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HIGH-STRENGTH GLASS BONDING
Sikasil® SG-550  
Sikasil® IG-25 HM Plus

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF STRUCTURAL GLAZING, for most of the silicone adhesives, the design strength has been fixed at 0.14 N/mm². This started to change in 2006 when the design strength of Sikasil® SG-20 was rated with 0.17 N/mm². Now Sika presents two innovations with a mechanical strength outperforming existing insulating glass and structural glazing silicone adhesives. In the latest ETA approvals issued in November 2011, the IG secondary edge seal Sikasil® IG-25 HM Plus has been evaluated with 0.19 N/mm². The structural glazing adhesive Sikasil® SG-550 is even rated with unmatched 0.20 N/mm². With 90% elongation at break, it can accommodate high movements in the SG modules.

Sikasil® SG-500 and Sikasil® IG-25

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Sikasil® SG-550 and Sikasil® IG-25 HM Plus

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MATERIAL SAVINGS IN ALL DETAILS
The higher strength of the adhesives has an enormous saving impact on the material consumptions.
For a project with a wind load of 5 kPa and glass dimensions of 1.6 x 3.5 m, the following savings can be reached:
SG joint 60%  
IG joint 23%  
Spacer tape 55%  
Aluminum ~8%
More details and sizes are visualised in the drawings above.

LET THE SUN SHINE IN
Modern architecture is light and transparent. It requests filigree frames in light weight aluminum constructions for large airport and sports hall facades or wide-spanning glass roofs.
In the sample above the aluminum, aspects have been reduced by 25%. The slimmer the frames the more transparent is the facade, the higher is the solar heat gain. Sustainability all-over!
LOWEST ARGON LOSS RATES WITH Sikasil® IG-25 HM Plus
Argon-filled IG units have not been used in SG facades for many years. Hence structural facades were supposed to be banned for colder climates, due to ever stricter energy saving regulations. With the development of the high-modulus IG secondary edge seal Sikasil® IG-25 HM Plus, the glass panes in IG units are very tightly held together. Movements in the butyl layers, caused by temperature and pressure changes, are minimised. As a consequence, leakages in the butyl primary seal, the main barriers against argon penetration, are prevented. In tests complying with the European IG standard EN 1279-3, the best test units have proven an annual argon loss rate as low as 0.3%. The maximal limit in the standard is set with 1% per year.

ENERGY SAVING FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS
With the argon loss rate of 0.5% per year, in average achieved at the European IG tests, after 30 years there is still an argon content of 80% to be expected in the IG cavity. Even after 30 years, the energy transfer coefficient of IG unit (U-value) has only increased by less than 0.1 W/m²K. This means that for the whole service life of a glass facade the high energy performance of the argon-filled insulating glass units remains almost unchanged. Sustainability all-over!

COMPARISON OF STRESS-STRAIN CURVE AND DESIGN STRENGTH

Sikasil® SG-550
- Two-part structural glazing silicone adhesive
- Good processing properties on hydraulic pump systems, e.g. Reinhard Technik Ecostar 250, Lisec TAL 50 and TAL 60, TSI Mastermix XL and X5, DOPAG VISCO-MIX H200; pneumatic pumps must be tested individually.
- Excellent weathering and UV resistance
- Complies with ASTM C1184, ASTM C920, class 12.5, ETAG 002 and EN 15434, ETA approved (ETA 11/0392) and CE-marked

- Extremely high mechanical strength
  - Tensile strength: 1.6 N/mm²
  - Design tensile strength σ_{dyn}: 0.20 N/mm²
  - Design shear strength τ_{dyn}: 0.013 N/mm²

Sikasil® IG-25 HM Plus
- Two-part silicone secondary edge seal for air- and argon-filled IG units in SG facades
- Outstanding processing properties (dosing and tooling)
- Excellent weathering and UV resistance
- Complies with ETAG 002 and EN 13022, ETA approved (ETA 11/0391) and CE-marked for black and grey

- Extremely high mechanical strength
  - Tensile strength: 1.4 N/mm²
  - Design tensile strength σ_{dyn}: 0.19 N/mm²
  - Design shear strength τ_{dyn}: 0.011 N/mm²
WHO WE ARE
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Sikasil® WS-605 S

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