

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

SikaTard[®]-931

Cement hydration control system

DESCRIPTION

SikaTard-931 is a high quality, liquid, non-chloride chemical admixture which controls the dynamics of cement hydration. It delays hydration by suspending the hydration process and enabling re-activation hours or even days later with no loss of quality in the hardened sprayed concrete.

When dispensed into wet or dry mixes at the batching plant it fully stabilizes the hydration process by forming a protective barrier around the cement particles. SikaTard-931 can be used with all types of cement minerals (C3S, S3A, C2S, C4AF and gypsum).

In order to re-activate the hydration process and accelerate the strength gain in mixes stabilized with SikaTard-931, Sika Sigunit alkali-free accelerator is added at the nozzle or injection point.

USES

- Tunneling and mining
- Temporary and permanent support
- Slope stabilization
- Annulus grouting (TBM)
- Cementitious injection systems

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging	210 liter plastic drums and 1000 liter IBC
Shelf Life	12 months from date of production if stored properly in undamaged unopened, original sealed packaging.
Storage Conditions	Minimum storage temperature is +1°C. If it has frozen, thaw and completely reconstitute with a mild mechanical agitation. Do not use pressurized air for agitation. Please contact your local Sika representative prior to the use of any products that have frozen. The maximum storage temperature is +60°C. Performance tests should always be carried out prior to use.
Appearance / Colour	colorless liquid
Specific gravity	1.13 ± 0.03

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage

Normal recommended dosage of SikaTard-931 varies between 0.2% - 1% by weight of cement. The required dosage depends on: type of cement used, w/c ratio, ambient and concrete temperature and targeted open time.

Dosage indicated in this data sheet is only to be used as a guide-line. To obtain accurate dosage rates, field tests have to be done with cement and aggregates under local conditions. It is recommended that you consult your local Sika representative.

Dispensing

Wet-mix sprayed concrete: Premix aggregates with cement and one half of the mixing water. Under continuous mixing, add SikaTard-931 and a high performance superplasticizer, premixed with the second half of the mixing water, or after all the water has been added. Normal mixing time is sufficient. To avoid slump loss, the recommended minimum water content is 200 l/m³. In the event of unexpected delays, a later addition of 0.2 – 1 % of SikaTard-931 is possible to prolong storage time for a few hours.

Dry-mix sprayed concrete: Premix aggregates with cement. The water content should be between 3 and 6%. Slowly add manually or with a dosing device the necessary quantity of SikaTard-931 under constant mixing and continue to mix for 2 to 3 minutes. If evenly distributed over dry-mix material (e.g. by spraying), mixing time can be reduced.

The addition of SikaTard-931 to the fresh mix is ideal. However, it can be added until up to 30 minutes after mixing of the dry-mix material without any problems.

BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this Product Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

For information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the most recent Material Safety Data Sheet containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Please note that as a result of specific local regulations the performance of this product may vary from country to country. Please consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact description of the application fields.

LEGAL NOTES

The information, and, in particular, the recommendations relating to the application and end-use of Sika products, are given in good faith based on Sika's current knowledge and experience of the products when properly stored, handled and applied under normal conditions in accordance with Sika's recommendations. In practice, the differences in materials, substrates and actual site conditions are such that no warranty in respect of merchantability or of fitness for a particular purpose, nor any liability arising out of any legal relationship whatsoever, can be inferred either from this information, or from any written recommendations, or from any other advice offered. The user of the product must test the product's suitability for the intended application and purpose. Sika reserves the right to change the properties of its products. The proprietary rights of third parties must be observed. All orders are accepted subject to our current terms of sale and delivery. Users must always refer to the most recent issue of the local Product Data Sheet for the product concerned, copies of which will be supplied on request.

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