

## **BUILDING TRUST**

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sika® Grout Aid

Expanding, water-reducing, retarding high-lift grouting aid

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sika® Grout Aid is a balanced blend of expanding, retarding, and water-reducing agents for Portland cement grouts. It provides a slow, controlled expansion prior to the grout hardening.

## **USES**

Use for high-lift grouting of all concrete block and clay brick.

## **CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES**

- A water reduction of at least 10 % is typical with the use of Sika® Grout Aid.
- Expansion action largely compensates for loss of grout volume.
- Increased water retention extends length of time that grout remains plastic so it may be vibrated.
- Allows for leaner mix.
- Superior place-ability and expansion in-place reduces cracks and cold joints.
- Retardation of setting time allows a longer period of time for expansive action to take place.
- Higher shear and bond values.

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging	42 lb (19 kg) bag
Appearance / Color	White powder
Shelf Life	12 months from date of production if stored properly in original, unopened and undamaged sealed packaging
Storage Conditions	Store dry at 65–80 °F (18–27 °C) Protect from moisture. If damp, discard material

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Mixing Ratio	~ 1 lb (454 g) of Sika® Grout Aid per 100 lbs (45.4 kg) of cementitious material.
	<ul> <li>The following typical mix design serves only as a basis for trial mixes.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Actual mix designs must be tested prior to use.</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Proportions are by weight, unless noted.</li></ul>

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## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

#### MIXING

- Sika® Grout Aid is added in powder form to the grout mix in the transit-mixer at the job site in order to assure its action will not be altered by length of haul, mixer speed, or temperature build-up.
- Add slowly if added too rapidly, lumps or balls may form.
- Sika® Grout Aid may be premixed with water and added as a solution provided correct dosage is maintained

The Grout Mix shall contain:

- no less than 6 sacks of Type I or Type II Portland cement (preferably low alkali)
- 60 to 65 % sand
- 35–40 % pea gravel
- 6 lbs. of Sika® Grout Aid per yard A slump of 8 to 10" (20.3-25.4 cm) should be maintained

## **LIMITATIONS**

- Design mixes should always be tested to verify satisfactory performance, specifically as it relates to strength, bleed, flow and segregation. The use of this admixture will alter physical properties.
- Not recommended as a non-shrink admixture for conventionally placed concrete.
- Grout shall not be used if more than 1.5 hr. have elapsed after addition of Grout Aid.
- This material is to be used only in grout containing coarse aggregate which is for high-lift grouting of concrete block and clay face brick or other hard burned masonry.

## **BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA**

Results may differ based upon statistical variations depending upon mixing methods and equipment, temperature, application methods, test methods, actual site conditions and curing conditions.

## **OTHER RESTRICTIONS**

See Legal Disclaimer.

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- KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
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