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SIKA INTERIOR WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES

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Technical Assessments of products for building and construction.



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Product

- 1.1 Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes are two and single part waterproofing membranes for use under trafficable floor finishes in internal wet areas.

Scope

- 2.1 Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes have been appraised for use as waterproofing membranes for internal wet areas of buildings, within the following scope:
 - on floor substrates of concrete, flooring grade particleboard, plywood, fibre cement compressed sheet and fibre cement sheet tile underlay, and on wall substrates of concrete, concrete masonry, wet area fibre cement sheet lining systems and wet area plasterboard lining systems; and,
 - when protected from physical damage by trafficable floor finishes; and,
 - where floors are designed and constructed such that deflections do not exceed 1/360th of the span.
- 2.2 The use of Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes on concrete slabs where hydrostatic or vapour pressure is present from below is outside the scope of this Appraisal.
- 2.3 Movement and control joints in the substrate must be carried through to the trafficable floor finish. The design and construction of the substrate and movement and control joints is specific to each building, and therefore the responsibility of the building designer and building contractor and is outside the scope of this Appraisal.
- 2.4 The trafficable floor finishes are outside the scope of this Appraisal.
- 2.5 The membranes must be installed by trained installers, approved by Sika (NZ) Ltd.

Building Regulations

New Zealand Building Code (NZBC)

- 3.1 In the opinion of BRANZ, Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes, if designed, used, installed and maintained in accordance with the statements and conditions of this Appraisal, will meet the following provisions of the NZBC:
 - Clause B2 DURABILITY:** Performance B2.3.1 (b) 15 years. Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes meet this requirement. See Paragraph 9.1.
 - Clause E3 INTERNAL MOISTURE:** Performance E3.3.6. Interior wet area floors and walls incorporating Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes meet this requirement. See Paragraphs 11.1-11.6.
 - Clause F2 HAZARDOUS BUILDING MATERIALS:** Performance F2.3.1. Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes meet this requirement.

Technical Specification

4.1 Materials supplied by Sika (NZ) Ltd are as follows:

- **Sikalastic®-152** is a two-component, fibre reinforced mortar, based on cement-modified polymers. It has a very low elastic modulus and is designed to be used to waterproof substrates that are to be covered by trafficable floor finishes. It is supplied as an 8 kg Part A liquid and a 25 kg Part B powder, with a final mixed colour of grey.
- **Sikalastic®-220 W** is a single component, ready-to-use, solvent-free, liquid waterproofing membrane suitable for interior waterproofing application. It is supplied as a blue grey colour in 16 kg buckets.
- **Sika® AquaBlok WPU** is a one-part, water-based, micro fibre reinforced elastomeric waterproofing membrane. It is supplied in 15 L pails and is coloured grey.
- **SikaTile®-110 Secure Proof** is a Class III, fibre reinforced, ready-to-use water-based polyurethane waterproofing membrane for under tile and stone applications. It is supplied in 15 L pails and is coloured grey.
- **Sika®Tite Undertile** is a styrene butadiene copolymer-based, one-part, ready-to-use liquid-applied membrane supplied as a grey thixotropic paste in 15 L pails.
- **Sika®Primer-11 W+** is a water-based primer for cement-based substrates, plaster and plasterboard. It is a light blue liquid supplied in a 5 kg bottle can.
- **Sika® SealTape** is a reinforcement tape with a woven bonding mesh and an expansion zone in the centre, to be used to reinforce all changes of direction. It comes as preformed corners, wall flashings, floor flashings and rolls. It is 0.6 mm thick and coloured yellow/white.
- **SikaTile®-010 Secure Prime** is a high performance, ready-to-use primer with efflorescence inhibiting properties suitable for porous and dense substrates. It is supplied in 5 L pails and is a milky white liquid which dries clear.
- **SikaTile®-015 NPP** is a water-based non-porous primer suitable for the priming of non-porous substrates. It is supplied in 1 and 4 L pails and is coloured blue.
- **SikaFloor®-01 Primer** is a concentrated resin primer designed to be applied prior to cement and gypsum based products. It is supplied in 1 and 5 kg plastic bottles and is coloured blue.

Handling and Storage

5.1 All materials must be stored inside, up off concrete floors, in dry conditions, out of direct sunlight and out of freezing conditions. The membrane products have a shelf life of 12 months from date of manufacture in the original unopened packaging. Once opened, the products must be used within 3 months.

Technical Literature

6.1 This Appraisal must be read in conjunction with:

- Product Data Sheet, Sikalastic-152, Version 02.01, dated March 2021.
- Product Data Sheet, Sikalastic-220 W, Version 03.01, dated January 2022.
- Product Data Sheet, SikaTile 110 Secure Proof, Version 01.03, dated April 2023.
- Technical Data Sheet SikaTite Undertile, Version 01.04, issued April 2023.
- Technical Data Sheet AquaBlok WPU, issued 6 November 2017.
- Waterproofing Details, Sika Tile Installation Systems, Internal and External areas, Version 01, dated 2019.

6.2 All aspects of design, use, installation and maintenance contained in the Technical Literature and within the scope of this Appraisal must be followed.

Design Information

General

- 7.1 Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes are for use in buildings where an impervious waterproof membrane is required to floors and walls to prevent damage to building elements and adjoining areas.
- 7.2 The membranes must be protected from physical damage by the application of trafficable floor finishes.
- 7.3 Movement and control joints may be required depending on the shape and size of the building or room, and the floor finish specified. Design guidelines can be found in the BRANZ Good Practice Guide: Tiling.
- 7.4 Timber framing systems must comply with NZS 3604, or where specific engineering design is used, the framing shall be of at least equivalent stiffness to the framing provisions of NZS 3604, or comply with the serviceability criteria of AS/NZS 1170. In all cases, framing must be provided so that the maximum span of the substrate as specified by the substrate manufacturer is met and all sheet edges are fully supported. Timber framing systems supporting the substrates must be constructed such that deflections do not exceed $1/360^{\text{th}}$ of the span. Where NZS 3604 is used, the allowable joist spans given in Table 7.1 shall be reduced by 20%.

Substrates

Plywood

- 8.1 Plywood must be a minimum of 17 mm thick complying with AS/NZS 2269, CD Grade Structural with sanded C face upwards and treated to H3 [CCA treated]. LOSP treated plywood must not be used. The plywood must be supported with dwangs or framing with a maximum span of 400 mm in each direction and fixed with 10 g x 50 mm stainless steel countersunk head screws at 150 mm centres on the edges and 200 mm through the body of the sheets.

Fibre Cement Compressed Sheet/Fibre Cement Sheet Tile Underlay

- 8.2 Fibre cement compressed sheet must be manufactured to comply with the requirements of AS 2908.2 and must be specified by the manufacturer as being suitable for use as a wet area substrate. Fibre cement sheet tile underlay must be suitable for use in internal wet areas. Installation must be in accordance with the instructions of the manufacturer.

Particleboard

- 8.3 Particleboard must be specified for the end use in accordance with NZS 3602.

Concrete and Concrete Masonry

- 8.4 Concrete and concrete masonry substrates must be to a specific engineering design meeting the requirements of the NZBC, such as concrete construction to NZS 3101, concrete slab-on-ground to NZS 3604, and concrete masonry to NZS 4229 and NZS 4230.

Wet Area Wall Linings

- 8.5 Plasterboard wall linings must be manufactured to comply with AS/NZS 2588 and be suitable for use in internal wet areas.
- 8.6 Fibre cement sheet must be suitable for use in wet areas.

Durability

Serviceable Life

- 9.1 Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes, when subjected to normal conditions of environment and use, are expected to have a serviceable life of at least 15 years and be compatible with trafficable floor finishes with a design service life of 15-25 years.

Maintenance

- 10.1 No maintenance of the membranes will be required provided significant substrate movement does not occur and the floor finish remains intact. Regular checks must be made of the floor finish to ensure it is sound and will not allow moisture to penetrate. Any cracks or damage must be repaired immediately.
- 10.2 In the event of damage to the membrane, the trafficable floor finish must be removed and the membrane repaired by removing the damaged portion and applying a patch as for new work.
- 10.3 Drainage outlets must be maintained to operate effectively, and floor finishes must be kept clean.

Internal Moisture

- 11.1 Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes are impervious to water and when appropriately designed and installed will avoid the likelihood of water penetrating behind linings or entering concealed spaces.
- 11.2 Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes are suitable for use to contain accidental overflow to meet NZBC Clause E3.3.2. A means of code compliance for overflow is given in NZBC Acceptable Solution E3/AS1, Section 2.
- 11.3 Surfaces must be finished with trafficable floor finishes. A means of code compliance to NZBC Clauses E3.3.3 and E3.3.4 is given in NZBC Acceptable Solution E3/AS1, Paragraph 3.1.1 b), 3.1.2 b) and 3.3.1 b).
- 11.4 Falls in showers and shower areas must be a minimum of 1 in 50. In unenclosed showers, falls must extend a minimum of 1,500 mm out from the shower rose. Floor wastes and drainage flanges must be provided and the floor must fall to the outlet.
- 11.5 The waterproofing membranes must completely cover shower bases, and for unenclosed showers it must extend a minimum of 1,500 mm out from the shower rose. Further design guidance on waterproofing wet areas, including waterproofing walls and junctions can be obtained from AS 3740, the BRANZ Good Practice Guide: Tiling, and flooring and wallboard manufacturers.
- 11.6 Where water-resistant wall finishes such as prefinished sheet materials are used, they must flash over the membrane a minimum of 30 mm.

Installation Information

Installation Skill Level Requirement

- 12.1 Installation must always be carried out in accordance with the Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes Technical Literature and this Appraisal by, or under the supervision of, a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) with the relevant Licence Class.
- 12.2 Installation and finishing of components and accessories supplied by Sika (NZ) Ltd and its approved applicators must be completed by trained applicators, approved by Sika (NZ) Ltd.
- 12.3 Installation of the accessories supplied by the building contractor must be carried out in accordance with the Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes Technical Literature and this Appraisal by, or under the supervision of, a Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) with the relevant Licence Class.

Preparation of Substrates

- 13.1 Substrates must be dry, clean and stable before installation commences. Surfaces must be smooth and free from nibs, sharp edges, dust, dirt or other materials such as oil, grease or concrete formwork release agents.
- 13.2 The relative humidity of the concrete must be 75% or less before membrane application. Concrete substrates can be checked for dryness by using a hygrometer as set out in BRANZ Bulletin No. 585.
- 13.3 All voids, cracks, holes, joints and excessively rough areas must be filled to achieve an even and uniform surface. Junctions of substrate abutments, such as at wall/floor and wall/wall junctions must have Sika® SealTape installed as set out in the Technical Literature.

- 13.4 Substrates must be primed with the specified primer and allowed to dry fully before the membrane is installed.
- 13.5 Porous substrates must be primed with SikaTile®-010 Secure Prime and allowed to dry fully before the membrane is installed.

Membrane Installation

- 14.1 Installation must not be undertaken where the substrate surface temperature is below 5°C or above 35°C.
- 14.2 Sikalastic®-152 liquid and Sikalastic®-152 powder must be mixed and left to stand for 5 minutes before re-mixing, then applying. Sikalastic®-152 must be applied in a minimum of two coats at the rates set out in the Technical Literature. Subsequent coats must be applied in an opposite direction to the previous coat. The maximum recommended thickness for each coat is 2 mm. The total finished system dry film thickness must be a minimum of 3 mm.
- 14.3 Sikalastic®-220 W, Sikalastic® Aquablok WPU, SikaTile®-110 Secure Proof and Sika®Tite Undertile must be thoroughly stirred before application. The membranes must be applied in a minimum of two coats at the rates set out in the Technical Literature to give a total finished system minimum dry film thickness as follows:
- Sikalastic®-220 W: 0.5 mm.
 - Sikalastic® Aquablok WPU: 2 mm.
 - SikaTile®-110 Secure Proof: 1 mm.
 - Sika®Tite Undertile: 1 mm.
- 14.4 Application can be made by steel trowel for the Sikalastic®-152 as specified in the Technical Data and roller (medium/long nap) or brush (long bristle) for the other membranes.
- 14.5 In all situations, reinforcement provisions as set out in this Appraisal and the Technical Literature apply.
- 14.6 Clean up may be undertaken with water.

Floor Finishes

- 15.1 The membranes must be fully cured before applying or installing the floor finish. The cured membranes must be protected at all times to prevent mechanical damage, so may require temporary covers until the finishing is completed.
- 15.2 Any tiling must be undertaken in accordance with AS 3958.1 and the BRANZ Good Practice Guide: Tiling. The compatibility of the tile adhesive must be confirmed with the adhesive manufacturer or Sika (NZ) Ltd.

Inspections

- 16.1 Critical areas of inspection are:
- Construction of substrates, including crack control and installation of bond breakers and movement control joints.
 - Moisture content of the substrate prior to the application of the membrane.
 - Acceptance of the substrate by the membrane installer prior to application of the membrane.
 - Installation of the membrane to the manufacturer's instructions, particularly installation to the correct thickness and use of reinforcement.
 - Membrane curing and integrity prior to the installation of trafficable floor finishes, including protection from mechanical damage during curing and prior to floor finish installation.

Health and Safety

- 17.1 Safe use and handling procedures for the membranes are provided in the Technical Literature. The materials must be used in conjunction with the relevant Material Safety Data Sheet.

Basis of Appraisal

The following is a summary of the technical investigations carried out:

Tests

18.1 The material properties of Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes have been assessed by various organisations. The results of this testing have been reviewed by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

Other Investigations

19.1 An assessment was made of the durability of Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes by BRANZ technical experts.

19.2 Site inspections were carried out by BRANZ to examine the practicability of installation.

19.3 The Technical Literature has been examined by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

Quality

20.1 The manufacture of the membranes has not been examined by BRANZ, but details regarding the quality and composition of the materials used were obtained by BRANZ and found to be satisfactory.

20.2 The quality management system of the membrane's manufacturer has been assessed and found to be satisfactory.

20.3 The quality of supply to the market is the responsibility of Sika [NZ] Ltd.

20.4 Designers are responsible for the building design, and building contractors are responsible for the quality of installation of the framing systems and the substrates.

20.5 Quality on-site is the responsibility of the trained installers, approved by Sika [NZ] Ltd.

20.6 Building owners are responsible for the maintenance of the trafficable floor finish, in accordance with the instructions of Sika [NZ] Ltd.

Sources of Information

- AS 2908.2:2000 Cellulose-cement products – flat sheet.
- AS 3740:2010 Waterproofing of domestic wet areas.
- AS 3958.1:1991 Guide to the installation of ceramic tiles.
- AS/NZS 1170:2002 Structural design actions.
- AS/NZS 2269:2012 Plywood – Structural.
- AS/NZS 4858:2004 Wet area membranes.
- BRANZ Good Practice Guide: Tiling [Third Edition], April 2015.
- NZS 3101:2006 Concrete structures standard.
- NZS 3602:2003 Timber and wood-based products for use in buildings.
- NZS 3604:2011 Timber-framed buildings.
- NZS 4229:2013 Concrete masonry buildings not requiring specific engineering design.
- NZS 4230:2004 Design of reinforced concrete masonry structures.
- Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Record of amendments - Acceptable Solutions, Verification Methods and handbooks.
- The Building Regulations 1992.



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In the opinion of BRANZ, **Sika Interior Waterproofing Membranes** are fit for purpose and will comply with the Building Code to the extent specified in this Appraisal provided they are used, designed, installed and maintained as set out in this Appraisal.

The Appraisal is issued only to **Sika [NZ] Ltd**, and is valid until further notice, subject to the Conditions of Appraisal.

Conditions of Appraisal

1. This Appraisal:
 - a) relates only to the product as described herein;
 - b) must be read, considered and used in full together with the Technical Literature;
 - c) does not address any Legislation, Regulations, Codes or Standards, not specifically named herein;
 - d) is copyright of BRANZ.
2. **Sika [NZ] Ltd**:
 - a) continues to have the product reviewed by BRANZ;
 - b) shall notify BRANZ of any changes in product specification or quality assurance measures prior to the product being marketed;
 - c) abides by the BRANZ Appraisals Services Terms and Conditions;
 - d) warrants that the product and the manufacturing process for the product are maintained at or above the standards, levels and quality assessed and found satisfactory by BRANZ pursuant to BRANZ's Appraisal of the product.
3. BRANZ makes no representation or warranty as to:
 - a) the nature of individual examples of, batches of, or individual installations of the product, including methods and quality of work;
 - b) the presence or absence of any patent or similar rights subsisting in the product or any other product;
 - c) any guarantee or warranty offered by **Sika [NZ] Ltd**.
4. Any reference in this Appraisal to any other publication shall be read as a reference to the version of the publication specified in this Appraisal.
5. BRANZ provides no certification, guarantee, indemnity or warranty, to **Sika [NZ] Ltd** or any third party.

For BRANZ

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