



## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sikagard®-550 W Elastocolor

### Low-VOC Elastomeric Wall Coating

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor is a low-VOC, elastomeric, crack-bridging, anti-carbonation, acrylic protective coating. Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor provides protection to reinforced concrete from the ingress of carbon dioxide and other aggressive gasses. It offers high resistance to chlorides and other waterborne salts and excellent UV light resistance. Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor will not act as a vapor barrier and will enhance the appearance of the structure.

#### USES

Protective, crack-bridging coating for concrete, mortar, stucco, masonry, and exterior finishing systems subject to cracking/dynamic movement. For use on building and civil engineering structures subject to cracking or as the top coat in complete repair and protection systems.

#### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Can bridge dynamically moving cracks.
- Excellent carbonation barrier.
- Vapor permeable.
- Provides resistance to weathering and frost.
- Crack bridging properties maintained at low temperatures.
- Excellent long term UV light resistance.
- Can be applied by brush, roller, or airless spray.
- Good color stability.
- Extremely resistant to dirt pick up and mildew.
- Non-flammable as a system.
- Easily maintained silk finish.
- Low-VOC (SCAQMD compliant)

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

<b>Packaging</b>	5 gallon pail
<b>Shelf Life</b>	2 years in original unopened container
<b>Storage Conditions</b>	Store dry at 40°-95°F (4°-35°C) Condition material to 60°-75°F (15°-25° C) before using. Protect from freezing. If frozen discard.
<b>Color</b>	469 standard colors. Custom color-matching available.
<b>Solid content by mass</b>	62%
<b>Solid content by volume</b>	55%
<b>Volatile organic compound (VOC) content</b>	12.4 g/l

<b>Tensile Strength</b>		0°F (-17°C)	73°F (23°C)	(ASTM D-412)
	Strength	1100 psi	200 psi	21 days
	Elongation at Break	225%	625%	
<b>Crack Bridging Ability</b>	Static	30 mils (0.75 mm)		(16 mils @ -4°F/-20°C)
	Dynamic	12 mils (0.3 mm)		
<b>Resistance to wind-driven rain</b>	No passage of water through coating			(TT-C-555B)
<b>Permeability to Water Vapor</b>	14.5 perms			(ASTM E-96)
<b>Diffusion Resistance to Water Vapor</b>	μ - value H <sub>2</sub> O (diffusion coefficient)	2,146		(16 mils)
	SdH <sub>2</sub> O (equivalent air thickness)	2.6 ft. (0.8 m)		
<b>Lap Shear Strength</b>	μ - value CO <sub>2</sub> (diffusion coefficient)	214,000		(16 mils after 2000 hrs accelerated weathering)
	R (equivalent air thickness)	299 ft. (91 m)		
	Sc (Equivalent concrete thickness)	9 in. (23 cm)		
<b>Resistance to Weathering</b>	10,000 hrs.	Excellent, no chalking or cracking		(ASTM G-23)
<b>Reaction to Fire</b>	Flame Spread	5		(ASTM E-84)
	Smoke Development	5		
	Class Rating	A		
<b>Coverage</b>	Theoretical yield per coat: 100 ft <sup>2</sup> /gal/coat. Recommended 'wet' film thickness: 16 mils/coat. Recommended 'dry' film thickness: 8 mils/coat. Normal coating system is two coats at a total dry film thickness of 16 mils. Consumption is dependent on porosity of substrate. In addition, allowance must be made for surface profile, unavoidable variation in applied film thickness, loss and waste. Sikagard® Elastic Base Coat can be used as a first coat in a two coat system of Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor.			
<b>Pot Life</b>	Indefinite, provided proper care is taken in protecting the system from moisture, freezing, contamination, or evaporation			
<b>Waiting / Recoat Times</b>		45°F (8°C)	68°F (20°C)	85°F (30°C)
	Sikagard® 552W Primer+Sikagard® 550W	24 hrs	12 hrs	6 hrs
	Sikagard® 550W	12 hrs	8 hrs	6 hrs
	Rain resistant (at 75% R.H.)	24 hrs	4 hrs	2 hrs
(Note: Over coating old coatings will increase the waiting times by 100%)				

## 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.

## LIMITATIONS

- Not designed for use as a traffic bearing surface.
- Substrates must be dry prior to application.
- Minimum age of concrete prior to application is 14 days, depending on curing and drying conditions

- (moisture content must be below 5%).
- Minimum age of SikaTop®, SikaRepair®, or SikaQuick® prior to application is three days, depending on curing and drying conditions (moisture content must be below 5%).
  - Allow sufficient time for substrate to dry after rain or other inclement conditions.
  - Protect from freezing. If frozen, discard.
  - Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor should not be applied at relative humidity greater than 90%, or if rain is forecast within the specified rain resistance period.
  - Maximum crack width 1/32".
  - During application, regular monitoring of the wet film thickness and material consumption is advised to ensure that the correct layer thickness is achieved. When over-coating existing coatings, compatibility and adhesion testing is recommended.
  - When over-coating Sikaflex® sealants, a prime coat of Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor Accent Base Coat may be necessary over the sealant to minimize dirt pick up on cured coating.
  - Do not store Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor in direct sunlight for prolonged periods.
  - Strong winds can cause shrinkage if material is applied at lower temperatures.
  - Ensure that the primer is thoroughly dry before over-coating to prevent formation of bubbles and blisters, particularly in warmer weather.
  - Not recommended for roofing.

## ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

All surfaces to be coated must be dry, clean, sound, and frost free with curing compound residues and any other foreign matter removed. An open textured sandpaper like surface is ideal (CSP-3). Where necessary, surfaces should be prepared mechanically by blast cleaning or high speed pressure waterjetting. Allow adequate time for drying. Bug holes, cracks or irregularities of substrate should be filled and leveled with SikaTop®, SikaRepair®, SikaQuick® or acrylic surface fillers as appropriate. Cracks 1/32" or greater should be routed and sealed with a polyurethane sealant before coating.

**Priming:** All porous areas or concrete with excessive porosity should be primed using Sikagard® 552W Primer or SikaLatex® R to allow easy application of Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor.

### MIXING

Stir the coating to ensure uniformity using a slow speed (400-600 rpm) drill and 1/2" jiffy style mixing paddle. To minimize color variation when using multiple units, blend two pails of Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor. Use one pail and maintain the second pail to repeat this procedure (boxing) for the entire application.

### APPLICATION

Any areas of glass or other surfaces should be masked.

Recommended application temperatures (ambient and substrate) 45°-95°F (7°-35°C). Sikagard® 550W Elastocolor can be applied by brush, roller, or spray over entire area moving in one direction. Allow a minimum of two hours prior to re-coating. At lower temperatures and high humidity, waiting time will be prolonged. At higher temperatures, work carefully to maintain a wet edge. As with all coatings, job site mock-ups should always be completed to confirm acceptability of workmanship, material and aesthetics.

**NOTE:** To achieve a dry film thickness of 16 mils, two coats should be anticipated. For maximum adhesion, (especially on porous substrates) the use of Sikagard® 552W is recommended. Sikagard® 552W primer can be applied by brush or roller. Brushing provides more even and pore free coats and better penetration.

## OTHER RESTRICTIONS

See Legal Disclaimer.

## LEGAL DISCLAIMER

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- KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN
- NOT FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION
- FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY
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