

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sikaflex®-591

Multifunctional sealant for marine applications

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	Very good
Application temperature	5 – 40 °C (41 – 104 °F)
Skin time (CQP019-1)	35 minutes ^A
Open time (CQP526-1)	20 minutes ^A
Curing speed (CQP049-1)	(see diagram)
Shrinkage (CQP014-1)	1 %
Shore A hardness (CQP023-1 / ISO 48-4)	45
Tensile strength (CQP036-1 / ISO 527)	2.2 MPa (320 psi)
Elongation at break (CQP036-1 / ISO 527)	500 %
Tear propagation resistance (CQP045-1 / ISO 34)	15 N/mm (85 pli)
Service temperature (CQP513-1)	-50 – 80 °C (-58 – 176 °F)
Shelf life	12 months ^B

CQP = Corporate Quality Procedure

^A) 23 °C (73 °F) / 50 % r. h.^B) storage below 25 °C (77 °F)
DESCRIPTION

Sikaflex®-591 is a sealant based on Sika's Silane Terminated Polymer (STP) technology. With its excellent resistance against the harsh maritime weathering conditions it can be used for a wide range of applications.

Sikaflex®-591 meets the low spread flame requirements (FTP Code Part 5) set out by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

PRODUCT BENEFITS

- IMO approved
- Can be used above and below the water line
- Free of isocyanate, solvents, PVC, phthalates and tin catalysts
- Highly elastic
- Excellent weathering stability
- Very good processing and tooling characteristics
- Bonds well to a wide variety of marine substrates

AREAS OF APPLICATION

Sikaflex®-591 is a multipurpose sealant designed for marine applications. It is suitable for elastic, vibration-resistant joint seals and for a wide variety of interior and exterior sealing applications.

Sikaflex®-591 bonds well to substrates commonly used in the marine industry.

Sikaflex®-591 is not suitable for applications with teak wood and plastics that are prone to stress cracking (e.g. PMMA, PC, etc.).

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®-591 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).

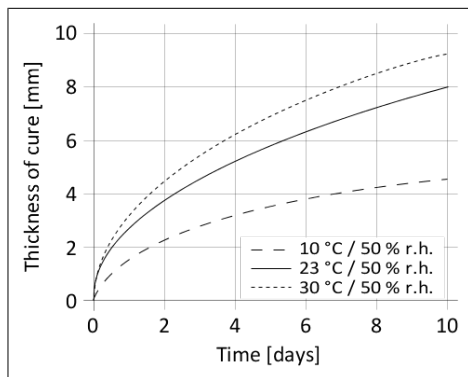


Diagram 1: Curing speed Sikaflex®-591

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Sikaflex®-591 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 and dust.

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®-591 can be processed between 5 °C and 40 °C (41 °F and 104 °F) but changes in reactivity and application properties have to be considered. The optimum temperature for substrate and sealant is between 15 °C and 25 °C (59 °F and 77 °F). Sikaflex®-591 can be processed with hand, pneumatic or electric driven piston guns.

In case Sikaflex®-591 could get in contact with polyurethane ensure that those products are cured or wait at least 24 hours prior to seal.

Tooling and finishing

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

Removal

Uncured Sikaflex®-591 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 or a suitable industrial hand cleaner and water. Do not use solvents on skin!

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Copies of the following publications are available on request:

- Safety Data Sheets
- General Guidelines
Bonding and Sealing with 1-component Sikaflex® and SikaTack®
- Sika® Pre-Treatment Chart
Silane Terminated Polymer

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Cartridge	300 ml
Unipack	600 ml

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY

For further information and advice regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, user should refer to the actual Safety Data Sheets containing physical, environmental, toxicological and other safety related data. User must read the current actual Safety Data Sheets before using any products. In case of an emergency, call CHEMTREC at 1-800-424-9300, International 703-527-3887.

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