

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

SikaMelt[®]-230

Multipurpose hot melt pressure sensitive adhesive

TYPICAL PRODUCT DATA (FURTHER VALUES SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET)

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| Chemical base | Thermoplastic rubber |
| Colour (CQP001-1) | Yellowish, clear |
| Cure mechanism | Physical hardening |
| Density | 0.99 kg/l |
| Viscosity (by Brookfield) | 160 °C 18 000 mPa·s |
| Softening temperature (CQP538-5) | 95 °C |
| Application temperature | 150 - 170 °C short term max. 1h 200 °C ^A |
| SAFT (CQP560-1) | 67 °C |
| Peel strength (CQP568-1) | 35 N/25 mm ^B |
| Shelf life | 24 month |

CQP = Corporate Quality Procedure

^{A)} only valid for nozzle^{B)} 23 °C / 50 % r. h.
DESCRIPTION

SikaMelt[®]-230 is a multipurpose pressure sensitive hot melt adhesive based on thermoplastic rubber for a wide range of applications. It is mainly used for the production of technical tapes. Another typical application is the assembly of felt materials for insulation purposes.

PRODUCT BENEFITS

- Good tack
- High peel strength
- Very high cohesion

AREAS OF APPLICATION

SikaMelt[®]-230 is designed to adhere to papers, films and metal foils, textiles, foams and a wide variety of other materials. It is especially suitable for the manufacturing of self-adhesive products and components.

SikaMelt[®]-230 is not to be used on substrates containing monomeric plasticiser.

This product is suitable for experienced professional users only. Tests with actual substrates and conditions have to be performed ensuring adhesion and material compatibility.

CURE MECHANISM

SikaMelt®-230 is a physically hardening adhesive.

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

SikaMelt®-230 is resistant to aqueous surfactant, weak acids and caustic solutions.

The chemical resistance is influenced by several factors such as chemical composition, concentration, period of exposure and temperature. Therefore a project related testing in case of chemical or thermal exposure is required.

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Surface Preparation

Surfaces must be clean, dry and free from grease, oil and dust.

Based on the surface and type of material, a physical or chemical pre-treatment might be required. Type of pre-treatment must be determined by preliminary tests.

Application

With adequate processing equipment SikaMelt®-230 can be applied directly or by transfer method.

It can be applied as film, dot, bead or spray application. For automated applications a suitable filter system is required.

Due to the better adhesion performance the direct method is usually chosen whenever possible. The transfer method is often used in combination with substrates that are porous and absorbing such as foams or when they are sensitive to high temperature such as thin PE films. To protect the adhesive surface against dust, light and oxygen it is necessary to cover the adhesive film with silicone coated paper or foil.

To meet the required application properties the adhesive viscosity can be adjusted by adapting the application temperature (see diagram 1).

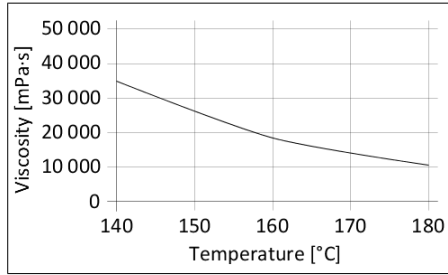


Diagram 1: Viscosity as function of temperature

During breaks SikaMelt®-230 is to be processed as follows:

For breaks ≥ 1 h the heating needs to be lowered to 80 °C and for breaks ≥ 4 h the heating needs to be switched off.

To ensure a constant quality during the whole production process it is recommended to protect the adhesive in the melting tank with nitrogen or carbon dioxide (to avoid possible reaction of the product with oxygen).

For advice on selecting and setting up suitable processing equipment contact the System Engineering Department of Sika Industry.

Removal

SikaMelt®-230 may be removed from tools and equipment with Sika® Remover-208 or another suitable solvent.

Hands and exposed skin have to be washed immediately using hand wipes such as Sika® Cleaner-350H or a suitable industrial hand cleaner and water.

Do not use solvents on skin.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

SikaMelt®-230 has to be stored at temperature below 40 °C in a dry place.

For transportation purposes, the storage temperature can be exceeded for a period of max. 4 weeks up to 60 °C.

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

PACKAGING INFORMATION

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| Compartments box | 12 kg |
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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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

User must read the most recent corresponding Safety Data Sheets (SDS) before using any products. The SDS provides information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products and contains physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

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