



Parex MVS for Concrete and Masonry Units Section – 04 43 13.16 or 04 70 00

Weather resistant surfacing system incorporating a Parex air/water-resistive barrier and adhered veneer finish.

INTRODUCTION

This specification refers to application of the Parex MVS over concrete and concrete masonry units (CMU) walls.

DESIGN RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of both the specifier and the purchaser to determine if a product is suitable for its intended use. The designer selected by the purchaser shall be responsible for all decisions pertaining to design, detail, structural capability, attachment details, shop drawings and the like. The Parex® brand of Sika Corporation US (herein referred to as “Sika”) has prepared guidelines in the form of specifications, typical application details, and product bulletins to facilitate the design process only. Sika is not liable for any errors or omissions in design, detail, structural capability, attachment details, shop drawings or the like, whether based upon the information provided by Sika or otherwise, or for any changes which the purchasers, specifiers, designers or their appointed representatives may make to Sika published comments.

The International Building Code and TMS 402/602 *Building Code Requirements and Specification for Masonry Structures* do not place a specific height limit on this application. However local building code may impose certain restrictions that would limit the height that the system can be placed. Consult the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) for the project to ensure local requirements are satisfied.

Design and Detailing a Parex MVS Concrete/CMU Surfacing System

General: The system shall be installed in strict accordance with current recommended published details and product specifications from the system’s manufacturer.

A. Substrate Systems:

1. Acceptable substrates are Concrete Masonry Units (excluding fluted block; split faced block should be assessed on project by project basis) brick and concrete walls.

B. System Joints:

1. It is the sole responsibility of the project design team, including the architect, engineer, etc., to ultimately determine specific expansion joint placement, width and design. Detail specific locations in construction drawings.
2. Sealant joints are required at all penetrations through the Parex System.
3. For a list of acceptable sealants refer to *Acceptable Sealants for use with Parex Systems* technical bulletin.

C. Grade Condition: The Parex MVS Concrete/CMU system surfacing is not intended for use below grade or on surfaces subject to continuous or intermittent immersion in water or hydrostatic pressure. Per NCMS/MSV guide for installation of adhered manufactured stone

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veneer - maintain a 2" (51 mm) clearance from grade or ½" (13 mm) from a paved surface provided that frost heave of adjacent surfaces is taken into consideration.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Consult Sika Facades' Technical Services Department for specific recommendations concerning all other applications. Consult the Parex website, usa.sika.com/parex, for additional information about products, systems, and updated literature.

PART 1 GENERAL

NOTE TO SPECIFIER: Items in blue/underlined indicate a system option or choice of options. Throughout the specification, delete those which are not required or utilized.

1.01 SECTION INCLUDES

- A. Parex products are listed in this specification to establish a standard of quality. Any substitutions to this specification shall be submitted to and receive approval from the Architect at least 10 days before bidding. Proof of equality shall be borne by the submitter.
- B. Parex MVS Concrete/CMU Surfacing System: consisting of an optional Parex air/water-resistive barrier and Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive.

1.02 RELATED SECTIONS

- A. Products installed, but not supplied under this section: substrate, flashing and sealant.

1.03 SUBMITTALS

- A. Submit under provisions of Section [\[01 33 00\] \[x\]](#).
- B. Product Data: Provide data on Parex MVS Concrete/CMU Surfacing System materials, product characteristics, performance criteria, limitations and durability.
- C. Certificate: System manufacturer's approval of applicator.
- D. Sealant: Sealant manufacturer's certificate of compliance with ASTM C1382.
- E. System manufacturer's current specifications, typical details, system overview and related product literature which indicate preparation required, storage, installation techniques and jointing requirements.

1.04 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Manufacturer: More than 10 years in the industry, with more than 1000 completed projects.
- B. Applicator: Approved by Sika in performing work of this section.
- C. Regulatory Requirements: Conform to applicable code requirements resurfacing system.
- D. Field Samples:
 - 1. Provide under provisions of Section [\[01 43 36\]](#) [\[01 43 39\]](#).
 - 2. Prepare each sample panel using the same tools and techniques to be used for the actual application.
 - 3. Locate sample panel where directed.
 - 4. Accepted sample panel [\[may\]](#) [\[may not\]](#) remain as part of the work.
- E. Testing:

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1. Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive:

TEST	METHOD	CRITERIA	RESULTS
Compressive Strength	ASTM C 109	N/A	4000 psi
Freeze-Thaw	ASTM C 666	Procedure A- cycles rapid freezing and thawing in water. 40°F - 0°F - 40°F in not less than 2 hours and not more than 5 hours; modified using full IVS composite in place of concrete beam	> 100 cycles, no failure of MaxGrip
Shear Strength	ANSI 118.4	28 days \geq 200 psi After 7 day water immersion \geq 150 psi	565 psi at 28 days 306 psi after 7 day water immersion
Shear Strength	ANSI A118.15	7 days \geq 300 psi 28 days \geq 400 psi After 7 days water immersion \geq 200 psi	487 psi at 7 days 565 psi at 28 days 306 psi after 7 day water immersion
Shear Bond	ASTM C482	Minimum 50 psi	130 psi - Directly to molded cement mortar bed specified in ASTM 151 psi and 141 psi respectively - to Parex 121 Base Coat and Parex 121 Dry Base Coat over molded cement mortar bed specified in ASTM C482.

1.05 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- A. Deliver, store and handle products under provisions of Section [01 65 00] [01 66 00] [].
- B. Deliver Sika materials in original unopened packages with manufacturer's labels intact.
- C. Protect Sika materials during transportation and installation to avoid physical damage.
- D. Store Sika materials in a cool, dry place protected from freezing. Store at no less than 40°F/4°C.
- E. Store Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive at a minimum of 40°F. In cold weather, keep containers at room temperature for at least 24 hours before using.
- F. Store Sikawall Sheathing Fabric and Sikawall Flash Seal Np flexible flashing in a cool, dry place protected from exposure to moisture.

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1.06 PROJECT/SITE CONDITIONS

- A. Do not apply Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive in ambient temperatures below 40°F/4°C. Provide properly vented, supplementary heat during installation and drying period when temperatures less than 40°F/4°C prevail. Do not apply in ambient temperature above 100°F (38°C) or surface temperature above 120°F (49°C).
- B. Do not apply materials to frozen surfaces.
- C. Maintain ambient temperature at or above 40°F/4°C during and at least 24 hours after material installation and until dry.

1.07 SEQUENCING AND SCHEDULING

- A. Coordinate and schedule installation of Parex MVS Concrete/CMU Surfacing System with related work of other sections.
- B. Coordinate and schedule installation of trim, flashing, and joint sealers to prevent water infiltration behind the existing system.
- C. Coordinate and schedule installation of windows, doors, A/C units, air seals etc. if being removed and replaced.

1.08 WARRANTY

- A. Provide Sika standard warranty for the Parex Adhered Veneer Surfacing System installations under provisions of Section [01 07 00].
- B. Comply with Parex application instructions and notification procedures to assure qualification for warranty.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Parex MVS Concrete/CMU Surfacing System manufactured by Sika Corporation US.

2.02 MATERIALS

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A. Air/water-Resistive Barrier Components:

- 1. Air/Water-Resistive Barrier: (Optional)
 - a. Parex WeatherTech AB AB: A one-component fluid-applied vapor impermeable air/water-resistive barrier.

B. Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive: A high-strength specially formulated adhesive used to fasten manufactured stone, ceramic tile and thin brick.

C. Adhered Veneer (By Other):

- 1. Manufactured Stone Veneer Units: shall comply with ICC-ES AC51 Acceptance Criteria Adhered Manufactured Stone Masonry Veneer or ASTM C1670 Standard Specification for Adhered Manufactured Stone Masonry Veneer Units.
- 2. Thin Brick Veneer Units: shall comply with ASTM C1088 Standard Specification for Thin

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Veneer Brick Units Made from Clay or Shale.

3. Tile: shall comply with requirements of the Tile Council of North America/ANSI A137.1 Standard for Ceramic Tile and other applicable TCNA standards.
4. Pointing mortar (as applicable): per the adhered veneer manufacturers recommendations for the specific veneer installed.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine surfaces to receive Parex MVS Concrete/CMU Surfacing System and verify that substrate and adjacent materials are dry, clean, cured, sound and free of releasing agents, paint, or other residue or coatings. Verify substrate surface is flat, free of fins or planar irregularities greater than 1/4" in 10' (6.4 mm in 3 m).
- B. Ensure adhesion tests meet the requirements listed in the *Basics of Conducting Adhesion Testing* Parex technical bulletin.
- C. Fill large voids and irregularities with appropriate parging or cement mortar materials.
- D. Control/expansion joint type and placement shall be the responsibility of the architect/engineer and substrate manufacturer.
- E. Unsatisfactory conditions shall be reported to the general contractor and corrected before application of the Parex MVS Concrete/CMU Surfacing System.

3.02 PREPARATION

- A. All surfaces to receive Parex MVS Concrete/CMU Surfacing System components must be clean, dry and free of airborne contaminants.
- B. Protect all surrounding areas and surfaces from damage and staining during application of Parex Adhered Veneer Surfacing System.
- C. Protect finished work at end of each day to prevent water penetration.

3.03 MIXING

General: No additives are permitted unless specified in product mixing instructions. Close containers when not in use. Prepare in a container that is clean and free of foreign substances. Do not use a container which has contained or been cleaned with a petroleum-based product. Clean tools with soap and water immediately after use.

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A. Air/Water-Resistive Barriers:

1. : Mix with a clean, rust-free paddle and drill until thoroughly blended. Do not add water.

B. Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive:

1. Skim Coat: Prepare to mix one bag in a 5-gallon (19-liter) pail that is clean and free of foreign substances. 1.0 - 1.25 gallons (3.8 - 4.7 liters) of clean, potable water to a pail. Add a full bag of Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive to the pail in small increments, mixing after each addition. Mix with a low speed drill with a 4-sided mortar paddle until thoroughly blended. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes, then remix/retemper for 1 minute before use.

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2. Light Weight Adhered Veneer such as Thick Brick: Prepare to mix one bag in a 5-gallon (19-liter) pail that is clean and free of foreign substances. Add 1.0 - 1.25 gallons (3.8 - 4.7 liters) of clean, potable water to a pail. Add a full bag of Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive to the pail in small increments, mixing after each addition. Mix with a low speed drill with a 4-sided mortar paddle until thoroughly blended. Additional water may be added to adjust workability, do not exceed 1.25 gallons. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes, then remix / retemper for 1 minute before use. The mixed material should have a thick putty consistency and not slide off the trowel when held vertically.
3. Heavy Stone and Tile: Prepare to mix one bag in a 5-gallon (19-liter) pail that is clean and free of foreign substances. Add 0.75 - 1.0 gallons (2.8 - 3.8 liters) of clean, potable water to a pail. Add a full bag of Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive to the pail in small increments, mixing after each addition. Mix with a low speed drill with a 4-sided mortar paddle until thoroughly blended. Additional water may be added to adjust workability, do not exceed 1 gallon. Let stand for 5 to 10 minutes, then remix / retemper for 1 minute before use. The mixed material should have a thick putty consistency and not slide off the trowel when held vertically.

3.04 APPLICATION

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A. Air/Water-Resistive Barriers:

1. Substrate shall be dry, clean, sound, and free of releasing agents, paint, or other residue or coatings. Verify substrate is flat, free of fins or planar irregularities greater than ¼" in 10' (6.4 mm in 3 m).
2. Unsatisfactory conditions shall be corrected before application of the Parex air/water-resistive barriers.
3. Apply the SikaWall Sheathing Fabric and Parex air/water-resistive barrier in accordance with the Parex air/water-resistive barrier technical data guide and details.
4. Installed materials shall be checked before continuing system application.

B. Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive:

Note Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive shall be applied and veneer installed such that the adhesive is free of voids. Allow Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive to cure for 24-hours before applying pointing mortar.

Prior to installing the adhered veneer, apply Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive as a skim coat over the substrate (or optional Parex Weathech VB AB) at approximately 1/6" (1.6mm) thick. Apply to an area that can be covered with adhered veneer before the skim coat dries. Allow skim coat layer to set for 3-5 minutes, then proceed with adhering the selected veneer.

1. Thin brick veneer: Spread Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive onto the back of bricks in a continuous layer nominally 3/16" to ¼" (5 - 6mm) thick and press bricks firmly into place on the substrate.
2. Stone veneer: Apply Parex Thin Veneer Adhesive to the back of clean stone veneer in a continuous layer nominally ¼" to 3/8" (6 - 9mm) thick. Press firmly in place with a twisting movement until excess material exudes from the sides of the unit. Remove excess Parex

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Thin Veneer Adhesive between units.

3. Tile: Installation should proceed in accordance with ANSI A 108.5 (the type and size of the tile will dictate adhesive application.)

3.05 CLEANING

- A.** Clean work under provisions of Section [\[01 74 00\] \[x\]](#).
- B.** Clean adjacent surfaces and remove excess material, droppings, and debris.

3.06 PROTECTION

- A.** Protect Sika materials from rain and temperatures below 40°F (4°C) for 24 hours or until dry.
- B.** Protect installed construction under provisions of Section [01 76 00]

END OF SECTION

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WARRANTY

Prior to each use of any product of Sika Corporation, its subsidiaries or affiliates ("SIKA"), the user must always read and follow the warnings and instructions on the product's most current product label, Product Data Sheet and Safety Data Sheet which are available at usa.sika.com/parex or by calling SIKA Facades' Technical Service Department at 1-800-226-2424. Nothing contained in any SIKA literature or materials relieves the user of the obligation to read and follow the warnings and instructions for each SIKA product as set forth in the current product label, Product Data Sheet and Safety Data Sheet prior to use of the SIKA product.

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