

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sika® Stabilizer-1518 TBM

Foaming agent for TBM - EPBM tunneling

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sika® Stabilizer-1518 TBM is a specially designed liquid soil conditioning foaming agent without glycol. It has been formulated to be used with earth pressure balance machines (EPBM) for modifying the properties of the excavated soil particularly in highly cohesive soils.

USES

- Produces a stable foam which can be easily injected into highly cohesive soils during tunnelling operations with earth pressure balance machines (EPBM)

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Modifies properties of the excavated soil
- Improves the excavation process and TBM performance
- Can be used in acid and basic soils
- Lubricating properties minimises friction between soil particles and reduces the cutting wheel torque
- Prevents clay from plugging
- Reduces dust in the air and decreases the wear of cutters in rock excavation (adopt low FER and FER parameters during application)
- Easy to handle and use
- Normal or hard fresh water can be used to produce the foam

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	Anionic surfactants and high efficiency polymer
Packaging	275 US gallon totes (1040 Liters) Bulk delivery Custom packaging is available to suit specific project requirements
Shelf Life	12 months from date of production
Storage Conditions	Store in original, unopened and undamaged packaging in dry conditions at temperatures between 41°F - 95°F (5 °C - 35 °C) Always refer to packaging
Appearance / Color	Clear, Slightly Yellow Liquid
Specific gravity	Approx. 1.05
Solubility	Completely soluble in water
pH-Value	Approx. 5.5

SYSTEM INFORMATION

Compatibility

Compatible with Sika® admixtures and other Sika® products.
Contact your Sika STM Technical Representative for more information.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage

Dosage	~1.5 % to 3.0 %
Foam Expansion Ratio (FER)	~1:2 to 1:20
Foam Injection Ratio (FIR)	~10 % up to 100 %

This information is a guide only and will be specific to each soil type.
Preliminary trials in the laboratory must always be carried out to determine foam parameters, such as dosage FER and FIR.
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Mixing

Inject through standard TBM dosing and foaming equipment

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY

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OTHER RESTRICTIONS

See Legal Disclaimer.

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- KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
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