

# SikaTite-BE

## Acrylic based bitumen waterproofing membrane

Construction

### Description

SikaTite-BE is a water based bitumen emulsion modified with acrylic latex polymers. It can be applied as a waterproof membrane, sealant, protective coating or adhesive. It is designed for use underground, internal and immersed areas.

### Uses

SikaTite-BE is suitable for use in commercial, residential, industrial, rural and automotive applications. Waterproofing applications include:

- Retaining walls.
- Cellars and basements.
- Planter boxes.
- Ponds, and water features.
- Gutter repairs
- Roofing
- Repair of existing bitumen surfaces and membranes.

SikaTite-BE can also be mixed with sand and cement to create waterproof screeds, renders, fillets and fillers.

SikaTite-BE is suitable for application to common building substrates including concrete, render, masonry, fibre cement, sheet, timber, clay brick, concrete block, aerated concrete, asphalt, treated metal and existing bitumen.

### Advantages

- **Water based**, free of solvents and toxins.
- Excellent waterproofing properties.
- Can be used in varying thicknesses.
- Excellent bonding capabilities.
- Can be applied to damp surfaces.
- Can be mixed with sand/cement to improve adhesion, tensile strength, flexibility, sound dampening and to create falls.
- Can be painted or coated over.
- Easy to apply and work with.
- Can be applied to a wide range of substrates.

### Storage and Shelf Life

Stored in original sealed packaging, in dry conditions away from direct sunlight, this product will keep for at least twelve (12) months.

### Instructions for Use

#### Surface Preparation

Remove dirt, dust, oil, grease and all other contaminants from the surface. Any surface irregularities should be filled using SikaMonoTop repair mortars, Sikadur-41 epoxy repair mortar, or a repair mortar incorporating SikaTite-BE.

#### Priming

A priming coat must be used on all substrates as part of the surface preparation. On concrete and masonry substrates the prime coat can be formed using the acrylic based SikaTite Porous, or non-Porous primer, as required (consult Product Data Sheet), or by diluting 1 part SikaTite-BE with 3 parts water. On asphalt, bitumen, treated metal, plastic or smooth substrates, the prime coat should consist of 1 part SikaTite-BE and 1 part water.

#### Application

SikaTite-BE can be applied by brush, roller, airless spray or trowel. It can be applied to horizontal or vertical surfaces.

For general waterproofing work, SikaTite-BE should be applied at a minimum of 2 coats. It is recommended that 2 coats be applied at a total minimum of 1.5 litres per m<sup>2</sup> to give a wet film thickness of approximately 1.2 mm. Apply subsequent coats at different directions to the previous. Coverage is dependant on the condition of the surface and will vary accordingly.

## Application (continued)

### Reinforcement

Reinforcement can be provided using Sika Fabric embedded in between coats of SikaTite-BE. The fabric should be used over cracks (up to 2mm), and joints. The fabric should be applied into the first coat of SikaTite-BE whilst it is wet, and it should not be visible after the final coat.

### Mixing

**One component:** When SikaTite-BE is applied as a one component system, it is recommended that the material be lightly stirred before application.

**Two component:** SikaTite-BE can be mixed with a sand and cement mix, or a pre-bagged mortar, to form a mortar, screed, or render, with waterproofing properties. To create a mortar, add SikaTite-BE to a pre-formed sand/cement mix. 3 parts sand to 1 part cement which should be mixed with water to form a working mortar before SikaTite-BE is added. The greater the amount of SikaTite-BE added will result in a more waterproof and flexible finish (use 3 parts mortar to 1 part SikaTite-BE as a starting point). This application is ideal when forming fillets at junctions, levelling floors and walls, filling voids or forming low build waterproof screeds.

## Cleaning

All tools and equipment can be cleaned with water immediately after use. Hardened material can only be removed mechanically.

## Technical and Physical Data

<b>Colour</b>	Charcoal brown when wet Charcoal black when dry
<b>Volume of solids</b>	40%
<b>Curing times</b>	Tack free: 1-2 hours approx. Recoat time: 2-4 hours approx. Trafficable: 4-24 hours approx.
<b>Application Temperature</b>	10°C to 35°C
<b>Service Temperature</b>	10°C to 60°C
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.2 kg / litre (without mortar added)
<b>Shore A</b>	52 approx.
<b>Tensile strength (AS1145)</b>	0.3 MPa
<b>Elongation (AS1145)</b>	824%
<b>Water vapour transmission (ASTM E96-95)</b>	1.2g every 24 hours per m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Crack bridging (ASTM C876:95)</b>	Cracks up to 2mm

## Packaging

SikaTite-BE: 1, 4, & 15 litre pails  
SikaTite Porous: 1 litre pail or 5 litre pail  
SikaTite Non-Porous primer: 1 litre pail or 5 litre pail  
Sika Fabric: 100m rolls (various widths)



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## Important Notes

- SikaTite-BE is subject to surface crazing when continuously exposed to UV light.
- A minimum of 10 days curing is required before SikaTite-BE lined tanks can be filled with water.
- When using over existing paints, membranes and coatings, trials are recommended before applications.
- SikaTite-BE should not be used as a trafficable surface.
- Do not apply when rain is imminent.
- Do not apply when surface temperature is below 10°C or above 35°C.
- All finish coatings over this membrane must be water based and solvent free such as Sikalastic® 560
- Not recommended for block walls, or negative pressure applications. Use Sikalastic 1K
- Wall/floor junctions must be filleted using SikaTite-BE in a fillet form. This is formed by mortar 3:1 sand to cement, wet into working consistency then mix 1 part mortar to 2 parts SikaTite-BE. Trowel into position forming a curved fillet or 45 degree angle fillet. This is the point with the greatest head of pressure.
- Bond breaker beads using polyurethane or silicone sealant are not compatible with SikaTite-BE
- In confined, humid or cool areas where drying is restricted, it is recommended to incorporate a 5% cement slurry into the SikaTite-BE product to be applied, which will assist as a drying catalyst. Cement slurry consist of 50-50 portland cement and water.,

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## Handling Precautions

- Avoid contact with skin, eyes and avoid breathing in vapour.
- Wear protective gloves when mixing or using this product.
- If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre.
- If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting, give a glass of water.
- If skin contact occurs, wash immediately and thoroughly with soap and water.
- If in contact with the eyes, hold eyes open, flood with water for at least 15 minutes and see a doctor.
- A full Material Safety Data Sheet is available from Sika on request.

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