

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sikaflex®-226

Multi-purpose, flexible polyurethane sealant adhesive

## TYPICAL PRODUCT DATA (FURTHER VALUES SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET)

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| Chemical base                          | 1-component polyurethane                 |
| Color                                  | White, navy gray, bronze, aluminum gray  |
| Cure mechanism                         | Moisture-curing                          |
| Density (uncured)                      | 1.21 kg/l (10.1 lb/gal)                  |
| Non-sag properties                     | Good                                     |
| Application temperature                | product, ambient 10 – 35 °C (50 – 95 °F) |
| Skin time (CQP019-1)                   | 4 hours                                  |
| Open time (CQP526-1)                   | 60 minutes <sup>A</sup>                  |
| Curing speed (CQP049-1)                | (see diagram 1)                          |
| Shore A hardness (CQP023-1 / ISO 48-4) | 30                                       |
| Tensile strength (ASTM D412)           | 2.4 MPa (350 psi)                        |
| Elongation at break (ASTM D412)        | 800 %                                    |
| Service temperature                    | -40 – 90 °C (-40 – 194 °F)               |
| Shelf life (CQP016-1)                  | 12 months <sup>B</sup>                   |

CQP = Corporate Quality Procedure

<sup>A</sup>) 23 °C (73 °F) / 50 % r. h.<sup>B</sup>) storage below 25 °C (77 °F)

## DESCRIPTION

Sikaflex®-226 is an elastic 1-component polyurethane sealant adhesive especially designed for bonding and sealing components in vehicle and cargo assemblies. It maintains flexibility with a high bond strength that provides remarkable durability.

## PRODUCT BENEFITS

- Bonds well to a wide variety of substrates
- Good gap-filling properties
- Can be painted
- Flexible for long-lasting durability

## AREAS OF APPLICATION

Sikaflex®-226 bonds well to a wide variety of substrates and is suitable for making permanent elastic seals.

It is ideally used for internal sealing and low-stress bonding applications in bus, truck, trailer, and cargo container assemblies. Suitable substrate materials are metals, metal primers and paint coatings (2-component systems), ceramic materials and plastics.

Seek manufacturer's advice and perform tests on original substrates before using Sikaflex®-226 on materials prone to stress cracking.

This product is suitable for experienced professional users only.

Tests with actual substrates and conditions have to be performed ensuring adhesion and material compatibility.

## CURE MECHANISM

Sikaflex®-226 cures by reaction with atmospheric moisture. At low temperatures the water content of the air is generally lower and the curing reaction proceeds somewhat slower (see diagram 1).

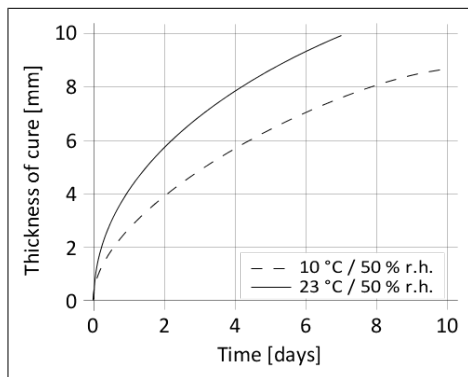


Diagram 1: Curing speed of Sikaflex®-226

## CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

Sikaflex®-226 is generally resistant to fresh water, seawater, diluted acids and diluted caustic solutions; temporarily resistant to fuels, mineral oils, vegetable and animal fats and oils; not resistant to organic acids, glycolic alcohol, concentrated mineral acids and caustic solutions or solvents.

## METHOD OF APPLICATION

### Surface Preparation

Surfaces must be clean, dry and free from grease, oil, dust and contaminants.

Surface treatment depends on the specific nature of the substrates and is crucial for a long lasting bond. Suggestions for surface preparation may be found on the current edition of the appropriate Sika® Pre-treatment Chart. Consider that these suggestions are based on experience and have in any case to be verified by tests on original substrates.

### Application

Sikaflex®-226 can be processed at temperatures (climate and product) between 10 °C and 35 °C (50 °F and 95 °F) but changes in reactivity and application properties have to be considered. The optimum temperature for substrate and sealant is between 15 °C and 25 °C (59 °F and 77 °F).

Consider that the viscosity will increase at low temperature. For easy application, condition the adhesive at ambient temperature prior to use.

Sikaflex®-226 can be processed with manual, pneumatic or electric driven piston guns as well as pump equipment.

The open time is significantly shorter in hot and humid climate. The parts must always be installed within the open time. Never join bonding parts if the adhesive has built a skin.

For advice on selecting and setting up a suitable pump system, contact the System Engineering Department of Sika Industry.

### Tooling and finishing

Tooling and finishing must be carried out within the skin time of the product. It is recommended using Sika® Slick. Other finishing agents must be tested for suitability and compatibility prior the use.

### Removal

Uncured Sikaflex®-226 may be removed from tools and equipment with Sika® Remover-208 or another suitable solvent. Once cured, the material can only be removed mechanically.

Hands and exposed skin have to be washed immediately using a suitable industrial hand cleaner and water.

Do not use solvents on skin.

### Overpainting

Sikaflex®-226 can be painted after formation of a skin. If the paint requires a baking process, best performance is achieved by allowing the sealant to fully cure first. 1C-PUR and 2C-acrylic based paints are usually suitable. All paints have to be tested by carrying preliminary trials under manufacturing conditions.

The elasticity of paints is usually lower than that of sealants. This could lead to cracking of the paint in the joint area.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The information herein is offered for general guidance only. Advice on specific applications is available on request from the Technical Department of Sika Industry.

Copies of the following publications are available on request:

- Safety Data Sheets
- Sika Pre-treatment Chart  
For 1-component Polyurethanes
- General Guideline  
Bonding and Sealing with 1-component Sikaflex®

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

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| Cartridge | 300 ml      |
| Unipack   | 600 ml      |
| Drum      | 50 gal (US) |

## 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

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