



Sika® FastFix All Weather Watchpoints

1. PACKAGING:

Please note that once opened the product **MUST** be used within 1 hour. Be careful not to pierce bags or product will become unusable.

Due to the nature of Sika® FastFix All Weather, there are occasionally small lumps within the bag due to compression. If these can be easily broken up by hand, it is suitable for use. Solid lumps in the bag which cannot be broken up indicate that the oxygen barrier within the bag has been broken and should be returned to the store where the product was purchased for exchange.

For unused product pour the content of a bag into the bucket. Pour clean water on the product until it is fully immersed in the bucket. The product that has been immersed in water must then be used within 1 month.

2. APPLICATION:

Wet thoroughly the paving slabs before starting the job. Open one bag at a time, empty a small amount and immediately brush in, then repeat with the next small amount. Do not press or rub the Sika® FastFix All Weather into the paving surface. Once filled, Sika® FastFix All Weather should be compacted down thoroughly with a pointing trowel, other suitable tool, or by hand to help ensure a solid fill. Thorough compaction is essential to ensure good performance of the product. Sika® FastFix All Weather should be considered for its aesthetic and not its structural properties.

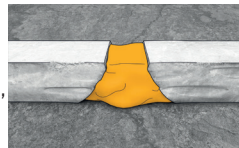


3. WET CONDITIONS:

On porous stone applications such as Indian Sandstone, wet thoroughly the surface to minimise risk of possible staining. Sika® FastFix All Weather can be applied in the wet but this may slightly prolong curing time. Covering uncured Sika® FastFix All Weather to protect from heavy rain can assist the curing process. Any cover should not come into contact with the product as this may prevent the flow of air required to assist natural curing.

4. JOINT SIZES:

Joints must be 5 mm wide or greater and a minimum of 20 mm deep. Sika® FastFix All Weather is not suitable for use in tapered joints, as this is likely to result in the joints cracking and spalling. Exception is where the sides of the slabs taper inwards, so that the top surface of the slab is slightly larger than the underside (see image to the right). This ensures that the jointing compound is held in place.



5. PRE-FILLING OF JOINTS WITH SAND/HARDCORE:

This practice is not advised unless the finished depth of Sika® FastFix All Weather exceeds 20 mm. Any hardcore or sand fill should be dry and well compacted prior to placing Sika® FastFix All Weather. Compacting Sika® FastFix All Weather with a tool or by hand is recommended.

6. COLOUR:

It is the responsibility of the customer to ensure that the product used is suitable for purpose. Due to natural variations in sand shade, an occasional colour difference may occur even within the same batch. If the colour is particularly important a test area is always advisable.

7. COLOUR STABILITY:

Sika® FastFix All Weather will weather naturally in line with the paving. In some applications, natural atmospheric impurities within rainwater can be deposited on the surface as the water drains through. This can easily be removed with brushing and/or hosepipe.

8. PAVING COLOUR CHANGE:

Depending upon the porosity and type of paving, Sika® FastFix All Weather may highlight variations in the colour and texture of the paving. This will diminish over time, dependent upon weathering exposure and traffic. Natural stone can be susceptible to long term staining from all types of joint fillers, including sand/cement mortar. We recommend a trial in a small inconspicuous area or on off-cuts of paving prior to application and avoid overworking the product on the edge of the joints to ensure it does not stain light coloured paving.

9. PERMEABILITY:

Sika® FastFix All Weather is an aid to permeable paving design, allowing water to drain from the paving surface, to ensure surrounding plants and vegetation are not deprived of water. Permeable paving allows rainwater into the natural watercourse and is increasingly being specified to reduce local flooding.

10. PERMANENT IMMERSION:

Sika® FastFix All Weather is unsuitable for long-term use in permanent immersion, but will withstand wet-dry cycles typical of UK weather conditions. Paved areas and joints must be well drained, ideally from beneath, to avoid standing water in joints for long periods, and should not be laid on solid beds where there is insufficient drainage or fall.

11. INTERIOR APPLICATIONS:

Not recommended. Please refer to bucket for full application instructions.