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# PRODUCT DATA SHEET Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM

Polymer modified bentonite waterproofing system.



# **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM is a self healing waterproofing membrane that is resistant to contaminated soils, forming an automatic mechanical bond to freshly poured concrete. Consisting of two polypropylene geotextiles, a woven fabric and non-woven fabric, enclosing prehydrated homogeneous layer of granular sodium bentonite at a minimum weight of 5000g/m<sup>2</sup>. The two geotextiles are interlocked by a needlepunching process forcing fibres from the non-woven layer through and beyond the woven layer. This process contains and confines the polymer modified bentonite granules and forms a physical link between the geotextiles. A flexible polyethylene layer is integrally bonded to the non-woven geotextile.

# USES

- Damp proofing, water proofing, tanking membrane for horizontally and vertical applications where buildings are expected to be subject to hydrostatic water pressure.
- Below ground reinforced concrete structures
- Effective against diaphragm wall constructions.Direct application onto ground retaining concrete pil-
- Direct application onto ground retaining concrete piring when placed within the piling - concrete interface
   Direct application within steel sheet piling – concrete
- interface
- Can be placed within the formwork.
- Below structural reinforced concrete slabs.

# CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Qualified waterproofing tanking membrane in accordance with BS8102:2022
- Water tightness of the laps tested to BS EN 1928.
- Designed to offer protection in areas subject to changing geological conditions such as flood plains, areas of soil settlement and brown field constructions.
- Application ensures performance stability in high water table environments and constructions which are subject to future alterations in water levels.
- An effective barrier against ground water in saline environments.
- Easy to install, no primers required.
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- Can be applied in temperatures below 0°C
- Will self heal when subjected to a head of water<sup>1</sup>.
- Can be applied during conditions of high humidity.
- Major constructions benefit from speed of application.
- 0.3mm PE backing gives effective Radon barrier in accordance with BRE211.

<sup>1</sup> Damaged area size less than 2mm. Self-healing varies subject to moisture, confinement and compression levels.

# **APPROVALS / STANDARDS**

- Conforms to the requirements of BS EN 1928 (24h/60 KPa) Watertightness to liquid water
- Declaration of performance CPR-0554-MAXLM-25-07
- CE Certificate No. 1301 CPD 0554
- EN 13491:2007 Geosynthetic barriers "Characteristics required for use as a fluid barrier in the construction of tunnels and underground structures
- EN 13492:2004 Geosynthetic barriers "Characteristics required for use in the construction of liquid waste disposal sites, transfer stations or secondary containment"

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- EN 13493:2007 Geosynthetic barriers "Characteristics required for use in the construction of solid waste storage and disposal sites"
- EN 13361:2004 Geosynthetic barriers "Characteristics required for use as a fluid barrier in the construction of reservoirs and dams"
- EN 13362:2006 Geosynthetic barriers "Characteristics required for use in the construction of Canals
- BBA Certificate 16/5342 for waterproofing structures

# **PRODUCT INFORMATION**

Appearance / Colour Effective Thickness	Black woven / White non-woven geotextiles, yellow polyethylene laminate		
Storage Conditions	Store properly in dry conditions in undamaged and unopened original sealed packaging.		
Shelf Life	2 years from date of production		
Packaging	1.1m x 5m rolls 2.5m x 25m rolls (available on request) (tolerance ±3%)		
Chemical Base	Polymer modified natural sodium bentonite and polypropylene geotextiles		

## SYSTEM INFORMATION

System Structure	<ul> <li>Sika® BentoShield® Max LM is installed with the woven geotextile in contact with the concrete surface to be waterproofed.</li> <li>No priming is required as the system mechanically bonds to poured concrete thus forming an integral seal which prevents water migration.</li> <li>By lapping joints with a minimum overlap of 100 mm between adjoining edges and 100 mm between roll ends a continuous waterproof barrier is created. Laps should be staggered by 300 mm to avoid a build up of product in one location.</li> <li>All vertical lap joints are sealed with Sika BentoShield SS50 Bonding Tape. Horizontal lap joints can be sealed with Sika BentoShield SS50 Bonding Tape, a 5 mm x 50 mm fillet of Sika BentoShield Granules or a similar fillet of Sika BentoShield Paste, and closed with staples or fixing system.</li> </ul>		
Resistance to Static Puncture	> 1850N	(EN ISO 12236)	
Tensile Strength	> 10 kN/m	(ASTM D 6768)	
Adhesion in peel	> 2,5 kN/m	(ASTM D 903)	
Water Tightness	70m	(ASTM D 5385)	
Water Vapour Transimission	< 1,0 x 10-11 m/sec	(ASTM D 5887)	

## VALUE BASE

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.

# FURTHER DOCUMENTS

Index Flux	< 5,0 x 10-9 m <sup>3</sup> /so m <sup>2</sup>	ec- (ASTM D 5887)
Free Swell	> 27 ml/2g	(ASTM D 5890)
Fluid Loss	< 15 ml	— (ASTM D 5891) — (XRD Analysis)
Montmorillonite	< 80%	
Content		(ASTM D 5261)
Non Woven -	200 g/sq.m	
Mass/Unit Area		(ASTM D
Woven - Mass/Unit	110 g/sq.m	5261)
Area		

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Density	Nominal 5.00 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
pH Value	9.5 +/- 0.5

# ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

User must read the most recent corresponding Safety Data Sheets (SDS) before using any products. The SDS provides information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products and contains physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

# **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

### **APPLICATION CONDITIONS / LIMITATIONS**

- Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM should only be applied after the successful preparation of the substrate is completed.
- The membrane is designed to work under confinement.
- When placing Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM inside the formwork, the formwork must be removable & not the stay in-situ variety.
- Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM products are not designed to be installed over ice or in standing water. Should the ground water contain strong acids, alkalies, or has a conductivity of 2,500 µmhos/cm or greater, water samples should be tested for compatibility.
- Rolls may compress slightly during storage. Membrane can be shaken once unrolled to return to their full length.

#### COMPATIBILITY

Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM may be combined with other Sika products.

Important: Always conduct trials before combining products in specific mixes and contact the Sika Technical Service Department for information and advice about any specific combinations.

Material is unaffected by temperature.

## **APPLICATION METHOD / TOOLS**

#### Vertical surfaces

- Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM should be temporarily fixed to the inside face of the formwork before casting concrete, in order to create a mechanical bond with the poured concrete. It is possible to install Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM against the outside of existing walls, but no bond will be formed between the membrane and the concrete.
- On cast concrete substrates, the product may be aligned horizontally or vertical but care should be taken to ensure that all laps face away from the direction of the intended concrete pour. Overlaps are

Product Data Sheet Sika® BentoShield® Max LM May 2023, Version 01.03 02072040100000002 secured using washer-headed fasteners. When placing to inside face of the formwork, aligned the membrane vertically and take care that all the laps face away from the intended flow of the poured concrete. The overlaps are secured to the shuttering using nails or staples. A minimum overlap of 100 mm is required between the vertical membrane and the membrane protruding from the base slab.

- The exposed LDPE membrane laps should be securely sealed with SikaBentoShield SS50 Bonding tape prior to backfilling. Backfill material should be free from debris and angular aggregate, and should be compacted to a minimum 85% Modified Proctor Density, this should be carried out at the soonest opportunity after the formwork has been removed.
- Sika<sup>®</sup> BentoShield<sup>®</sup> Max LM should be terminated on the concrete structure at ground level by lapping under the extended DPC by 150mm with a 5 x 50mm bead of SikaBentoShield Paste placed inside the lap. The lap is then securely closed with the fixing of a 10mm Galvanised Steel fixing Strip.

#### Horizontal surfaces

- Surfaces intended to be waterproofed should be even and smooth. The surfaces may be damp but must free from standing water. Soil substrates should be compacted to a minimum 85% Modified Proctor.
- Extend the membrane vertically by a minimum of 300 mm at the slab edge and form an overlap with the vertical membrane. The vertical membrane should always lap over the horizontal section if the area is to be subject to backfill.
- Overlaps should be secured using staples or washered-nails to prevent displacement during concrete placement. The PE laminate should be sealed with SikaBentoShield SS50 tape by peeling the laminate away from the bentonite layer
- and lapping with the adjacent cent sheet. Alternatively, a 5 mm x 50 mm fillet of Sika BentoShield Granules or a similar fillet of Sika BentoShield Paste can be placed over the lap.
- Laps should always face away from the direction of the intended concrete pour.
- The concrete slab should be steel re-enforced and of a minimum thickness of 150 mm.



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- Protrusions through the membrane, such as piles, service pipes, conductors & anchors, should be sealed by forming a hole through the membrane, fitting the membrane securely over the protrusion, bedding the membrane onto the protrusion
- using SikaBentoShield Paste or a paste created by mixing SikaBentoShield Granules with water.

## 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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