

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

SikaFiresil® Marine N

Fire-rated sealant with low flame spread characteristics

TYPICAL PRODUCT DATA (FURTHER VALUES SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET)

Chemical base	1-component silicone
Color (CQP001-1)	Light grey
CURE MECHANISM	Moisture-curing
Cure type	Neutral
Density (uncured)	1.45 kg/l
Non-sag properties (CQP061-4 / ISO 7390)	Good
Application temperature	ambient 5 – 40°C
Skin time (CQP019-1)	15 minutes ^A
Tack free time (CQP019-3)	120 minutes ^A
Curing speed (CQP049-1)	(see diagram)
Shore A hardness (CQP023-1 / ISO 48-4)	25 ^B
Tensile strength (CQP036-1 / ISO 527)	1.2 MPa
100 % modulus (CQP036-1 / ISO 37)	0.4 MPa
Elongation at break (CQP036-1 / ISO 37)	650 %
Tear propagation resistance (CQP045-1 / ISO 34)	4 N/mm
Service temperature	-40 – 150 °C
Shelf life	12 months ^C

CQP = Corporate Quality Procedure

^{A)} 23 °C / 50 % r.h.^{B)} after 28 days^{C)} stored below 25 °C

DESCRIPTION

SikaFiresil® Marine N represents a fire retardant 1-component, fast-curing silicone sealant, based on a non-corrosive curing system. The cured product provides a soft, elastic seal, supplying good resistance to fire even when directly exposed to a nearby heat source.

SikaFiresil® Marine N meets the low spread flame requirements (FTP Code Part 5) set out by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

PRODUCT BENEFITS

- Bonds well to a wide variety of substrates
- Good aging and weathering resistance
- High fire resistance
- IMO approved

AREAS OF APPLICATION

General purpose sealant for applications requesting fire resistance in marine applications.

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

SikaFiresil® Marine N 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).

The curing speed of the reaction depends mainly on the relative humidity and temperature. Material temperature above 50 °C could lead to bubble formation and has to be avoided.

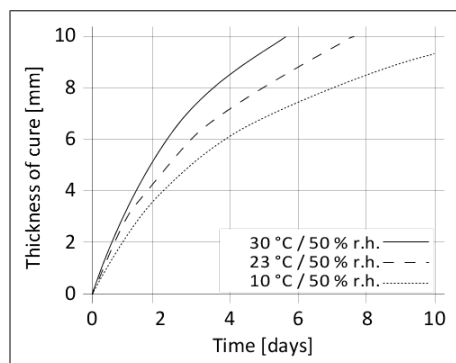


Diagram 1: Curing speed SikaFiresil® Marine N

METHOD OF APPLICATION

Surface Preparation

Surfaces must be clean, dry and free from grease, oil and dust. Surface treatment depends on the specific nature of the substrates and is crucial for a long lasting bond.

Application

The optimum temperature for substrate and sealant is between 15 °C and 25 °C.

SikaFiresil® Marine N can be processed with manual, pneumatic or electric driven piston guns.

Joints must be properly dimensioned.

For optimum performance the joint width needs to be designed according to the movement capability of the sealant based on the actual expected movement. The minimum joint depth is 6 mm and a width / depth ratio of minimum 2 : 1 and maximum 4 : 1 must be respected.

Joints deeper than 15 mm must be avoided.

For backfilling it is recommended to use closed cell, sealant compatible foam backer rods e.g. high resilience polyethylene foam rod. If joints are too shallow for backing material to be employed, we recommend using a polyethylene tape. This acts as a release film (bond breaker), allowing the joint to move and the silicone to stretch freely.

Tooling and finishing

Tooling and finishing must be carried out within the skin time of the sealant or adhesive. When tooling freshly applied SikaFiresil® Marine N press the adhesive to the joint flanks to get a good wetting of the bonding surface. No tooling agents to be used.

Removal

Uncured SikaFiresil® Marine N 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 hand wipes such as Sika® Cleaner-350H or a suitable industrial hand cleaner and water.

Do not use solvents on skin.

Overpainting

SikaFiresil® Marine N cannot be overpainted.

Application Limits

For specific information regarding compatibility between various Sikasil® products contact the Technical Department of Sika Industry.

To exclude materials influencing SikaFiresil® Marine N, all materials such as gaskets, tapes, setting blocks, sealants, etc., in direct and indirect contact have to be approved by Sika in advance.

Where two or more different reactive sealants are used, allow the first to cure completely before applying the next. SikaFiresil® Marine N may only be used in combination with structural glazing applications after a detailed examination of the corresponding project details.

Do not use SikaFiresil® Marine N on PMMA and PC elements as it may cause environmental stress cracking (crazing).

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® Marine Application Guide

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Cartridge	300 ml
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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.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

For information and advice regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the actual Safety Data Sheets containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

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