption / Joint Design

Joint design:

The relevant technical rules for joints with elastic sealants have to be considered. All joint sealing in storage/filling/handling facilities for water-polluting liquids and in water pollution control have to be made according to the European technical approval for Sikaflex®-Tank N (ETA-09/0272) and its annexes. Installations of the joint-sealing system in storing/filling/handling facilities for water-polluting liquids have to be made only by contractors who are trained and approved by Sika (NZ) Ltd.

To avoid damage to sharp edges in in-situ concrete a chamfer (approx. 3 – 5 mm) should be provided to the sides of the joint.

Joint dimension:

Minimum joint width is 10mm. Control joints < 10mm are for crack control and therefore these are no joints in accordance with IVD (German Sealant Manufacturers' Association) data sheet no 1. The design joint width is the joint width at the time of the application of the sealant (guide value of + 10°C).

We recommend for internal areas (temperature difference of 40°C):

Joint spacing	2.0 m	3.0 m	4.0 m	5.0 m	6.0 m	8.0 m
Min. joint width (mm)	12	12	12	12	12	12
Sealant thickness	12	12	12	12	12	12

We recommend for external areas (temperature difference of 80°C):

Joint spacing	2.0 m	3.0 m	4.0 m	5.0 m	6.0 m	8.0 m
Min. joint width (mm)	12	12	15	18	20	30
Sealant thickness	12	12	12-15	15	17	25



These recommendations consider only the longitudinal thermal movement of the concrete elements. If additional movement is expected (e.g. vibrations, settlements or horizontal displacement) the joints have to be adapted accordingly. Joints must be properly dimensioned as changes are normally no longer possible after construction. Basis for calculation of the necessary joint width are the technical characteristic values of the joint sealant and the adjacent building materials, the exposure of the building elements and their construction size.

Joint length (m) per 600 ml unipac

Joint depth D (mm)	Joint width (mm)				
	10	15	18	20	30
12	4.8	3.3	2.7	2.5	1.6
15	4.0	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.3
17	3.5	2.3	2.0	1.8	1.1
20	3.0	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.0

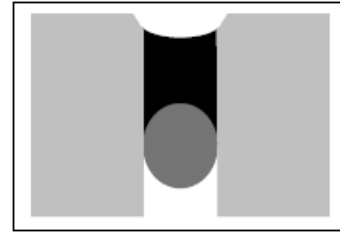
The stated values are indications only.

Joint detailing

Proposal for floor joint detailing:



The flush joint design rules out trip hazards and dirt traps.



The recessed joint design protects the sealant against mechanical loads.

See also Annex 1, page 14 of the DIBt (German institute for Construction Technology) European technical approval (ETA-09/0272).

Substrate Quality

The substrate must be clean and dry, homogeneous, free from grease, dust and loose particles. Paint, laitance and other poorly adhering particles must be removed. Clean joints with compressed air. Standard construction rules must be observed.

The Sikaflex®-Tank N joint sealing system is approved for application on uncoated liquid proofed precast concrete elements with a national technical approval for use in storage / filling/ handling facilities for water-polluting liquids or grade B 35 BII in-situ concrete to DIN 1045 as "FD" (liquid proof) concrete or "FDE" (penetration-tested liquid-proof) concrete.

Substrate Preparation / Priming

Non porous substrates

Aluminium, anodised aluminium, stainless steel, galvanised steel, powder coated metals or glazed tiles have to be cleaned and pre-treated with Sika Activator-205 by using a clean towel. Before sealing allow a flash-off time >15 min (max.6 hours).

Metals like copper, brass, titanium-zinc, etc. have to be cleaned and pre-treated with Sika Activator-205 by using a clean towel. After a flash-off time >15 minutes, apply Sika Primer-3 N by using a brush and allow a flash-off time >30 minutes (max. 8 hours) before sealing.

PVC has to be cleaned and thereafter pre-treated with Sika MultiPrimer Marine by using a brush. Before sealing allow a flash-off time > 30 min (max.8 hours).

Porous substrates

Concrete, aerated concrete and cementitious plasters, mortars, brick, etc. have to be primed with Sika Primer-3 N by using a brush. Before sealing allow a flash-off time >30 minutes (max. 8 hours).

For detailed instructions consult the Product Data Sheet for pre-treatments or contact our Technical Department.

Primers are adhesion promoters. They neither substitute for the correct cleaning of the surface nor improve its strength significantly.

For Sikafloor 381 / 381 AS; Sikafloor 390 / 390 AS and Sikafloor 400.

Cleaning of the floor is recommended e. g. with Sika® Thinner C. It must be ensured that the coats are fully cured. Before priming beads or runs in the coating have to be removed. The coating must have adequate strength and adhesion to the substrate. (The Sikafloor water protection systems do not form part of the national technical approval for the joint-sealing system).



Application Conditions / Limitations

Substrate Temperature	+5°C min. / +40°C max.
Ambient Temperature	+5°C min. / +40°C max.
Dew Point	Substrate temperature must be 3° C above the dew point.

Application Instructions

Application Method / Tools	<p>Sikaflex[®]-Tank N is supplied ready to use.</p> <p>After suitable joint and substrate preparation, insert Backing Rod to required depth and apply primer if necessary. Insert cartridge into sealant gun and firmly extrude Sikaflex[®]-Tank N into joint making sure that it is full contact with the sides of the joint. Fill the joint, avoiding air entrapment. Sikaflex[®]-Tank N should be tooled firmly against joint sides to ensure good adhesion.</p> <p>Masking tape should be used where sharp exact joint lines or exceptionally neat lines are required. Remove the tape whilst the sealant is still uncured.</p>
Cleaning of Tools	Clean all tools and application equipment with Sika [®] Thinner C immediately after use. Hardened / cured material can only be removed mechanically.

Notes on Application / Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elastic sealants should generally not be over painted.• Compatible coatings may cover the joint sides to max. 1 mm. The compatibility must be tested according to DIN 52 452-2.• Colour deviations may occur due to exposure to chemicals, high temperatures, UV-radiation (especially with colour shade white). However a change in colour will not adversely influence the technical performance or the durability of the product.• Before using on natural stone contact our Technical Service.• Do not use Sikaflex[®]-Tank N as a glass sealer, on bituminous substrates, natural rubber, EPDM rubber or on building materials which might bleed oils, plasticisers or solvents which could attack the sealant.• Do not use Sikaflex[®]-Tank N to seal swimming pools.
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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.
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Health and 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 Sheet which is available on www.sika.co.nz or on request.• If in doubt always follow the directions given on the pack label.
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