

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

SikaBiresin® AP078 (Formerly P-78)

Styrene-Free Polyester Filler with High Temperature Resistance

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES (FOR FURTHER VALUES SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET)

Properties	SikaBiresin® AP078 (A) Resin	Cream Hardener (B)
Composition	Polyester	Benzoyl peroxide
Mix ratio by weight	100	2
Aspect	Thixotropic paste	Liquid paste
Color	White	White, black, red
Color (mixed)	Various	
Density at 77°F (25°C) (mixed)	8.2 lbs./gal (.98 g/cc)	
Pot life (100g) at 77°F (25°C)	40.0 – 50.0 Minutes	
Finish schedule	2 – 4 Hours	

DESCRIPTION

SikaBiresin® AP078 is a styrene-free, long-working time, polyester-based, industrial filler paste. It is specifically formulated for filling, fairing, and repair applications and can be used in high service temperatures applications up to 400°F (204°C). The 40 to 50 minute pot life of SikaBiresin® AP078 makes it ideal for large fairing and repair applications. In its mixed, uncured state, SikaBiresin® AP078 has a smooth, creamy consistency that enables the user to make quick repairs with minimal air entrapment. Once cured, the material can be sanded to a feather-edge, and it can accept virtually all types of coatings and decorative films without any blush or discoloration.

PRODUCT BENEFITS

- Excellent adhesion to a wide range of substrates
- Styrene-free
- Long pot life for large applications
- Minimal shrinkage
- Low moisture absorption
- Suitable for above and below waterline applications
- High temperature resistance (up to 400°F)

AREAS OF APPLICATION

SikaBiresin® AP078 is suitable for applications on fiberglass, SMC, FRP, epoxy, vinyl ester, polyester, graphite, Kevlar®, aluminum, wood, and other substrates. The materials' longer working time makes it ideal for large fairing and repair applications. SikaBiresin® AP078 can also be used for FRP panel surfacing and honeycomb panel edge fill. SikaBiresin® AP078 can be used for above and below waterline applications in the marine industry.

Tests with actual materials and conditions have to be performed to ensure satisfactory performance.

TYPICAL MECHANICAL AND THERMAL PROPERTIES

Properties, Test Method	SikaBiresin® AP078 (A) Resin	Cream Hardener (B)
Hardness, Shore D ASTM D2240	75	
Adhesive pull strength to: ASTM D-4541		
Polyester filler -	400 (2.8 Mpa)	
Mahogany –	540 (3.7 Mpa)	
Epoxy glass laminate -	430 (3.0 Mpa)	
Water absorption - 24 hr @ RT, ASTM D570	0.08 %	
Peak service temperature	400 (204)	

Cure schedule: 7 Days at 77°F (25°C)

PROCESSING

Surface Preparation and Application

To ensure optimal adhesion, the area to be filled or repaired should be thoroughly cleaned, sanded/roughened, re-cleaned, and allowed to dry prior to application.

Mixing Instructions

Stir contents of resin can thoroughly using a spatula or putty knife. Place the required amount of filler and cream hardener on a disposable clean surface. Mix 100 parts paste to 2 parts cream hardener by weight. Set up time of mix at room temperature will be 10-20 minutes

Application

The mixed SikaBiresin® AP078 should be applied and worked into the area, taking caution to avoid air entrapment. After curing to a tack-free state, the material can be sanded and finished as needed.

Normal health and safety precautions should be observed when handling these products:

- Ensure adequate ventilation
 - Wear gloves, glasses, and protective clothes
- For further information, please consult the Safety Data Sheets

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Product shelf life of SikaBiresin® AP078 (A) is 12 months when stored in original unopened containers between 65 – 77°F (15 – 25°C).

Shelf life of Cream Hardener (B) is

18 months when stored in original unopened containers between 65 – 77°F (15 – 25°C).

Keep containers tightly closed. Polyester resin contains filler which has the potential to separate in time, please re-homogenize prior to use.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Packaging information is available upon request. Please contact your local Sika sales representative.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Advice on specific applications will be given on request. To contact Sika Corporation's Industry Technical Services Department, send an email to tsmh@us.sika.com. Copies of Safety Data Sheets and Product Data Sheets are available upon request.

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

3-527-3887.

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