





Sika® Technology and Concepts for the Production of Concrete



Sika® – Market and Technology Leade through continuous Innovation

Sika – A History of Innovative Achievement in Concrete Technology

Lignosulphonate	Gluconate	Naphthalene	Melamine	Vinyl Copolymer	Polycarboxylate
1930's	1940's	1970's	1980's	1990's	2000
Sika®	Sika®	Sikament [®] -N	Sikament®-FF	Sikament®-10/	Sika® ViscoCrete®
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Plasticizing and	Plasticizing	Superplasticizing	Superplasticizing	Superplasticizing	Ultraplasticizing, low air,
up to 10%	with controlled	with up to 20%	with lower	with low air,	extended slump and up to
water or cement	retardation	water or cement	air content	extended slump	40% water or cement
reduction	and up to 10%	reduction	and up to 20%	and up to 30%	reduction. Allowing the
	water or cement		water or cement	water or cement	development of Self
	reduction		reduction	reduction	Compacting Concrete (SCC).

Sika was founded in 1910 producing admixtures for concrete and mortar. These were initially to make them waterproof, accelerate their setting or increase their strength.

Sika concrete technologists have always understood that the two most important functions of "water" in producing quality concrete are almost diametrically opposed (i.e. a high water demand to achieve workability for optimum placing and compaction VERSUS a low water demand for optimum strengths and durability!). Therefore Sika has always been at the forefront with technological advances in chemical admixtures to achieve BOTH of these requirements, together at the same time, and practically on the job site!

Sika® – for "State of the Art" Concrete Technology





Self Compacting Concrete (SCC)

Sika Technology for

- High performance and cost efficiency
- For congested reinforcement and minimal dimensions
- Reduction in noise (no vibration)
- Reduced health hazard (vibration syndrome)

Products

■ Sika® ViscoCrete® Range Latest SCC flow control

Durable, High Performance Concrete

Sika Technology for

- High impermeability
- High frost and freeze/thaw resistance
- Increased chemical resistance
- High flexural and compressive strengths

Products

- Sikament® Range
 Increased strength and watertightness
- Sika® ViscoCrete® Range
 Highest water reduction possibilities
- Fro-V5-A Range
 Defined air entraining

Pumped Concrete

Sika Technology for

- Reduced water requirements
- Optimum pumping and placement performance
- Lower pump pressures
- Reduced wear on pumping equipment

Products

- Sikament[®] Range
 - Increased strength and impermeability
- Sika® ViscoCrete® Range
 Guaranteed workability and pumpability
- SikaPump® Range Easy pumping even with difficult aggregates



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Commercial Benefits for Sika Customers

■ Plasticizing and improved Workability	Faster and easier placing and compaction
SCC Technology	Reduced labour costs and time saving
Durability	Longer service life of the structure
■ Water Reduction	Reduced cement costs and improved quality
Pumpability	Faster placing and better compaction
■ High Early Strength	Faster demoulding, faster construction
■ Watertight Construction	Watertight concrete and joints
Frost and Freeze / Thaw Resistance	Improved durability and reduced damage
■ Retarded Concrete	Extended workability at high temperatures and for

larger concrete pours

Cost optimization of shotcrete



High Early Strength Concrete

Sika Technology for

- High performance precast concrete
- Very high early strength development (in a few hours)
- Early formwork striking
- Fasttrack construction

Products

- Sika® ViscoCrete® Range
 High performance concrete and SCC
- **Sikament® Range**High water reduction with increased strength development
- SikaRapid® Technology Setting and hardening acceleration and control



Reduction of Rebound

Sprayed Concrete

Sika Technology for

- Rebound reduction
- Increased cohesion and adhesion
- Optimum early and final strength

Products

- Sika® ViscoCrete® Range
 Water reduction and increase in strength
- SikaTard® Range
 Retarding stabilizers
- Sigunite® AF Range
 Alkali-free accelerators



Concrete Essentials

Sika Technology and Products for

- Formwork release agents

 Sika® Separol® Range
- Curing compounds
 - Sika[®] Antisol[®] Range
- Surface retarding
 - Sika[®] Rugasol[®] Range
- Equipment protection
 - Sika® Mixer Protection

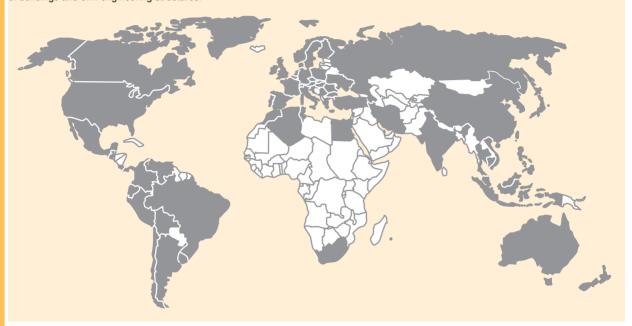


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Sika - Your Local Partner with a Global Presence

Sika is a multinational company in the speciality and construction chemicals business. It has subsidiary manufacturing, sales and technical support facilities in over 70 countries around the world. Sika is THE global market and technology leader in the water-proofing, sealing, bonding, damping, strengthening and protection of buildings and civil engineering structures.

Sika has more than 8'700 employees in these subsidiary companies' facilities that are therefore ideally positioned to support the success of our partners – both our suppliers and our customers.



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