



SIKA AT WORK

KOLAK SNACK FOODS, LONDON

Location: London
Project: Kolak Snack Foods – Fast curing flooring solution in production area limiting downtime
Client: Europe Snack
Applicator/Contractor: Resin Flooring Specialist
Market Sector: Industrial Flooring

Products Used:

- Sika® Ucrete® UD 200 SR
- Sika® Ucrete® Accelerator

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Background

Kolak Snack Foods manufacture is a private label snacks for some of the leading supermarkets within Europe, operating under the Europe Snacks Ltd brand. Europe Snacks has emerged one of the main competitors on the European market for private label savoury snack products and holds the top position in the stacked chips segment.

The Challenge

The primary UK office and factory based in London required a new flooring solution because the existing flooring no longer met their requirements. Covering an area of over 1,000m², the main challenge was to replace the existing polyurethane floor with minimal disruption to the factory's 24-hour operations. The client also required a floor which was capable of withstanding chemicals, heavy traffic, and offered high slip resistance.

Our Solution

The solution proposed was Sika® Ucrete® with Sika® Ucrete® Accelerator. This innovative system allows most grades of Sika® Ucrete® to achieve return to traffic times of less than five hours. Downtime in the food & beverage sector costs around £6,000 an hour so with this in mind the client required the 24-hour factory closure to be kept to an absolute minimum. Once it was agreed to use Sika® Ucrete® Accelerator all that was left to agree on was the grade of Sika® Ucrete® - in this case Sika® Ucrete® UD 200 SR. Sika® Ucrete® UD 200 SR combines unique heavy-duty polyurethane resin technology with exceptional resistance to aggressive chemicals, high temperatures and heavy traffic. Its textured surface ensures a secure, slip-resistant, and visually appealing floor, particularly in wet and greasy settings.

Achieving a return to traffic in under 5 hours with the Sika® Ucrete® UD 200 SR & Sika® Ucrete® Accelerator, the client and applicator produced a schedule to complete the 1,000m² project across two consecutive weekends, allowing for a 7-hour shutdown window during weekend nights. During this 7-hour window the applicator prepared the existing floor using mechanical preparation, then applied the Sika® Ucrete® UD 200 SR & Sika® Ucrete® Accelerator system in 250m² areas.

Benefits

- Fast return to service time under 5 hours.
- Only a 7-hour shutdown for this 24 hour a day factory.
- Loss of downtime for customer was minimal, with applicator being flexible on timeframes to best suit customer.
- New fit for purpose floor with resistance to chemicals, heavy traffic with a high slip resistance.

Projects facts at a glance

- New Sika® Ucrete® Accelerator system used to achieve return to traffic times of less than 5 hours.
- Old flooring system mechanical prepared with Sika® Ucrete® UD 200 SR installed and back to service within a 7-hour shut down window.
- Over 1,000m² of Sika® Ucrete® UD 200 SR with Sika® Ucrete® Accelerator.
- Completed over the weekend in 250m² areas.

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