

# Sikaflex®Construction (AP)

## 1-part polyurethane sealant for building joints

**Product Description** Sikaflex®Construction (AP) is a one part, moisture curing, elastic joint sealant based on polyurethane. It is suitable for outdoor applications.

**Uses** Sikaflex®Construction (AP) is used as a general purpose sealant for sealing joints in building construction such as movement and construction/isolation joints around windows and doors, facades, claddings etc. in concrete, brick, wood, metal and PVC sections and structures etc.

- Characteristics / Advantages**
- One component, ready to use
  - Weather resistance, excellent aging resistance
  - Movements capability 25%
  - Very good adhesion to many substrates
  - Excellent workability
  - High tear resistance

### Tests

**Approval / Standard** ISO 11600 ( Type F Class 25HM/20LM )

### Product Data

#### Form

**Colours** White, concrete grey, black, beige

**Packaging** 600 ml sausages, 20 sausages per box

#### Storage

**Storage Conditions / 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.

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## Technical Data

<b>Chemical Base</b>	1-part polyurethane, moisture curing	
<b>Density</b>	~ 1.3 kg/l (colour concrete grey)	(DIN 53479)
<b>Skinning Time</b>	~ 4 hours (+23°C / 50% r.h.)	
<b>Curing Rate</b>	~ 3 mm/24 hours (+23°C / 50% r.h.)	
<b>Movement Capability</b>	25%	
<b>Joint Dimensions</b>	Min. width = 10 mm / max. width = 35 mm	
<b>Sag-Flow</b>	0 mm, very good	(DIN EN ISO 7390)
<b>Service Temperature</b>	-40°C to +70°C	

## Mechanical / Physical Properties

<b>Tear Strength</b>	> 6 N/mm (+23°C / 50% r.h.)	(DIN 53515)
<b>Shore A Hardness</b>	~ 30 after 28 days (+23°C / 50% r.h.)	(DIN 53505)
<b>E-Modulus</b>	~ 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup> at 100% elongation (+23°C / 50% r.h.)	(DIN EN ISO 8340)
<b>Elongation at Break</b>	~ 600% (+23°C / 50% r.h.)	(DIN 53504)
<b>Elastic Recovery</b>	> 70% (+23°C / 50% r.h.)	(DIN EN ISO 7389 B)

## System Information

### Application Details

#### Consumption / Joint Design

The joint width must be designed to suit the movement capability of the sealant. In general the joint width must be > 10 mm and < 35 mm.  
A width to depth ratio of ~ 2 : 1 must be maintained.

#### Standard design dimensions for concrete elements as per DIN 18 540 /table 3:

Joint distance	2 m	2 - 3.5 m	3.5 - 5 m	5 - 6.5 m	6.5 - 8 m
Design joint width	15 mm	20 mm	25 mm	30 mm	35 mm
Min. joint width	10 mm	15 mm	20 mm	25 mm	30 mm
Joint depth	8 mm	10 mm	12 mm	15 mm	15 mm

Minimum joint width for perimeter joints around windows: 10 mm

All joints must be properly designed and dimensioned by the specifier and the main contractor in accordance with the relevant standards, because changes are not usually feasible after construction. The basis for calculation of the necessary joint width are the technical values of the joint sealant and the adjacent building materials, plus the exposure of the building, its method of construction and its dimensions.

#### Approximate consumption

Joint width	10 mm	15 mm	20 mm	25 mm	30 mm
Joint depth	8 mm	8 mm	10 mm	12 mm	15 mm
Joint length / 600 ml	~ 7.5 m	~ 4.5 m	~ 2.5 m	~ 1.6 m	~ 1.3 m

*Backing:* Use only closed cell, polyethylene foam backing rods.

<b>Substrate Quality</b>	Clean and dry, homogeneous, free from oils and grease, dust and loose or friable particles. Cement laitance must be removed.
<b>Substrate Preparation / Priming</b>	<p><i>Non porous substrates:</i></p> <p>E.g. metals, powder coatings etc. have to be cleaned with a fine abrasive pad and Sika® Cleaner-205 by using a clean towel / cloth.</p> <p>After a flash off time of at least 15 min, apply Sika® Primer-3 N by using a brush.</p> <p>Before sealing allow a flash off time of at least 30 min. (max. 8 hrs.).</p> <p>For PVC use Sika® Primer-215.</p> <p>Before sealing allow a flash off time of at least 30 min. (max. 8 hrs.).</p> <p><i>Porous substrates:</i></p> <p>E. g concrete, aerated concrete and cementitious renders, mortars, brick, etc. have to be primed with Sika® Primer-3 N by using a brush.</p> <p>Before sealing allow a flash off time of at least 30 min. (max. 8 hrs.).</p> <p>Important note: Primers are only adhesion promoters. They neither substitute for the correct cleaning of the surface nor improve their strength significantly.</p> <p>Primers improve long term performance of a sealed joint.</p> <p>For further information refer to the Sika® Primer table.</p>
<b>Application Conditions / Limitations</b>	
<b>Substrate Temperature</b>	+5°C min. / +35°C max.
<b>Ambient Temperature</b>	+5°C min. / +35°C max.
<b>Substrate Moisture Content</b>	Dry
<b>Application Instructions</b>	
<b>Application Method / Tools</b>	<p>Sikaflex® Construction (AP) 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 sausage into sealant gun and firmly extrude Sikaflex® Construction (AP) into joint making sure that it is full contact with the side of the joint. Fill the joint, avoiding air entrapment. Sikaflex® Construction (AP) must be tooled firmly against joint sides to ensure good adhesion.</p> <p>Masking tape must be used where sharp exact joint lines or exceptionally neat lines are required. Remove the tape whilst the sealant is still soft. Slick joint with smoothing liquid for a perfect sealant surface.</p>
<b>Cleaning of Tools</b>	Clean all tools and application equipment with Sika® Remover-208 / Sika® TopClean-T immediately after use. Hardened / cured material can only be mechanically removed.

**Notes on Application /  
Limitations**

Elastic sealants may 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® Construction (AP) as a glass sealer, on bituminous substrates, natural rubber, EPDM rubber or on building materials which might bleed oils, plasticizers or solvents which could attack the sealant.

Do not use Sikaflex® Construction (AP) to seal swimming pools.

Not suitable for joints with water pressure or permanent water immersion.

Only use in good ventilated areas

The freshly applied sealant has a smell similar to 'Amaretto' until it has fully cured (benzaldehyde).

**Do not mix with or expose uncured Sikaflex® Construction (AP) to substances that may react with isocyanates, especially alcohols which are often components within e.g. thinners, solvents, cleaning agents and formwork releasing compounds. Such contact could interfere or prevent the cross linking curing reaction of the material.**

**Value Base**

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 and Safety  
Information**

For information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the most recent Material Safety Data Sheet containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

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