

**BUILDING TRUST** 

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto

1-component polyurethane sealant for CBR

# TYPICAL PRODUCT DATA (FURTHER VALUES SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET)

Chemical Base	1-component polyurethane
Color (CQP001-1)	White, black
Cure Mechanism	Moisture-curing
Density (Uncured)	1.30 kg/l
Non-Sag Properties	Good
Application Temperature ambient	5 – 40 °C
Skin Time (CQP019-1)	35 minutes
Curing Speed (CQP049-1)	(see diagram)
Shore A Hardness (CQP023-1 / ISO 48-4)	50
Tensile Strength (CQP036-1 / ISO 527)	1.5 MPa
Elongation at Break (CQP036-1 / ISO 527)	400 %
Tear Propagation Resistance (CQP045-1 / ISO 34)	7 N/mm
Service Temperature (CQP513-1)	-40 – 90 °C
Shelf Life	12 months <sup>B</sup>
CQP = Corporate Quality Procedure A) 23 °C / 50 % r. h.	<sup>B)</sup> stored below 25 °C

# DESCRIPTION

Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto is 1-component polyurethane sealant designed for CBR market. It is suitable for sheet metal sealing applications. It bonds well to a variety of substrates like metals, metal primers and paint coatings(2-C systems) and ceramic materials.

# **PRODUCT BENEFITS**

Easy to apply

Can be painted

- Can be sanded
- Combine with hem-flange nozzle
- Bonds well to a wide variety of substrates

# AREAS OF APPLICATION

Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto is a universal sealant for crash body repair (CBR), which is used to create a continuous bonding seal on interior automotive body joints.

Seek manufacturer's advice and perform tests on original substrates before using Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto on materials prone to stress cracking. This product is suitable for experienced professional users only. Tests with actual substrates and conditions have to be performed ensuring adhesion and material compatibility.

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# CURE MECHANISM

Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto 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® Auto

#### CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto 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, dust and contaminants.

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<sup>®</sup> 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® Auto can be processed between 5 °C and 40 °C (climate and product) but changes in reactivity and application properties have to be considered. The optimum temperature for substrate and process material is between 15 °C and 25 °C. Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto can be processed with manual, pneumatic or electric driven piston guns.

## **Tooling and Finishing**

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

#### Removal

Uncured Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto may be removed from tools and equipment with Sika<sup>®</sup> 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 such as Sika<sup>®</sup> Cleaner-350H or a suitable industrial hand cleaner and water.

Do not use solvents on skin.

#### Overpainting

Sikaflex<sup>®</sup> Auto can be painted after formation of a skin. If the paint requires a baking process, best performance is achieved by allowing the sealant to fully cure first. 1C-PUR and 2C-acrylic based paints are usually suitable. All paints have to be tested by carrying preliminary trials under manufacturing conditions.

The elasticity of paints is usually lower than that of sealants. This could lead to cracking of the paint in the joint area.

# 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
- Sika Pre-treatment Chart
- For 1-component Polyurethane General Guideline
- Bonding and Sealing with 1-component on request. Sikaflex®

#### PACKAGING INFORMATION

Cartridge	300 ml
Unipack	400 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.

# HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

For information and advice regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the actual Safety Data Sheets containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

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