

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# SikaTard<sup>®</sup>-500 A

Air entraining and Set retarding admixture for Mortars

### DESCRIPTION

SikaTard<sup>®</sup>-500 A is developed for the control of cement hydration and air entrainment. SikaTard<sup>®</sup>-500 A retards/stabilises sand/cement masonry mortars and entrains air.

### USES

SikaTard<sup>®</sup>-500 A is mainly used for the following applications:

- A wide range of applications where set retarding/stabilising with air entrainment are required for production of masonry mortars.

### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

SikaTard<sup>®</sup>-500 A retards/stabilises the hydration of the cement and entrains air in masonry mortars.

- Strong retardation/stabilising to enable brick/block laying to continue over long periods of time.
- Delays the set of the mortar, however the retarding/stabilising effect declines once in place as the moisture evaporates and migrates due to the suction of the brick/block enabling setting and curing to occur as normal.

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	Hydrocarboxylate blend
Packaging	200 Litre drums 1000 Litre
Shelf Life	12 months from date of production
Storage Conditions	Store in undamaged and unopened, original sealed containers, protected from direct sunlight at temperatures between +1°C and +35°C
Appearance / Colour	Brown clear liquid
Density	1.11 kg/l
pH-Value	7.0 +/-0.5
Compatibility	SikaTard <sup>®</sup> -500 A may be combined with other Sika products. Important: Always conduct trials before combining products in specific mixes and contact our Technical Service Department for information and advice about any specific combinations.

### APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage	0.2 – 1.5% by weight of cement
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## BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this Product Data Sheet are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

## LIMITATIONS

When using SikaTard®-500 A a suitable mix design has to be taken into account and local material sources shall be trialled.

SikaTard®-500 A shall not be added to dry cement. Overdosing may greatly extend setting time and increase air entrainment as well as the possibility of un-set mortar in the finished joints.

Saturated bricks/blocks may cause a delay in setting/curing.

Support from our Technical Services Department is recommended.

Frost: If frozen and/or if precipitation has occurred, SikaTard®-500 A may be used after thawing slowly at room temperature followed by intensive remixing.

## ECOLOGY HEALTH AND SAFETY

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The standard rules of good mortar/concreting practice, concerning production and placing, are to be followed.

Laboratory trials shall be carried out before concreting on site, especially when using a new mix design or producing new concrete components.

Fresh mortar/concrete must be cured properly and curing applied as early as possible.

Dosage rates to achieve the desired working life will depend on the type of mortar required, ambient temperature, sand quality and the desired workability.

### DISPENSING

SikaTard®-500 A is added to the gauging water or added with it into the mortar/concrete mixer.

## LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

Please note that as a result of specific local regulations the performance of this product may vary from country to country. Please consult the local Product Data Sheet for the exact description of the application fields.

## LEGAL NOTES

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