



Flexible Waterproofing of Tunnels with Sikaplan Membranes



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Road Tunnels
Rail Tunnels
Metro Tunnels
Water Tunnels



Islisberg/Switzerland, TBM construction with Sikaplan® WP 2110-20HL and fixing with hot-meld



Birmensdorf/Switzerland
Open cut construction with Sikaplan® WT 1200-30C



Lötschberg/Switzerland
Drill and blast construction with Sikaplan® 14.6 NEAT



NBS Frankfurt – Köln/Germany
Emergency exit shaft with Sikaplan® WT 2200-31HL2 and
Waterstop MP AFI 600/35



DMRC/India
Open cut construction with Sikaplan® WP 1100-20HL

Degree of Watertightness

(According to Pre Norm SIA 272)

Tunnels are built with a service life of over 100 years, which means that standards for tunnel construction must be high, in particular those involving sealing and waterproofing systems.

Class 1

Completely dry

No moist parts on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted

Class 2

Dry to slightly moist

Single failing parts permitted. No dropping water on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted.

Class 3

Moist

Partly limited moisty parts and single dropping parts on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted.

Class 4

Moist to wet

Moisty parts and dropping parts permitted.



A tunnel seal has the task of protecting the tunnel construction against damage resulting of moisture or the unintentional entry of water as well as the danger posed by aggressive water or soils and the effects of chemicals.

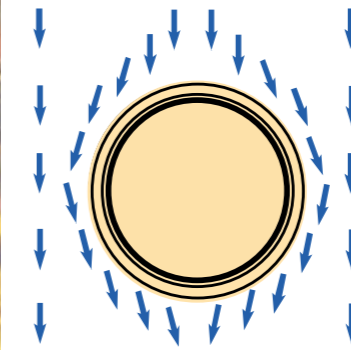
Thus the reliable functioning of a seal is of particular significance in the case of traffic tunnels, which are not easily accessible for all subsequent repairs after the construction in seepage water and especially when located in a pressure water zone. If ground-water infiltrates, it can cause damage, restrict tunnel service, or create a traffic hazard.

With respect to the overall demands made on sealing tunnels, it is essential to remember that essentially a sealing system has to be selected and planned in order to represent the optimal solution with regard to the given requirements pertaining to its intended use on the one hand, and the technically and economically acceptable possibilities on the other.

Waterproofing Drainage Concept

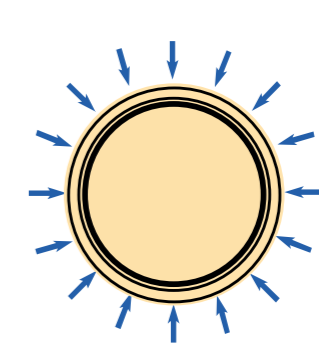
The tunnel can be built as a non-draining structure with a watertight all-round seal. After the construction is finished there is no need to divert underground water and therefore no permanent negative influence of the water level or water balance.

The decision not to permanently divert the prevailing underground water into a drain system makes it necessary, for the construction and the seal, to be designed to cope with water pressure. Permanently drained tunnels carry off the prevailing underground water, usually collected at the edges of the floor or feet of the vault, so that the tunnel shell is relieved.



Draining
Evacuation of Mountain Water

- Less lining costs
- Reduction of concrete thickness
- Allows tunneling under extreme conditions
- Higher maintenance cost
- Permanent drainage concept
- Traffic interruption during maintenance work



Holding Water Head
Mountain Water Displacement

- Higher lining cost
- Construction has to consider the water pressure
- Lower maintenance cost
- No influence of water table after construction
- Environmentally friendly
- Higher level of waterproofing system
- Reduction of ground settlements



Sikaplan® WP Drainage angle



Loose- Flange construction in case of water pressure



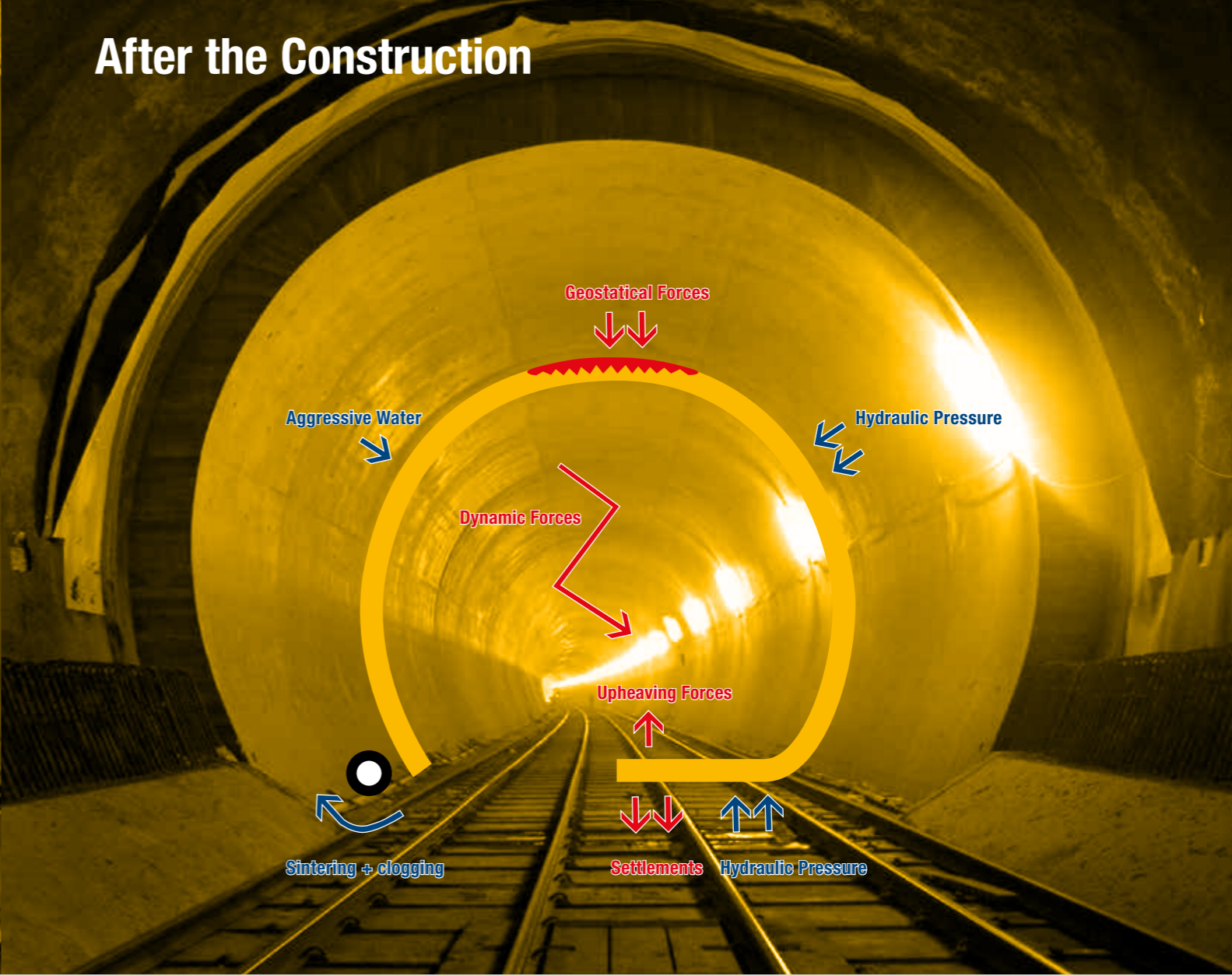
Influences on Waterproofing in Tunnels



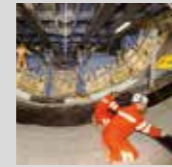


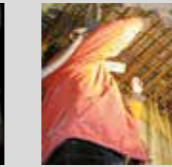

During the Construction







The waterproofing system in a tunnel is composed of a combination of many factors and influences. Therefore the characteristics of the membranes are very important.



After the Construction






					
Puncture load Reinforcement	Temperature (Portals/Entrance)	Area load Concrete/traffic/bulk-head	Water	Puncture load Substrate	Puncture load Faulty inner concrete areas
					
					Fire

					
Geostatical forces	Aggressive water ■ Sulphate water ■ Chloride water ■ Soft water with low calcium content	Soluble components + O₂ caused clogging + sintering process of the drainage pipe. High water Flushing	Settlements	Hydraulic pressure	Temperature (Portals)








Systems for Waterproofing

Systems for waterproofing structures built with open cut construction techniques, exposed to hydrostatic pressure and ground water that is chemically aggressive to concrete.

Nr.	Water concept	Hydrostatic pressure above invert	Sealing system		Concrete aggressive water		Additional measures			Sika Membrane System	
					low	strong	Water barriers/tapes		Integrated injection system		
							internal	external (segmentation)			
1	Draining	without (no pressure allowed)	Umbrella seal	flexible	Waterproofing membrane 3 mm		no	no	no		
2	Evacuation of mountain water			rigid	Watertight concrete		yes	no	no		
3		30 mWs	Full round seal	flexible		Waterproofing membrane 3 mm		no	no	no	
4	Holding water head			flexible	Waterproof concrete + Waterproofing membrane 3 mm		no	yes	yes		
5	Mountain water displacement			rigid	Watertight concrete		yes	no	no		

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1	Draining	without (no pressure allowed)	Umbrella seal	flexible	Waterproofing membrane 2 mm		no	no	no		
2	Evacuation of mountain water			rigid	Shotcrete Watertight concrete		no	no	no		
3		< 30 m Ws	Full round seal	flexible		Waterproofing membranes 2 mm		no	no	no	
4	Holding water head			flexible	Waterproofing membrane 3 mm		no	yes	yes		
5	Mountain water displacement			rigid	Watertight concrete		systematically	no	no		
6		30–60 m Ws	Full round seal	flexible	Waterproof concrete + Waterproofing membrane 3 mm		no	yes	yes		
7		> 60 m Ws		flexible	Waterproof concrete + double layer Waterproofing membrane (3+2) mm		no	yes	yes		

Membrane Laying Systems

According to the required degrees of watertightness- a tunnel structure has to be waterproofed. There are a number of possible solutions depending on the ground and substrate conditions, the water pressure and the water and design concept.

Drained

Evacuation of water (seepage water)

1. Drainage System

Loose laid, with lateral drainage, without compartments

- For waterproofing against ground water, humidity and percolating water
- Requires drainage pipes on the bottom to prevent build-up of water pressure

Suitable products

- Sika® FlexoDrain
- Sikaplan® WT Tundrain PE
- Sikaplan® WP Disc
- Sikaplan® WT Disc
- Sikaplan® WP Drainage angle
- Sikaplan® WP 1100
- Sikaplan® WP 2110
- Sikaplan® WP 2160
- Sikaplan® WT 2200
- Sikaplan® WP 1110 translucent
- Sikaplan® WT 2250 translucent
- Sikaplan® WP/WT Fleeceback
- Sikaplan® WP Protection sheet
- Sikaplan® WT Protection sheet
- Sika® Dilatec®, type E/ER sealing strips
- Sikadur®-Combiflex® sealing system

Minimum recommendation of shotcrete evenness in connection to the membrane laying system

≈ 1 : 5

Holding the Head of Water (un-drained)

Water displacement (pressurized water)

2. Waterstop System

Loose laid, with compartments made of waterbars

- For waterproofing against water under hydrostatic pressure
- Compartments injectable in case of leaks in the waterproofing membranes

Suitable products

- Sika® FlexoDrain
- Sikaplan® W Felt 500 g/m²
- Sikaplan® W Felt 1000 g/m²
- Sikaplan® WP Disc
- Sikaplan® WT Disc
- Sikaplan® WP 1100
- Sikaplan® WP 2110
- Sikaplan® WP 2160
- Sikaplan® WT 2200
- Sikaplan® WP/WT Fleeceback
- Sikaplan® WP Protection sheet
- Sikaplan® WT Protection sheet
- Sika® Waterbar: WT AF-40/6 MP
WP AR-40/6 PVC Inject
WT AF-50/6 MP
WP AR-50/6 PVC Inject
WT AF-60/6 MP Inject
- Sika® Dilatec®, type E/ER sealing strips
- Sikadur®-Combiflex® sealing system

Minimum recommendation of shotcrete evenness in connection to the membrane laying system

≈ 1 : 10

3. Active Control System

Loose laid, with two membrane layers installed in watertight sectors

- For waterproofing against water under hydrostatic pressure
- High security of watertightness by vacuum control
- Compartments injectable in case of leaks in the waterproofing membrane

Suitable products

- Sika® FlexoDrain
- Sikaplan® W Felt 500 g/m²
- Sikaplan® W Felt 1000 g/m²
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- Sikaplan® WT Disc
- Sikaplan® WP 1100
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- Sikaplan® WP/WT Fleeceback
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- Sika® Waterbar: WT AF-40/6 MP
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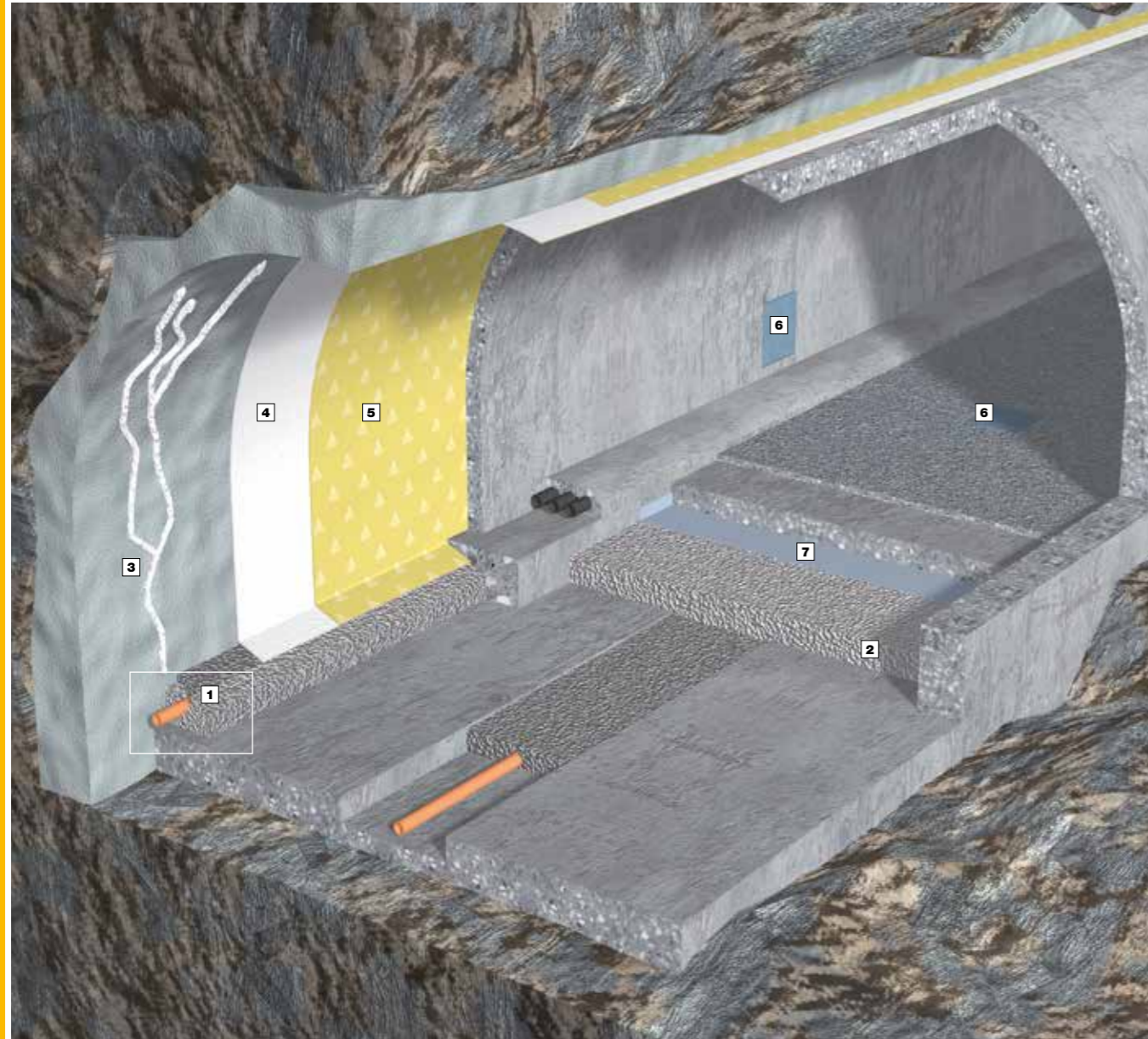
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Flexible Waterproofing with Sikaplan® Membrane Systems

Drill-and-blast Excavation with Drainage

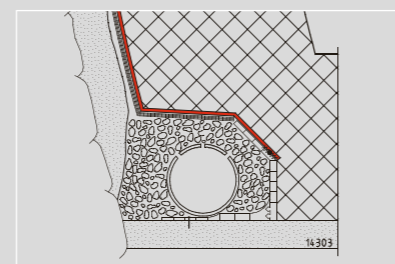
TBM driving with Drainage



Drainage of Mountain Water / Not holding a Head of Water / Drill-and-blast Excavation

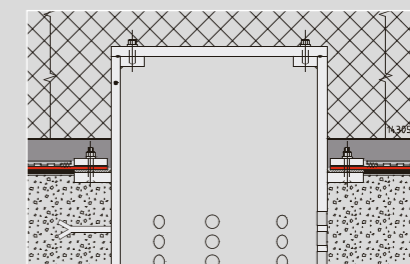
Mountain Water Displacement / Holding the Head of Water / Drill-and-blast / TBM Excavation

- 1 Drainage pipe with gravel package
- 2 Invert drainage with gravel
- 3 Sika® FlexoDrain for preliminary waterproofing
- 4 Geotextile or drainage mats for draining and levelling out
- 5 Polymer waterproofing membranes Sikaplan®
- 6 Manholes for inspection and cleaning
- 7 Separation layer



- Mountain water flows without head of pressure into the drainage
- No accumulation of water
- Sikaplan® WP drainage angle

- 1 Drainage pipe with gravel package
- 2 Tubbing segments ring gap and segment joints (hollow space for drainage)
- 3 Protective geotextile as levelling layer
- 4 Polymer waterproofing membrane Sikaplan®, protective membrane in the invert and shuttering zone
- 5 Manholes for inspection and cleaning

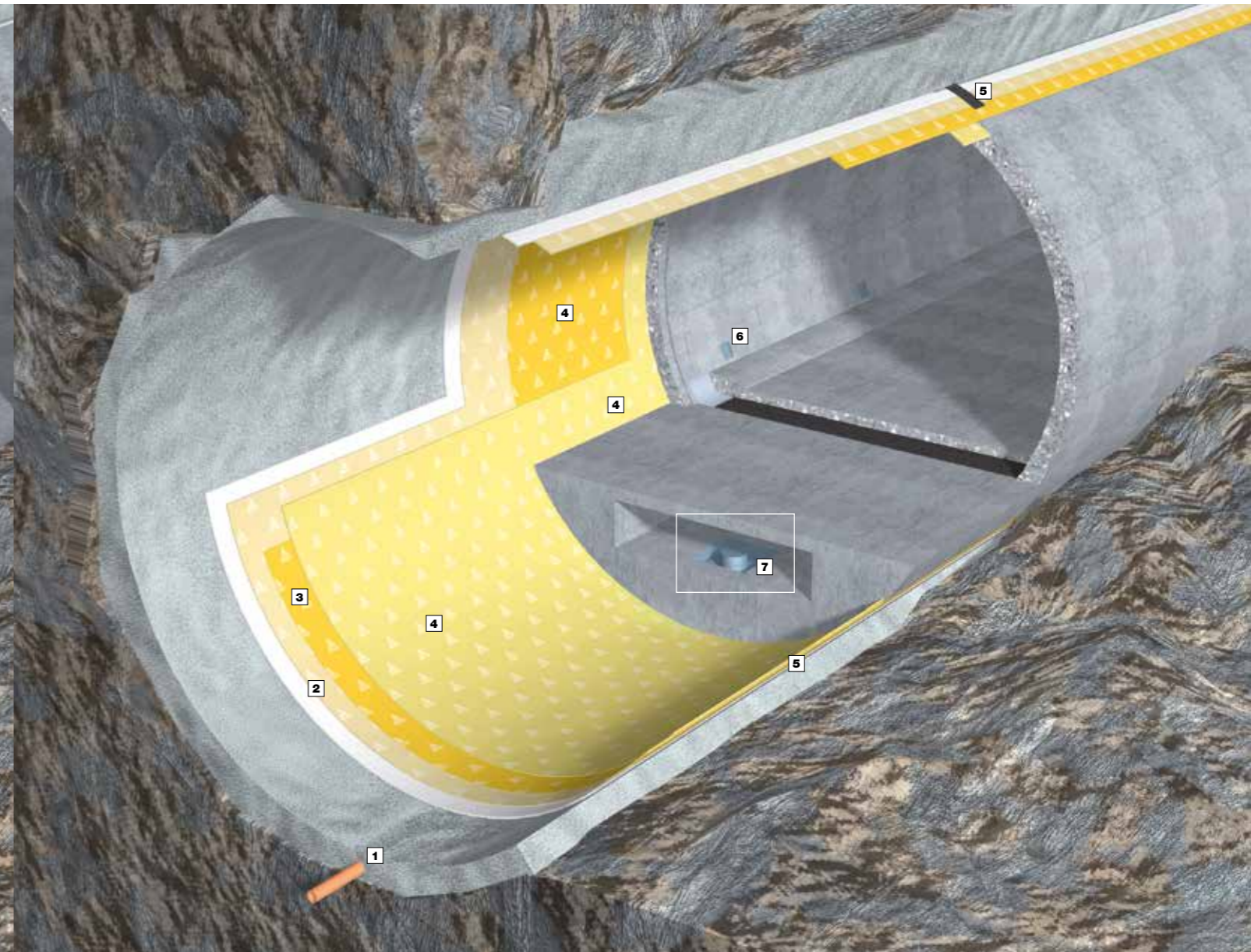
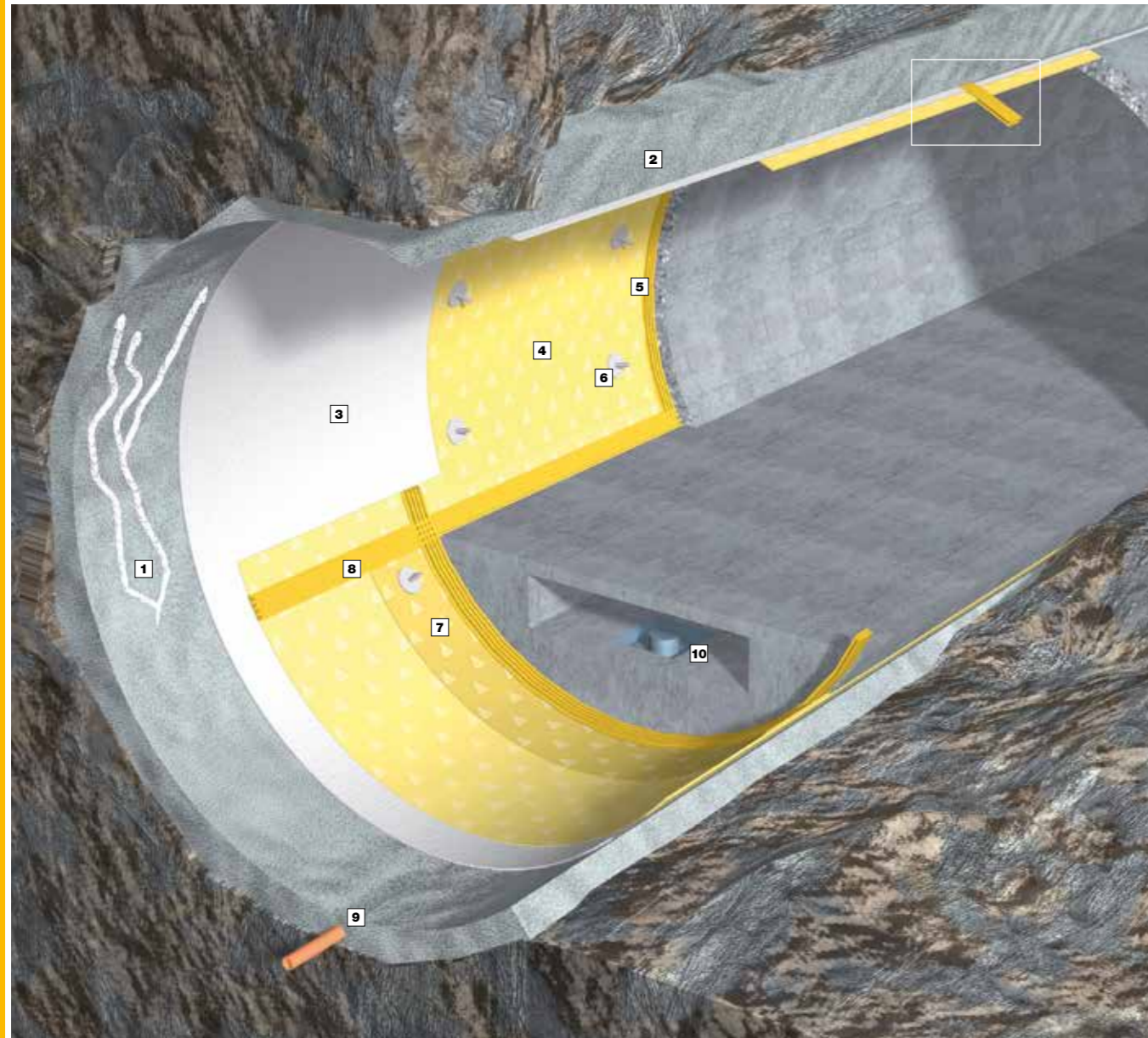


- Mountain water flows without head of pressure into the drainage
- No accumulation of water
- Loose-Flange construction

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Drill-and-blast / TBM Excavation

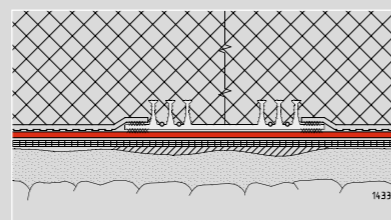
Drill-and-blast / TBM Excavation



Mountain Water Displacement / Holding the Head of Water / Drill-and-blast / TBM Excavation

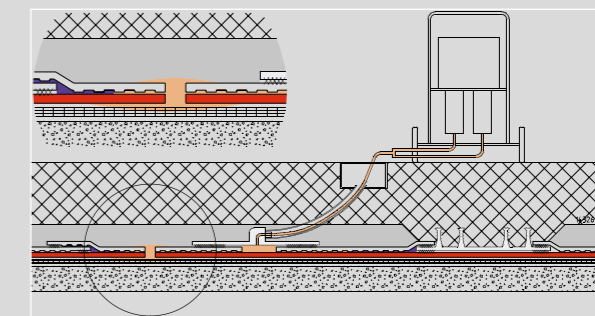
Mountain Water Displacement / Holding the Head of Water / Drill-and-blast / TBM Excavation

- 1 Sika® FlexoDrain for preliminary waterproofing
- 2 Substrate
- 3 Levelling layer
- 4 Sikaplan® membrane
- 5 Partitioning with Sikaplan® Waterbars, injectable
- 6 Sikaplan® control socket
- 7 Sikaplan® protection sheet
- 8 Injection barrier/compartment
- 9 Drainage during construction
- 10 Groundwater relief socket



Waterstop, 6 anchors, 4 integrated injection canals

- 1 Construction phase drainage, possibly with ground-water relief drains filled by cement grout after structural completion
- 2 Polymer waterproofing membrane Sikaplan® with geotextile
- 3 Waterproofing membranes Sikaplan® with knops-embossed surface (knops height: 0.3 mm, knops area: < 30% of membrane surface)
- 4 Polymer waterproofing membrane Sikaplan®, protective membranes in invert, shuttering and reinforcement steel zones
- 5 Segmental weld of double layer membranes
- 6 Connection point for vacuum test and injection
- 7 Groundwater relief drain



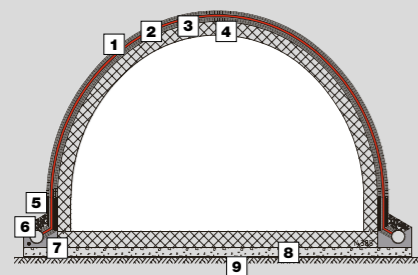
Active control system

Flexible Waterproofing with Sikaplan® Membrane Systems

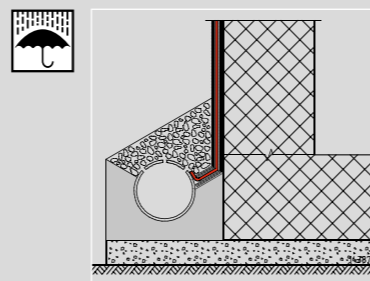
Open Cut Tunnel



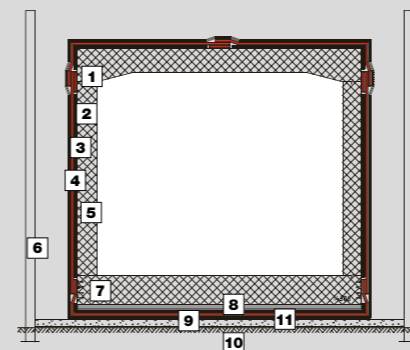
Drainage of Mountain Water / Not holding a Head of Water / Drill-and-blast / TBM Excavation



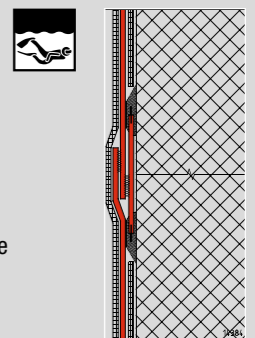
- 1 Sikaplan® protection sheet
- 2 Sikaplan® membrane
- 3 Levelling layer/Geotextile
- 4 Levelling grout
- 5 Filter (gravel)
- 6 Drainage pipe
- 7 Concrete foundation
- 8 Substrate
- 9 Excavated surface



Mountain Water Displacement / Holding the Head of Water / Open Cut Tunnel



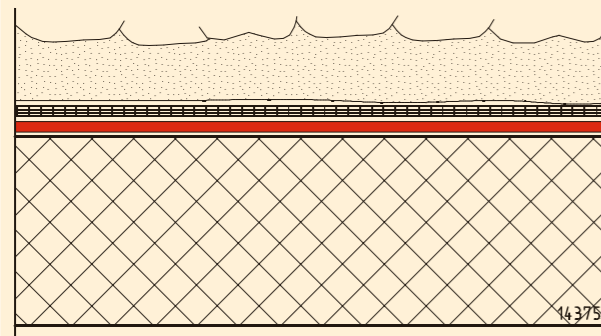
- 1 Sika® Dilatec®, joint sealing system or Sikadur® Combiflex®
- 2 Levelling layer/Geotextile
- 3 Sikaplan® membrane
- 4 Sikaplan® protection sheet
- 5 Levelling grout
- 6 Steel sheet piling
- 7 Partitioning with Sikaplan® waterbars, injectable
- 8 Protective concrete layer
- 9 Substrate
- 10 Excavated surface
- 11 Levelling layer/Geotextile



Flexible Waterproofing

Sika offers a wide range of different waterproofing systems according to the required degrees of watertightness and to the individual project conditions. A tunnel structure has to be waterproofed either by drainage system by waaterstop system or by active control system for highest demands with double layer waterproofing, controlled by vacuum.

Drainage of water, not holding a head of water

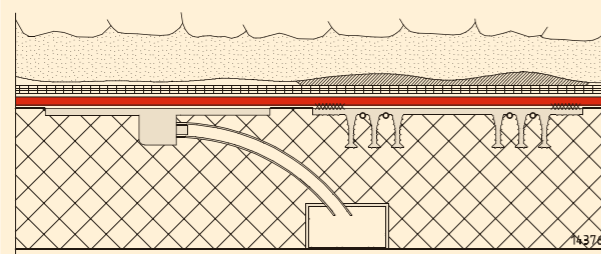


Drainage system

Single-layer polymer waterproofing membrane with geotextile or drainage mats or open tubing segment joints

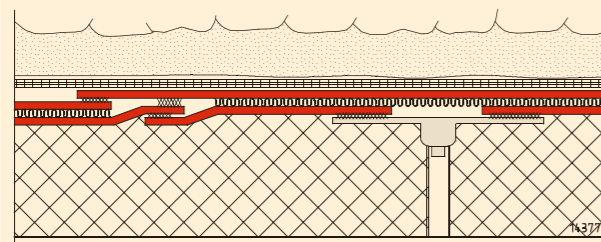


Displacement of water, holding the head of water



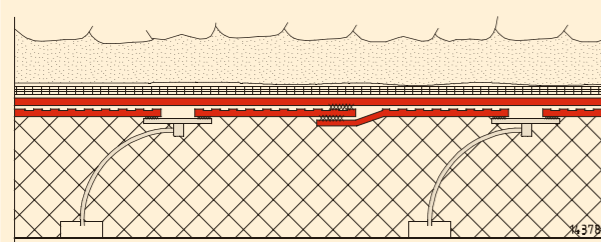
Waterstop system

Single-layer polymer waterproofing membrane with partitioning



Evacuation of leak-water system

Double-layer polymer waterproofing membrane with knobs or with an intermediate drainage layer and partitioning



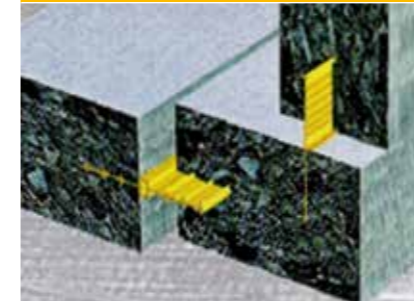
Active control system

Double-layer polymer waterproofing membrane with injection space and partitioning with compartments; ability to actively test the waterproofing seal



Rigid Waterproofing

Waterproof Concrete and Joint Sealing



Sika® ViscoCrete® SCC technology and **Sika®-1** capillary pore blocking technology.

Sika® Waterbars, Sika® Injectoflex, SikaSwell®, Sikadur®-Combiflex®, Sika® Dilatec® and **Sikaflex®** sealants are used for watertight joints.



Thin-shell Waterproofing

Tunnel rehabilitation

Sika waterproofing gunites are high-performance waterproofing systems requiring only little space. They are used for restoration and waterproofing work in the field of rehabilitation of existing tunnels.

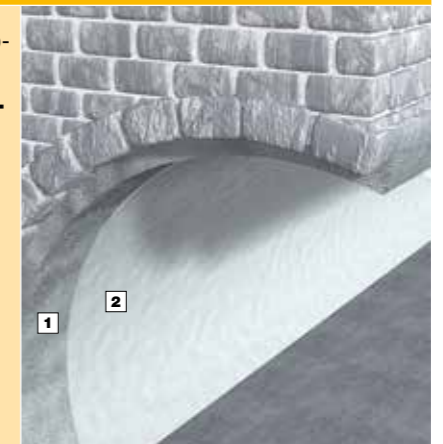
- 1 Clean masonry lining and joints
- 2 **Sikacrete®-Gunit® 113** for joint sealing and preliminary masonry waterproofing
- 3 **SikaCem®-Gunit® 143** for the main thin-shell waterproofing lining



New Tunnels

The outstanding waterproofing capacity of **SikaCem®-Gunit® 143** allows using high-durability thin-shell waterproofing linings also for new tunnels. The quick-setting gunite can be applied onto wet substrates. The polymer content of **SikaCem®-Gunit® 143** maximizes durability-relevant qualities such as freeze-thaw-deicing salt resistance and sulphate resistance while reducing the E-modulus. For special applications, fibre-reinforced types of the waterproofing gunites can be supplied on request.

- 1 Shotcrete applicator for immediate support upon excavation
- 2 Waterproofing shell with **SikaCem®-Gunit® 143**



Raw Material

Considering the application of waterproofing membranes in tunnels, the long time experience of sealing, the practical welding behaviour, the economics and the technical characteristics of the wide plastic range, in general two of them have convinced: Advanced plasticized PVC and high flexible TPO (FPO) with an $E_{1,2}$ -Modul < 65 N/mm². Important for the material specification and test procedures: PVC-P and TPO are completely different materials, with different material characteristics and behaviour.

Material-related properties of tunnel sealing materials made of thermoplastics (PVC-P) and thermoplastics elastomers (polyolefine elastomers/TPO) for permanent waterproofing.

PVC-P

- ++ Easy and reliable joint technology (hot air/adhesive)
- + Long experience (more than 50 years)
- + Optimal stiffness and material behaviour (elastic behaviour)
- + Self extinguishing (approx. 21 MJ/kg)
- + High resistance to mechanical impact in relation to flexibility
- o Thermal extension
- Ageing through plasticiser loss
- Affected by cold (depending on the plasticiser)

FPO

- ++ Thermal and chemical resistance
- + Service life
- + Low smoke behaviour
- + High resistance to permanent pressure
- o Good welding properties due to advanced FPO-recipes
- o Environmental stress corrosion cracking (depending on the flexibility/crystallization)
- o Fire behaviour (approx. 40–45 MJ/kg)
- Ageing through thermal oxidation process
- Less flexibility

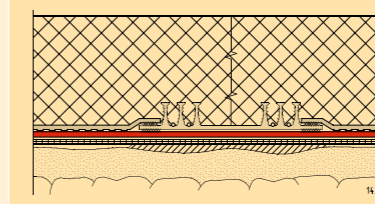
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Former product name	e.g. Sikaplan-14.6	e.g. Sikaplan-14.6 V (Sarnafil F 635-20)	Sarnafil MP 915 Sarnafil MP 910	Trocal T	Sarnafil MP 915-T	Sikaplan-14.6 Neat	Sarnafil MP 916-20 Neat
Material base	PVC-P	PVC-P	PE/TPO/FPO	PVC-P	PE/TPO/FPO	PVC-P	PE/TPO/FPO
Signal layer	Yes (yellow) ≤ 0.2 mm available	Yes (yellow/grey) ≤ 0.2 mm available	Yes (beige) ≤ 0.2 mm available	No (translucent)	No (translucent)	Yes (yellow)	Yes (beige) < 0.2 mm
Roll width (m)	2.00/2.20	2.00/2.20	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00/2.20	2.00
Special standards	EN 13491/13967 ZTV-ING (2003) SIA V 280/272	EN 13967/ 13491 Heft 365/ RVS 8T External Quality Control ZTV-ING (2003) SIA V 280/272	EN 13967/13491 ZTV-ING/ Rili 853 External Quality Control SIA V280/ SIA 272	EN 13491/13967 Fascule 67°	EN 13491/13967 Fascule 67°	NEAT and SIA V280	
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Section elasticity module $E_{1,2}$ according to DIN EN ISO 527	< 20 N/mm ²	< 20 N/mm ²	< 70 N/mm ²	< 20 N/mm ²	< 70 N/mm ²	< 20 N/mm ²	< 70 N/mm ²

Ancillary Products

Sika® Waterbar, PVC and FPO based types

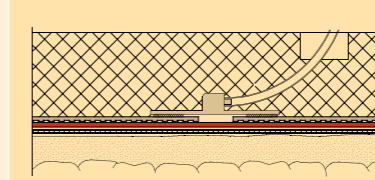
- Sika® Waterbar type AR (PVC)
- Sika® Waterbar type DR (PVC)
- Sika® Waterstop type MP AF (FPO)
- Sika® Waterstop type MP DF (FPO)

Compartments in invert and arch of tunnels, raw material compatible with the waterproofing membrane



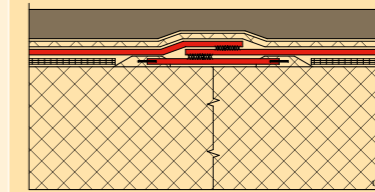
Sikaplan® WP/WT protection sheets

- Sikaplan® WP Protection sheet (PVC)
- Sikaplan® WP Protection sheet HE (PVC)
- Sikaplan® WT Protection sheet (TPO)
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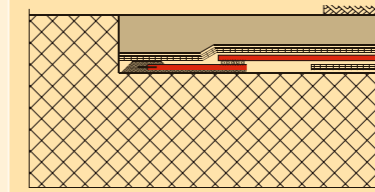
Sikadur®-Combiflex® joint sealing system

- Sikadur®-Combiflex tape
- Sikadur®-31 (EP adhesive) for compartments and terminations with FPO membranes



Sika® Dilatec®, type E / ER joint sealing strips

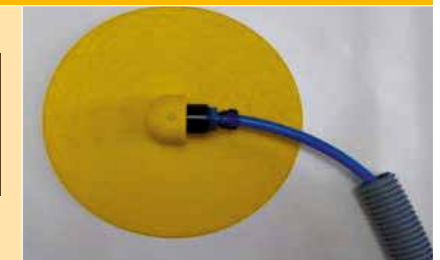
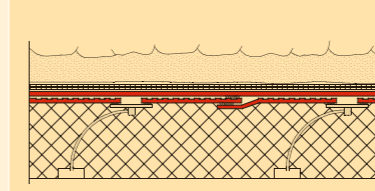
- Sika® Dilatec E-220 for expansion joints
- Sika® Dilatec ER -350 for waterproofing terminations
- Sikadur®-31 (EP adhesive) for compartments and terminations with FPO membranes



Sika® Control and injection flange

- Sikaplan® WP/WT Injection Flange
- Sikaplan® WP/WT Control socket
- Sikaplan® W Flexible PP protection pipe
- Sikaplan® W PU-control tube

For an integrated prophylactically injection system for possible repair work, for injection of fine cement and chemicals and for vacuum control.



Sikaplan® WP/WT laminated metal



Sikaplan® WP/WT disc fixing element



Sikaplan® WP/WT Trumpet Flange



100 Years Service Life?! Long Term Testing according to the NEAT -standard

During the last decade, different waterproofing materials have been studied and tested in tunnel applications, mainly in Switzerland and Germany.

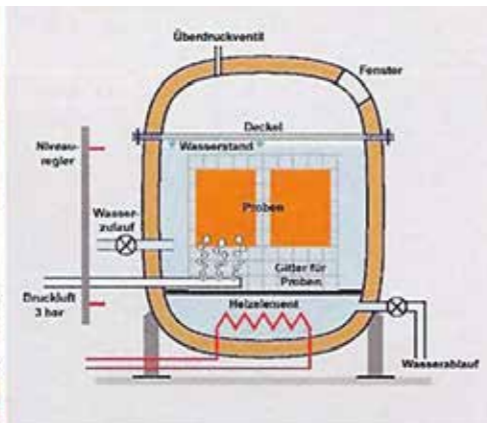
The materials are based on polyolefines compounds (PE and PP) or polyvinylchloride (PVC-P). A comprehensive evaluation procedure was performed for two particularly long tunnels through the Swiss Alps based on requirements established by Alp Transit Gotthard AG and BLS Alp Transit AG.

Special influences such as high geothermal heat (45 °C), high water pressure (40–160 bar), high pressure of mountain mass, construction, and high expectations for the service lifetime of 100 years had to be considered.

Polymeric products combined to waterproofing systems (membranes PE, PE-copolymer, PVC-P; drainage materials PE, PP, PA, PES) were tested in a 24-month programme. Existing test methods were complemented, e.g. by ageing at elevated temperatures and in oxygen-enriched water at elevated temperatures, respectively, compression creep tests, behaviour under combined lateral compression and horizontal shear, seam and installation tests.

As many systems and products did not meet all of the stringent requirements, the most promising systems were then optimized and re-evaluated.

The result of this evaluation and these test procedures clearly showed that Sika products based on PVC-P and polyolefine compounds could fully meet the defined requirements for the waterproofing systems (EMPA-Report).



Schematic of the pressure vessel with test specimens vertically arranged in oxygen-enriched water.

Sikaplan® approved Systems



System 212, Sikaplan 14.6 Neat and PP drainage ("Wirrgelege").



System 620, Sikaplan-14.6 Neat Felt 500, Sikaplan PVC-P backed with a PP geotextile and a drainage made of gravel.



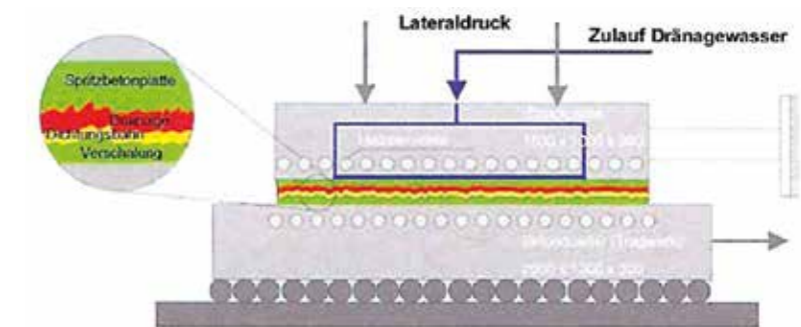
System 121, Sarnafil MP 916 Neat and a PE drainage inclusive studs.



Ageing Behaviour

In this part of the evaluation, the components of the waterproofing systems were exposed for 24 months without mechanical loading to the following media: water circulated at temperatures of 23 °C, 45 °C and 70 °C, alkaline and acidic water at 50 °C, oxygen-enriched water at 70 °C and 3 bar pressure (Roxi-test) and by burying specimens in an environment with both aerobic and anaerobic micro-organisms.

At 5 intervals during the storage, the waterproofing membranes were tested for mass changes, changes in dimension and mechanical puncture strength. An additional series of tests including tensile, thermo-mechanical and thermo-analytical assessment after 3, 6, 12 and 24 months were used to determine the most appropriate properties for a sufficiently complete description of the ageing process (EMPA-Report).



Schematic cross-section of the compression shear set-up with heating and drainage capability, the top plate (fixed) corresponds to the shotcrete surface of the outer tunnel shell.

Test Application Field – NEAT

The system was installed on a shotcrete surface with variable surface roughness between 3–7 mm and a waviness of 4:1, 7:1 and 15:1. With additional heating during the setting of concrete the temperature in the waterproofing system rose to 55 °C. After completion of the construction the drainage capability was determined. The concrete support shell was then removed and the waterproofing system exposed.

The first installation tests showed that the waterproofing membranes develop regular folds with small radius of curvature during construction. Development of folds in the plane of the waterproofing membrane produces potential failure lines and has thus to be avoided in long-term service.

To avoid such folds in the waterproofing membrane and to guarantee a close fit to the shotcrete profile, the Neat committee set strict requirements concerning the quantity and location of fixing points, the jointing procedure and the friction between waterproofing membrane and drainage material.

To achieve such a close fit to the shotcrete profile, the flexibility of the waterproofing membrane – described with the section elasticity module between 1% and 2% elongation according to DIN EN ISO 527 – is recommended below 70 N/mm².



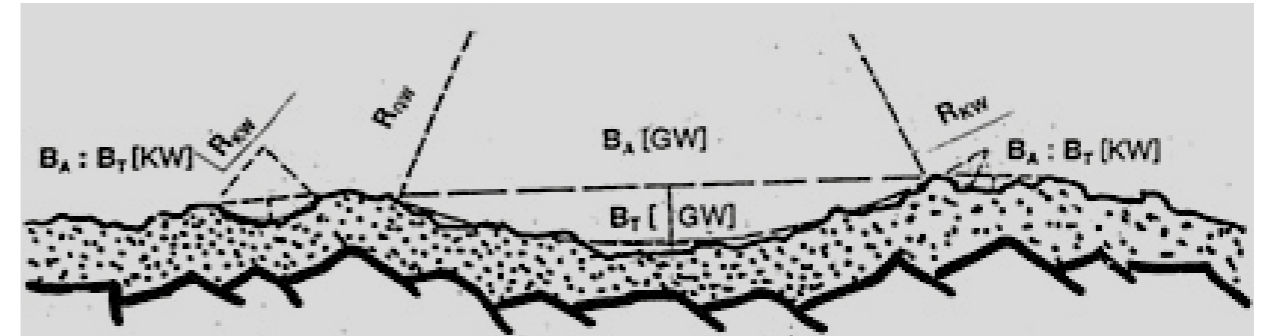
Substrate Roughness/Evenness

To support the excavated space and if necessary also the tunnel front during the excavation of a new tunnel, shotcrete has to be used. In case of a double shell tunnel lining, incorporating a geomembrane, the final shotcrete layer shall be sprayed in a way that no re-profiling with additional shotcrete is necessary to be able to properly fix the geotextile and the membrane respectively. Arch ribs, wire mesh, lattice girder and shotcrete are used for primary support.

All initial shotcrete surfaces are prepared so as to achieve the smoothness and regularity required to preserve the membrane integrity. Additional shotcrete has to be used where required to smooth surface irregularities and meet the criteria below.



In the application field of tunnels, the problem has mainly involved the stiffness of the material and the difficulties of hand welding, particularly in wet and uncomfortable conditions or e.g. in niches, in cross sections, welding of waterstops, welding of patches, etc. Arguably, the most important aspect of the waterproofing operation is the welding of the membranes, which has to be carried out very carefully to maintain the continuity of the waterproofing sheet; any failure in the welding will cause leakage in the tunnel, with fatal results if water under pressure is present. The flexibility of a material will be described with the section elasticity module $E_{1,2}$ according to DIN EN ISO527.



Requirement of membrane flexibility in connection with shotcrete evenness

Evenness of shotcrete	$\approx 1:5$	$\approx 1:10$	$\approx 1:15$
Section elasticity module $E_{1,2}$ according to DIN ISO 527 1-3	$< 20 \text{ N/mm}^2$	$< 70 \text{ N/mm}^2$	$< 100 \text{ N/mm}^2$

Roughness of shotcrete (recommendation according to NEAT/SIA 272)

	Definition	Requirement	Method of measurement
Roughness	Depth	Max. value 4–16 mm	Sandfill as per ZTV-SIB measured at $\varnothing 250 \text{ mm}$
Evenness	Small waves ($R \leq 200 \text{ mm}$)		
	R_{KW} Radius (mm) $B_A : B_T$ Ratio	Min. value $B_A \text{ at } B_T = 1$ $= 10 : 1$	Manual measurement of substrate at negative form
	Large Waves ($R \geq 200 \text{ mm}$)		
	R_{KW} Radius (mm) $B_A : B_T$ Ratio (GW)	Min. value $B_A \text{ at } B_T = 1$ $= 10 : 1$	Measurement of substrate with profilometer

Waterproofing Sections, with the Membrane Installation on Shotcrete (initial lining)

The surface of the shotcrete should be smooth and even. The shotcrete aggregate shall have a diameter of 4–8 mm. Minimum radius of any unevenness shall be not less than 20 cm. Loose and protruding stones must be removed. The shotcrete shall be cured for at least 24 hours. Steel elements, such as reinforcement bars, steel girders and the heads of rock bolts – as far as not used to hold inner lining structures – shall be covered with at least

5 cm of shotcrete. Running water ingress can be plugged with waterproof mortars (i.e. **Sika®-4A** admixture) mixed with brand new Portland cement, prior to the initial lining. Heavy water ingress can be collected into PVC half-pipes (i.e. **FlexoDrain**), mounted by nailing and led into the permanent drainage system. The mounted half-pipe should be covered with at least 5 cm of shotcrete prior to the initial lining installation.



Difficult substrate conditions

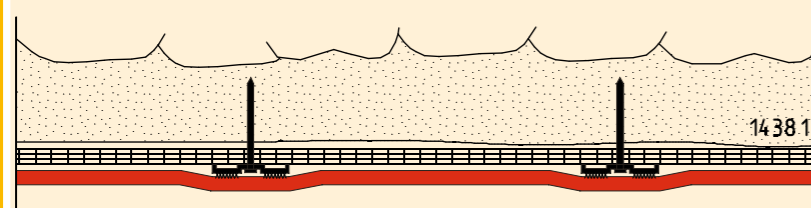


Substrate conditions in Uetliberg/Switzerland

Fixing Technique

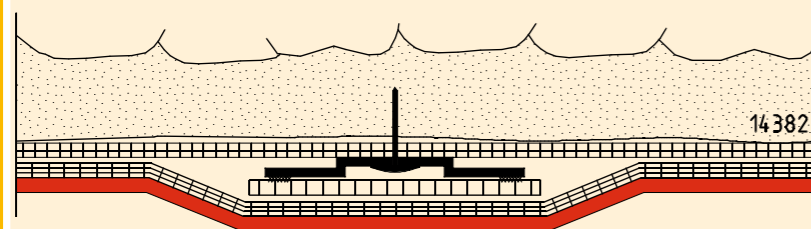
The possibility to bridge joints, cracks, fissures and gravel pockets is the big advantage of loose laid (spot-fixed) plastic sealing membranes. Fixing discs (roundels) are installed on the shotcrete surface to provide adequate support and a close fit over the entire shotcrete surface. The waterproofing membrane is laid with the signal layer inside the tunnel and with sufficient slack to prevent overstressing during concreting. New fixing methods come up, e.g. the hook and loop fastener system and the hot-melt system, which allows an automatic installation.

Spotwise welding



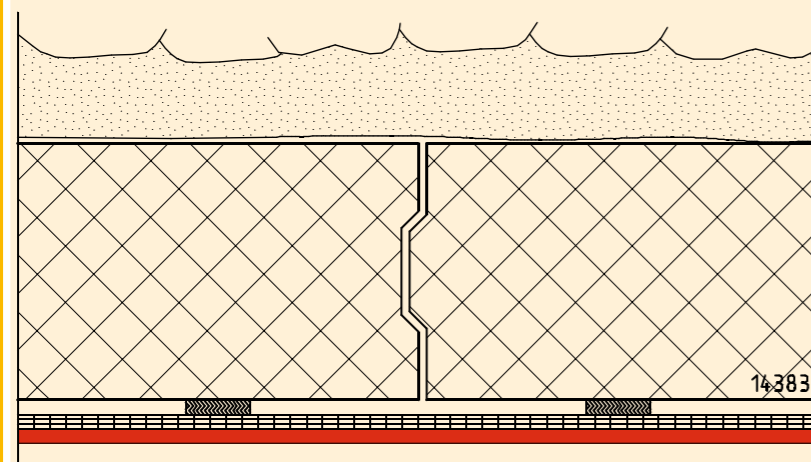
- Shotcrete, >5 cm
- Geotextile / Drainage mat
- Fixing discs
- Hot air weld
- Waterproofing membrane Sikaplan

Spotwise hook and loop



- Shotcrete, >5 cm
- Geotextile / Drainage mat
- Fixing disc with hook and loop
- Hot air weld
- Waterproofing membrane Sikaplan fleece-backed

Stripwise adhesive-bonded (e.g. hot melt)



- Tubbing segment concrete (shotcrete)
- Adhesive bead (liquid adhesive)
- Waterproofing membrane Sikaplan fleece-backed

Welding Technique of Membranes

Sikaplan membranes are heat-welded using various methods. The main difference is between welding by hand and welding using an automatic welding machine. The welding method must be adapted to the site conditions and must be suited to the Sikaplan membrane type. Before the membrane is welded, a trial weld and peel test must be carried out. The trial weld serves to check the welder settings and adjust these to suit the site conditions if necessary.

Hand-Welding

- Sika seam surfaces to be welded must be clean and dry (cleaning / seam preparation).
- Adjoining sheets should overlap at least 80 mm.



Leister PID

Proper hand welding involves three steps:



1. Tack welding

Hold the sheets in position.

2. Pre-welding

Continuous weld joins the sheets to form a heat pocket. The weld is placed along the back of the overlap, leaving 35 to 40 mm of free material to weld with a 40 mm wide welding nozzle (or 15 to 20 mm for a 20 mm nozzle).

3. Final welding

The final weld produces an airtight and watertight seam 10 to 30 mm wide (depending on nozzle width). A Sika pressure roller is applied at a distance of 30 mm in front of the nozzle and parallel to it. The travel of the roller should always extend beyond the welded seam.

Automatic Welding

- Heated wedge automatic welding machines are predominantly used on civil engineering projects.
- The machines are used to weld both the longitudinal and transverse seams.



Leister COMET / Leister TWINNY T / S

This heated wedge automatic welding machine is used in tunnels, below-ground structures, and hydraulic / water-retaining structures. For membranes 1.5 mm to 3 mm thick, dependent on the material.



Double seams (widths: 15 mm each plus 10 mm air testing channel) only with automatic welding machines.

Heat is transferred to the material to be welded by a temperature-controlled heated wedge, heated electrically or by hot air. The machines can be used over any substrate. The use of each machine is described in detail in the relevant user manual.

Heat welding of Sika Waterbars onto the installed Sikaplan® membrane with heated blades

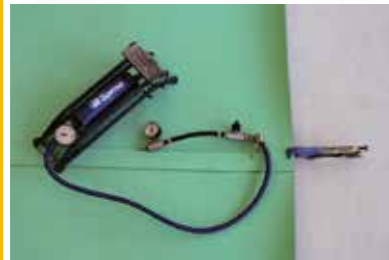


Butt joints between **Sika® Waterbars** type AR/AF are made with hot copper blades whilst the waterbar's ends are fixed into special clamps.



Seam Inspection after Welding

Testing with compressed Air



The double-wedge machines produce two welded seams at once. At both ends of the double seam the channel between the two welds to be tested is clamped shut and a manometer and needle is installed. A foot-pump or air compressor is then connected to the valve and the appropriate test pressure developed. (The pressure depends on the material and the temperature; see DVS 2225 Part 2 / Test pressure chart.)

The standard test parameters are as follows:

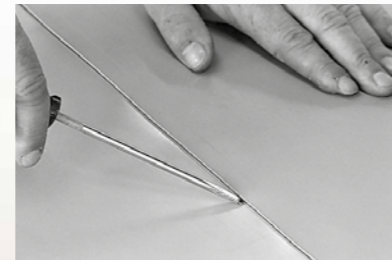
Test duration: 10 minutes; test pressure: 1.5–2 bars, depending on the temperature and membrane thickness. The seam is considered watertight if the initial pressure in the test channel drops by not more than 10 % during the test period. The pressure values are recorded, specifically the initial pressure and the final pressure.

Visual Inspection of Seams



After welding, all seams should be visually inspected for good workmanship. Special attention should be paid to T-joints, penetrations, and flashings.

Mechanical Testing of Seams



All hand-welded seams should be mechanically tested once they have completely cooled. For this purpose use a screwdriver (about 5 mm wide, with blunted edges). Apply light pressure to the seam, and do not scratch the membrane. Mechanical testing is not a test for watertightness; it helps detect seams that are not fully welded.

Testing with Vacuum



Vacuum bell over seam area to be tested, build up vacuum with electric pump.



Testing of watertightness for the double-layer system, which is the only waterproofing system which can be tested during any of the construction phases.

Checklist for Waterproofing

Acceptance of substrate

- Make sure the substrate is even, smooth and clean as specified.

Levelling and protective layer

- Are the type, weight, and quality correct?
- Are the lapped seams correct?
- Is the number of fixing points correct?

Sikaplan® membrane

- Are the type, thickness, and quality correct?
- Are lapped seams correct? Field cuts?
- Is the membrane laid without wrinkles?

Welding of the membrane

- Is the welding machine clean (heating wedges)?
- Are temperature, speed, and pressure correctly set?

Checking welds

- Check double-wedge seams with compressed air in accordance with the Installation Manual.
- Check finished hand-welded seams with a screwdriver as recommended.

Transition at invert / vault

- Cut the overlap correctly.
- Bevel edges at T-joints.
- Weld transverse seams with a welding machine.
- Test welded seams with compressed air.

Waterstops

- Check position of the waterstops.
- Check welds with a screwdriver.

Membrane Protective layer

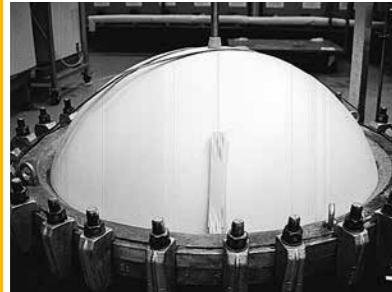
- Are the type, thickness, and quality correct?
- Are welded seams and welds to the waterstops complete?

Acceptance of each section

- Visually inspect the waterproofing surface for damage or faults.
- Make sure waterstops are clean and free of residue.
- Ensure acceptance by construction supervising officer.

Quality

The success of a construction project is determined by the quality of every aspect. Thus quality assurance is especially important. That's why we are focussed to deliver the following demonstrable characteristics:



Quality Assurance of the Product

Sika is innovative, uses advanced raw materials, researches intensively, uses modern production methods, ensures the internal monitoring of processes and external monitoring of products. – These are the principles we follow as we provide our customers with high-quality products. Yet that's just the start of the long chain of processes a **Sikaplan**® membrane goes through to ultimately become a customer-tailor-made waterproofing system that protects a tunnel against water.



Material Quality

- Specified and cost-optimized Sika products and systems
- Certified Sika Systems according to NEAT-standard
- High quality and advanced raw material technology for PVC-P and FPO products
- Experienced material know how based on different application fields in tunnels, basements, roofing, pit and ponds, groundwater protection, tank sealing and swimming pools
- Complete- material compatible-systems including design and accessories



Quality of the Installation

- **Welded seams**
Flawless seams can be welded by hand and/or with automatic welding machines. Seam quality is tested and evaluated according to DVS 2225 Part 2.
- **Checklist**
This tool is adapted to the specific conditions of each job. It is one part of quality management on the construction site and serves to reduce sources of errors.
- **Field Test Report**
The Field Test Report helps ensure that all tests and inspections are carried out for each tunnel section. The report form also documents readiness for the subsequent concreting.
- For more information on working with Sika membranes: The Sika Membrane Installation Manuals describe and illustrate each step of detail work. Sika Installation Manuals for Sikaplan PVC and for TPO membranes are available on request.



- Quality in terms of substantially meeting the expectations of customers
- Professional competence in line with current knowledge and technology
- Punctual delivery of goods and services
- Effective problem-solving with verifiable actions



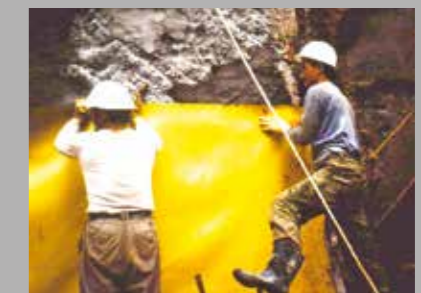
Inadequate workmanship or incorrect installation of membrane waterproofing could mean that the structure is not watertight, thus allowing future water ingress. Sika® trained professional contractors and QC on site are always recommended to prevent such defects.



Non-professional welding



Incorrect welding

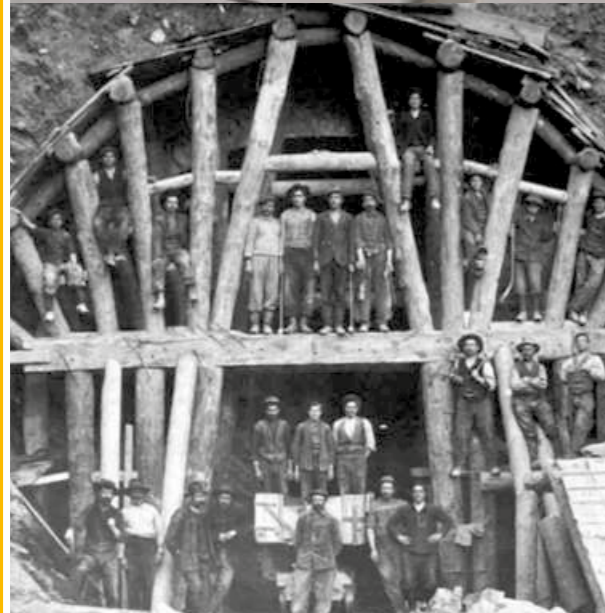


Ignoring substrate requirements and omitting protective backing materials



Global Case Studies

Flexible Waterproofing of Tunnels with Sikaplan® Membranes



Project

- Railway -Gotthard-Tunnel/ Switzerland, year 1910
- Protection of Electricity against water

Sika solution

- Drainage System
- Improvement of concrete structure with mortar sealing compound

Products

- **Sika-1** waterproofing adhesive for mortars



Project

- NBS-Köln-Rhein Main/ Germany
- 60 m waterpressure

Sika solution

- Active Control System with double membrane layer (3+2 mm) & vacuum control
- Using of high flexible TPO membranes (FPO), which allow to weld difficult sections of tunnels without cutting (e.g. cross sections) and therefore to reduce hand-welded seams and vacuum tests
- Installation of flexible – membrane compatible – polyolefine waterstops with integrated injection canals and external grouting hoses

Products

- **Sikaplan® WT** 2200-32 HL2
- **Sikaplan® WT** 2220-25 HLE
- **Sikaplan® WT** Protection sheet-30H
- **Sarnafil® Waterstop** MP 6-STEGIG AFI 600/35
- **Sikaplan® W** FELT PP RIL 850
- **Sikaplan® WT** Control socket 6 mm PE
- **Sikaplan® W** Flexible PP protection pipe
- **Sikaplan® W** PU-control tube
- **Sikaplan® WT** Disc grey PE



High flexible FPO membranes allow to weld difficult sections of tunnels without cutting.



Project

- N4.1.5 Ueltlibergtunnel- Birmsdorf/ Switzerland, 4200 m, 360 000 m²
- NATM/ TBM, shotcrete surface, waterhead 50 m (partly)

Sika solution

- Waterstop System with double layer membrane and Drainage System (full round seal)
- Using an innovative injection barrier/compartiment system in the area of the horizontal construction joints
- At the interfaces between the different waterproofing drainage concepts (drained/undrained) it was necessary to install a tight sealing ring system "Dammring" between the rock and waterproofing membrane. This detail was solved with a Sikadur Combiflex System

Products

- **Sikaplan®** 30 PECO
- **Sikaplan®** 20/30 PECO DIA
- **Sika® Waterstop** AR 60-6 inject PECO
- **Sika® Waterstop** AR 40-6 inject PECO
- **Sika® Waterstop** AR-10/1 PECO
- **Sikadur® Combiflex®** 2502



Project

- Road tunnel Bad Ems/ Germany, 1.600 m, 36 500 m²
- Thermal water up to 55°C incl. lime corrosive carbonic acid, under pressure

Sika solution

- Waterstop System
- Full round sealing with a 3 mm flexible polyolefine membrane – **Sikaplan® WT** 1200-30 C – including contraction preventing with glass fleece
- Installation of flexible – membrane compatible – polyolefine waterstops including pre-fabricated cross-joints

Additional products:

- **Sikaplan® W** FELT PP ZTV 950
- **Sikaplan® WT** Protection sheet-30H
- **Sika® Waterstop** MP AF 240/30 (4 anchors)
- **Sika® Waterstop** MP AF 400/30 (6 anchors)
- **Sika® Waterstop** MP DF 400/30 (6 anchors)
- **Sikaplan® WT** Disc grey PE



Global Case Studies

Flexible Waterproofing of Tunnels with Sikaplan® Membranes



Project

- Katzenbergtunnel / Germany, cross section, 90 mWS
- Main tunnel with pre-cast-concrete elements/ tubbings (TBM)

Sika Solution

- Waterstop System
- Using of high flexible TPO membranes (FPO) to guarantee a close fit to the surface profile and to improve the workability/ patch-work
- Installation of flexible – membrane compatible – polyolefine waterstops with four integrated injection canals

Products

- Sikaplan® W FELT PP RIL 850
- Sikaplan® WT 2200-32HL2
- Sikaplan® WT 2200-42HL2
- Sarnafil® Waterstop AF-600/34 MP Inject
- Sikaplan® WT Disc grey PE



Project

- Islisbergtunnel/ Switzerland
- Full automatically installation with hot-melt on pre-cast concrete elements/ tubbings

Sika Solution

- Drainage System
- Using a PVC-P-fleece backed (500 g/m², PP) waterproofing membrane
- To avoid critical peeling process between membrane and fleece caused by water and weight, the lamination between both has to be more than 80% of the surface
- Fire behaviour of the membrane 5.1 acc. to SIA V 280, self extinguishing, caused by high continuously membrane installation without final concrete lining

Products

- Sikaplan® WP 2110-20 HL Felt 500
- Sikaplan® WP 2160-20 HL Felt 500



Project

- Road tunnel N 20.1.4- Birnsdorf-Hafnerberg/ Switzerland, 130 000 m²
- pressure water

Sika Solution

- Waterstop System
- Using a PVC-Anchor to fix the reinforcement of inner lining to the outer shell without losing the watertightness in case of membrane penetration

Products

- Sikaplan® WP 2110-30HL
- Sikaplan® WP Protection sheet-40HE
- Sikaplan® WP Anchor 16/200
- Sikaplan® WP Disc 80/10mm yellow



Project

- AlpTransit/NEAT-Gotthard-section Bodio/ Switzerland, year 2007, 16.5 km, 1.8 Mio m²

Sika Solution

- Drainage System
- Full automatically installation with hook and loop fixing discs
- Spot-wise fixing technology in combination with a fleece backed PVC-P membrane (200 g/m², PP)
- Guarantee of a close fit to the shotcrete surface (machined) and therefore improvement of the system quality
- Waterproofing membrane according to NEAT-Alp Transit requirements

Products

- Sikaplan®-14.6 Neat F 200 Klett (System 216)



Global Case Studies



Project

- Tunnel Mrazovka, CZ
- 40 m waterpressure

Sika Solution

- Waterstop System with 3 mm FPO membrane
- Using of high flexible TPO membranes (FPO), which allow to weld difficult sections of tunnels
- Installation of flexible – membrane compatible polyolefine waterstops with integrated injection canals
- Injection of cement based material from bottom to top, approx. 8.6 l/m² (average)
- Injection of PU based material

Products

- **Sikaplan® WT** 2200-30HL2
- **Sikaplan® WT** Protection sheet-30H (Sarnafil Schutzbahn N8-30)
- **Sarnafil® Waterstop** MP 6-STEGIG AFI 600/35
- **Sikaplan® W** FELT PP 500 (SARNAFELT PP 500)
- **Sikaplan® WT** Control socket 14 mm PE
- **Sikaplan® W** Flexible PP protection pipe
- **Sikaplan® WT** Disc grey PE
- **Sikaplan® WP** anchor 16/120



Project

- Tunnel Gernsbach, D
- First tunnel project used an Active Control System, 1995
- 40 m waterpressure

Sika Solution

- Active Control System
- PVC-membranes with signal layer (2 + 2 mm)

Products

- **Sarnafil®** G 476-20
- **Sarnafil®** GN 479-25, including glas fleece and knops
- **Sikaplan® WP** Protection sheet -30 H
- **Sikaplan® WP** discs



Sika Experience in Waterproofing for nearly 100 Years

As early as 1920, when the electrification of the railways began, the importance of tunnel waterproofing was recognized. Nowadays, the waterproofing of underground traffic structures is required as a matter of course by specialists. With its quick-setting mortar, Sika not only provided the first lead in the tunnel waterproofing epoch, but was consequently involved most influentially to the present day in the development of new technologies, as the following brief history shows.

1910 Gotthard railway tunnel (CH), waterproofing with pointing mortar Sika®-4, surface waterproofing with Sika®-1

1930 Paris metro, Chalifert-station (F), waterproofing with Sika® mortars

1940 Oberhasli power station (CH), preliminary waterproofing with Sika®-4a

1950 Walensee road, Kerenzer tunnel (CH), isolation of interior tunnel vault with Sika® bitumen felts

1960 Loibl tunnel, Carinthia (A), tunnel waterproofing with Sika® Colmasyn polyester coating

1960 Felber-Tauern tunnel (A), preliminary waterproofing with Sika®-4a and application of shotcrete layer with Sigunit® and Sikalite®

1968 Belchentunnel, highway (CH), installation of 1 mm thick PVC-P waterproofing membrane fastened spot-wise with press-studs

1968/69 Bärenburgtunnel (A13/CH), waterproofing membrane (Sarnafil) with hot-melt technology

1968 Arisdorftunnel (A2/CH), PVC-P membrane made at Düringen (CH)

1969 Viamala, Roflatunnel (CH), waterproofing with Sikaplan® bitumen membranes, fully glued to inner concrete ring with hot-seal adhesive

1971 Furka railway tunnel (CH), preliminary surface waterproofing by machine with SikaShot® (ready-mix concrete/sprayable membrane).

1972 Gotthard road tunnel (CH), application of frost-resistant concrete with the admixture Plastocrete®

1976 Schönbuch tunnel (D), Herrenberg, water pressure resistant sealing with Sikaplan® (Sarnafil) mod. TPO membranes, double welding seam with test canal

1977 Seelisbergtunnel (CH), use of setting accelerator Sigunit® and waterproofing by the Bituflex-Sika Norm Hypalon

1978 Belmont tunnel (CH), waterproofing with Sikaplan® PVC-P tunnel membranes, spot-fastened by the "suspender method"

1978 Ventilation shaft for Gotthard road tunnel (CH), waterproofing with Sikaplan® PVC-P tunnel membrane, in hardly combustible version and with incorporate signal layer

1984 Gubrist tunnel (CH), fully glued Sikaplan® PVC-P, with signal layer and fleece backing

Trancheé couverte de Sévaz, A1 (CH), waterproofing with Sikaplan® PVC-P membrane fully glued

1990 Tunnel Planzetta Sierre, A9 (CH), waterproofing with Sikaplan® FPO membrane

1995 Gernsbachtunnel (D), first Active Control System with a PVC-P membrane

Girsberg tunnel A7 Kreuzlingen (CH), PVC-P waterproofing against pressurized water (25 m WS) with spot-wise fixing based on Sika hook and loop technology

Önsbergtunnel (CH), adhesive fixing technology with fully automatic installation, Sikaplan® PECO fleece-backed, on tubbings
NBS Köln-Rhein/Main (D), tunnel under

water pressure (60 m WS), Active Control system with Sikaplan® (Sarnafil) FPO

Lötschberg base tunnel (CH), waterproofing with Sikaplan® PVC-P

2006 Metro São Paulo (BR), waterproofing with PVC-P membrane according to SIA V 280 standard

Hallandsås Tunnel (S), 120 m WS, cross section, Sikaplan® (Sarnafil) FPO membranes

Islisbergtunnel (CH), adhesive fixing technology with fully automatic installation, Sikaplan® PVC-P fleece-backed on tubbings

2007 Tunnel Grouft (LUX), waterproofing with PVC-P, fire resistance of 5.1 according to SIA V 280

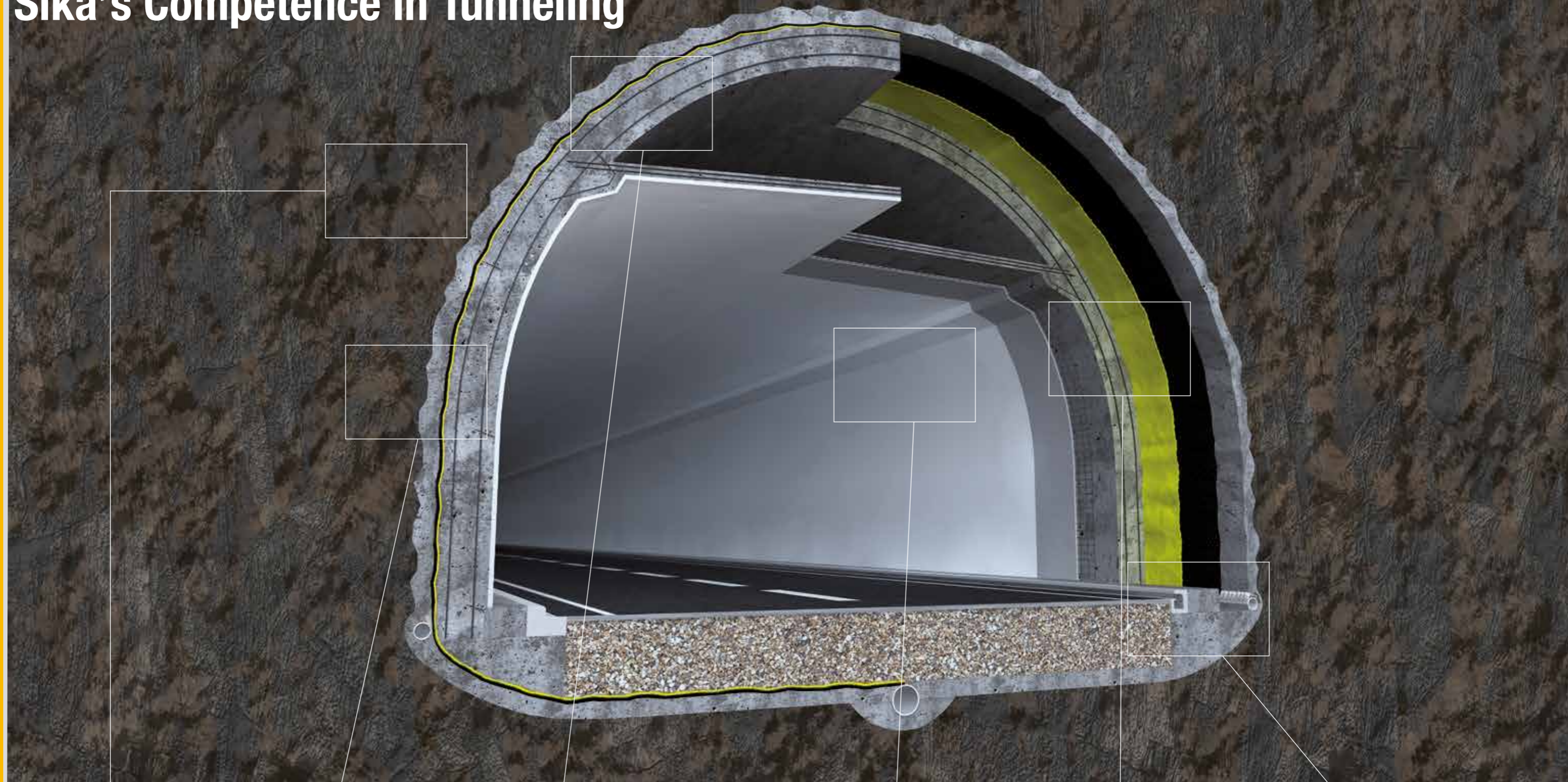
2007 Katzenbergtunnel (D), 90 m WS, cross section, Sikaplan® (Sarnafil) FPO and new generation of Sika waterstops

Tunnel chain Perschling and tunnel Wienerwald (AT), adhesive fixing technology with fully automatic installation, Sikaplan® PVC-P fleece-backed on tubbings

2008 AlpTransit/ Tunnel San Gottardo, spot-wise fixing based on Sika® hook and loop technology, Sikaplan® PVC-P Neat fleece-backed and Sikaplan® (Sarnafil) FPO Neat



Sika's Competence in Tunneling



Rock stabilization with
Sika® Injection resins



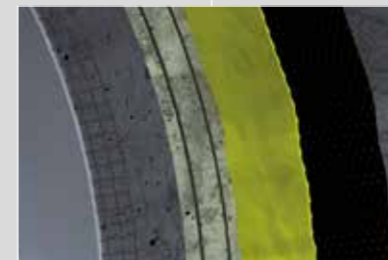
Sprayed concrete
SikaCem®-Gunite®



Tubbing/Pre-cast-concrete elements
Sika® ViscoCrete® SCC
Concrete admixture technology



Wall protection
Sikagard®-Wallcoat



Flexible waterproofing
Sikaplan® membrane



Specialities
SikaGrout® mortars
Sikadur® epoxy adhesives

Joint sealing, crack sealing
Sikadur®-Combiflex® System
Sika® Waterbar
Sikaplan® WP drainage angle



Sika® Injection Technology for Waterproofing Construction Joints or Remedial Works

Solutions for Leaks and Construction Damage



Concrete Damage

Damage can occur to the concrete in many ways but primarily through difficulties in interpreting design aspects, inadequate or untimely compaction, or by accident. Sika produces a full range of concrete repair systems, which are compatible with all Sika waterproofing systems.

Cracks/Honeycombing

The terms “watertight” and “vapour-tight” do not mean “crack-free”. Cracking can always occur in concrete in its plastic or in its hardened state, due to the stresses imposed. These include the internal forces caused by temperature and water content changes. Sika has a complete range of products and systems for the repair of “cracks” and “honeycombing” in watertight concrete structures.



Sealing and Waterproofing of Cracks

Closing, sealing and flexible bridging of leaking cracks and honeycombing or voids in new and existing structures:

Sika® Injection-101

Fast-foaming, low-viscous polyurethane injection foam for temporary water-stopping

Sika® Injection-201

Low-viscous, flexible polyurethane injection resin for permanent waterproof sealing

Sika® InjectoCem-190

Two-component injection grout based on microfine cement



Waterproofing of Construction Joints

For sealing construction joints in a watertight structure, Sika provides a full range of products and systems:

Sika® Injection-29

Low-viscous, flexible polyacrylate injection resin with a high solids content

Sika® Injection-201

Low-viscous, flexible polyurethane injection resin for permanent watertight sealing even in wet conditions

Sika® InjectoCem-190

Two-component injection grout based on microfine cement for waterproof sealing of voids and non-moving cracks in the structure



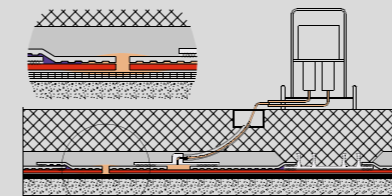
Surface Sealing and Waterproofing of Concrete Structures

Remedial surface sealing by curtain injection of surface defects in below ground concrete structures:

Sika® Injection-304

Flexible, very low-viscous and very quick-gelling polyacrylate injection gel for permanent watertight sealing. The material reacts to form a waterproof, flexible but solid gel with good adhesion to both dry and wet substrates.

Waterproofing of damaged Membranes



Repair by injection of damaged waterproofing membranes (single and double layer systems)

Sika® Injection-305

Flexible, very low viscous and quick-gelling polyacrylic injection gel for permanent watertight sealing of damaged membranes (single and double layer systems). The material reacts to form a waterproof, flexible but solid gel with good adhesion to both dry and wet substrates.

Compartmentalization Waterbars



To ensure watertight embedding of the anchors, the waterstop system uses injectable waterstops. Potential air pockets or minor imperfections in the concrete can be injected with this system, but it is not possible to use the system to fill large voids left by inadequate or incomplete concreting.

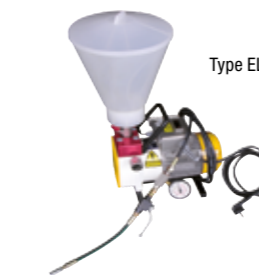
Sika® Injection-201

Low-viscous, flexible and solvent-free polyurethane injection resin for permanent waterproof sealing of cracks and construction joints. In contact with water, it forms a uniform, closed and therefore watertight pore structure.

Sika® Injection Pumps and Packers

Single-component Pumps for Polyurethane, Epoxy and Polyacrylate Resins

Sika® single-component injection pumps are universal injection devices suitable for a wide range of applications. They are designed for professional use in crack injection and for the Sika® Injectoflex System. The Sika® Injection Pump EL-1, EL-2, Hand-1 and Hand-2 are suitable for Sika polyurethane, epoxy and polyacrylate injection resins.



Two-component Pumps for Polyacrylate Gels

Sika® Injection Pump PN-2C is specially designed for curtain injection. A two-component pump is required for these fast-reacting polyacrylate gels. The individual resin components are introduced to the mixing head separately. The actual mixing process takes place in a static mixer located in the mixing head.



Mixing and Pumping Equipment for Microfine Cement Suspension

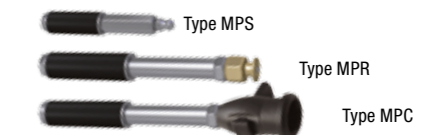
The colloidal mixer Sika® Injection Mixer C-1 is designed for the complete and thorough mixing of Sika® microfine cement suspensions. Sika® Injection Pump MFC-1 is used for the pumping of Sika® microfine cement suspensions. It provides continuous pumping without separation of the suspension.



Sika® Injection Packers are used as Connection Pieces between the Injection Pump and the Structure. Sika® provides a full Range of Packers for different Applications.

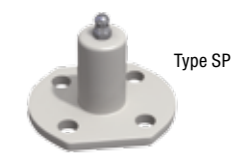
Mechanical Packers

for high and low pressure injection where injection hole drilling is possible



Surface Packers

for low pressure injection, where drilling is not possible

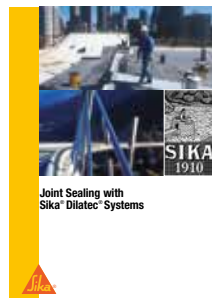
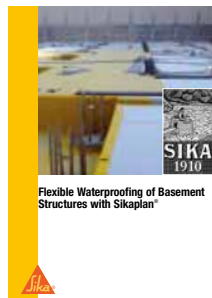


Flexible Waterproofing of Tunnels with Sikaplan® Membranes



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