Construction

Sikagard®-550 W Elastic

Crack bridging protective coating for concrete

Product Description	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic is a one component, plasto-elastic coating based on UV-curing acrylic dispersion with excellent crack-bridging properties even at temperatures below 0°C. Sikagard®-550 W Elastic complies with the requirements of EN 1504-2 as protective coating.
Uses	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic is used for protection and enhancement of concrete structures (normal and lightweight concrete), especially exposed outdoor concrete surfaces with a risk of cracking Sikagard®-550 W Elastic is used with concrete repair works as an elastic protective coating on Sika® smoothing mortar (refer to product / system data sheet), fibre cement and overcoating of existing soundly adhering coatings ■ Suitable for protection against ingress (Principle 1, method 1.3 of EN 1504-9), ■ Suitable for moisture control (Principle 2, method 2.3 of EN 1504-9) ■ Suitable for increasing the resistivity (Principle 8, method 8.3 of EN 1504-9)
Characteristics / Advantages	■ Crack-bridging even at low temperatures (-20°C) ■ High diffusion resistance against CO_2 reducing the rate of carbonation ■ Water vapour permeable ■ Very good resistance against weathering and ageing ■ Environmentally friendly (solvent free) ■ Reduced tendency to dirt pick up and contamination

Tests

Approval / Standards	Conforms to the requirements of BS EN 1504-2. LPM Report A-33'882-2 dated July 09 Complies with the requirements for Class 0, as defined in paragraph A13(b) of approved document B 'fire safety' to the Building regulations dated 20.11.2012 Nr 323721 & 323722 The product is included in a compilation of tested products and systems as per OS 5a (OS DII) at the German Institute of Road Systems

Product Data

Form

Appearance / Colours	Thixotropic liquid available in almost every colour shade.
Packaging	15 l round metal pail

Storage

Storage Conditions / Shelf-Life	12 months from date of production if stored properly in undamaged and unopened original sealed packaging in cool and dry conditions. Protect from direct sunlight and frost.

Technical Data

Chemical Base	Acrylate dispersion
Density	~ 1.39 kg/l (at +20°C)
Solid Volume	~ 53.4%
Solid Content	~ 66.1%
Layer Thickness	Minimum required dry thickness to achieve the required characteristics (CO_2 equivalent air thickness of 50 m) = 160 microns. Minimum required dry thickness to achieve full durability characteristics (CO_2 diffusion, adhesion after thermal cycling and crack bridging) = 340 microns.

Carbon Dioxyde Diffusion Coefficient (μCO_2)

Dry film thickness	d = 160 µm
Equivalent air layer thickness	$S_{D,}\ CO_2$ = 51 m
Diffusion coefficient CO_2	$\mu CO_2 = 3.1 \times 10^5$
Requirements for protection	$S_{D,}\ CO_2 \geq 50$ m

Water Vapour Diffusion Coefficient (μH_2O)

Dry film thickness	d = 230 µm
Equivalent air layer thickness	$S_{D,}\ H_2O$ = 0.35 m
Diffusion coefficient H_2O	$\mu H_2O = 1.5 \times 10^3$
Requirements for breathability	$S_{D,}\ H_2O \leq 5$ m

Mechanical / Physical Properties

Elongation at Tear	Elongation at break at room temperature (not exposed to weathering): 120% Elongation at break at -20°C: 70%	
Crack-Bridging Capacity	Class A1 (-20°C)	EN 1062-7
Cross Cut	GT 0	EN ISO 2409
Capillary Absorption	w = 0,02 kg/(m²$h^{0.5}$)	EN 1062-3
Pull-Off	2,9 (2,8) N/mm²	EN 1542
Adhesion after Thermal Compatibility	For Outside Application with De-Icing Salt Influence: 2,9 (2,1) N/mm²	EN 13687-part 1 & part 2
Artificial Weathering	Pass after 2000 hours	EN 1062-11

System Structure

System	Product [1]	Number of applications
Priming [2]	Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer	1
Top coat[3]	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic	2 – 3

Note[1]
Please refer to the respective data sheet for additional information.

Note[2]
For very difficult substrate (very dense or weak with tensile strength < 1 N/mm^2) and at low temperature, use solvent containing primer Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer.

Note[3]
In case of an intensive yellow or red colour shade and/or a dark substrate, more than two coats might be required.

A third coat is also required in order to achieve the required thickness for full durability (crack bridging, adhesion after thermal cycling, etc.)

Application Details

Consumption

Product	Per coat
Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer	~ 0.10 - 0.15 kg/m^2
Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer	~ 0.10 - 0.15 kg/m^2
Sikagard®-550 W Elastic	~ 0.25 - 0.35 kg/m^2

Substrate Preparation

Exposed concrete without existing coating:

The surface must be dry, sound and free from loose and friable particles. Suitable preparation methods are steam cleaning, high pressure water jetting or blastcleaning.

New concrete must be at least 28 days old.

If required, a smoothing coating (e.g. Sika® MonoTop®-620, Sikagard®-720 EpoCem®, Sikagard®-545 W Elastofill, etc.) shall be applied – refer to the respective product data sheet. For cement based products, allow a curing time of at least 4 days before coating (except when Sikagard®-720 EpoCem® is used, then coating can be applied within 24 hours).

Exposed concrete with existing coating:

Existing coatings must be tested to confirm their adhesion to the substrate and their suitability - adhesion test average > 0.8 N/mm^2 with no single value below 0.5 N/mm^2. – refer to BS EN 1504-2 for more details

For water based coating, use Sikagard-552 W Aquaprimer as primer.

For solvent based coating, use Sikagard-551 S Elastic Primer as primer.

In case of doubt, carry out adherence testing to determine which primer is most suitable – wait at least 2 weeks prior to conduct the adhesion test - an average value of 0.8 N/mm² is required with no single value below 0.5 N/mm².

Application Conditions / Limitations

Substrate Temperature	+8°C min. / +35°C max.
Ambient Temperature	+8°C min. / +35°C max.
Relative Air Humidity	< 80%
Dew Point	Temperature must be at least 3°C above dew point.

Application Instructions

Mixing

The materials are supplied ready for use. Stir thoroughly prior to application.

Application Method / Tools

Apply Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer or Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer evenly onto the substrate. For use on very dense substrates up to 10% Sika Thinner C may be added to Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer.

Sikagard®-550 W Elastic can be applied by brush, roller or airless spray.

Cleaning of Tools

Clean all tools and application equipment with clean water immediately after use. Hardened / cured material can only be removed mechanically.

For Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer use Sika® Thinner C.

Waiting Time / Overcoating

Waiting time between coats at +20°C substrate temperature:

Previous coating	Waiting time	Next coating
Sikagard®-552 W Aquaprimer	5 hours min.	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic
Sikagard®-551 S Elastic Primer	18 hours min.	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic
Sikagard®-550 W Elastic	8 hours min.	Sikagard®-550 W Elastic

Note: When application is on existing coatings, the waiting time for both primers will increase by 100%.

Refresher coats of Sikagard®-550 W Elastic can be applied without priming if the existing coat has been thoroughly cleaned.

Notes on Application / Limitations

Do not apply when there is:

- Expected rain
- Relative humidity > 80%
- Temperature below +8°C and/or below dew point
- Concrete younger than 28 days

The system is resistant to aggressive atmospheric influences.

Dark colour shades (especially black, dark red and blue, etc.) may fade more rapidly than other lighter tone colours. Refreshing coat might be required at earlier interval than usual.

Curing Details

Curing Treatment

Sikagard®-550 W Elastic does not require any special curing but must be protected from rain for at least 4 hours at +20°C.

Applied Product ready for use

Full cure: ~ 7 days at +20°C

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.

Legal Notes

The information, and, in particular, the recommendations relating to the application and end-use of Sika products, are given in good faith based on Sika's current knowledge and experience of the products when properly stored, handled and applied under normal conditions in accordance with Sika’s recommendations. In practice, the differences in materials, substrates and actual site conditions are such that no warranty in respect of merchantability or of fitness for a particular purpose, nor any liability arising out of any legal relationship whatsoever, can be inferred either from this information, or from any written recommendations, or from any other advice offered. The user of the product must test the product’s suitability for the intended application and purpose. Sika reserves the right to change the properties of its products. The proprietary rights of third parties must be observed. All orders are accepted subject to our current terms of sale and delivery. Users must always refer to the most recent issue of the local Product Data Sheet for the product concerned, copies of which will be supplied on request.

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EU Regulation 2004/42

VOC - Decopaint Directive

According to the EU-Directive 2004/42, the maximum allowed content of VOC (Product category IIA / **c** type **wb**) is 40 g/l (Limits 2010) for the ready to use product.

The maximum content of **Sikagard®-550 W Elastic** is < 40 g/l VOC for the ready to use product.

CE Labelling

The harmonised European standard EN 1504-2 "Products and systems for the protection and repair of concrete structures – Definitions, requirements, quality control and evaluation of conformity – Part 2 Surface protection system for concrete" specifies the requirements for coatings to be used to protect concrete structures (either building or civil engineering structures).

Coatings used as concrete protection fall under this specifications – they need to be CE-labelled as per Annex Za, table Za.1d & 1e, conformity 2+ and 4 and fulfil the requirements of the given mandate of the Construction Product Directives (89/106/EC).

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Surface protection products

Protective coating

Permeability to CO_2	**S_D > 50 m**
Permeability to water vapour	**S_D < 5 m (class I)**
Capillary absorption and permeability to water	**$\omega < 0{,}1\ kg/m^2.h^{0,5}$**
Adhesion Strength by pull-off test	**≥ 0,8 (0,5) N/mm²**
Reaction to fire after application	**Class F**
Dangerous substances comply with 5.3	

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