

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sika® Sigunit® L-500 AFI

# LIQUID ALKALI-FREE SHOTCRETE ACCELERATOR

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sika® Sigunit® L-500 AFI is a high-performance, liquid, alkali-free accelerator for wet or dry shotcrete.

#### WHERE TO USE

- High quality and high initial strength shotcrete for general construction work.
- Support at the face and securing of rock in tunnel and mine construction.
- Rock and slope stabilization along highways and transportation routes.

# **CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES**

- Alkali-free, avoiding additional leaching and pollution of alkalis and pollution of ground and surface water.
- When correctly used, marginal reduction of shotcrete strength.
- Reduction of rebound.
- Easier overhead spraying by improved bond of shotcrete to rock and concrete.
- Reduction of dust formation.
- Chloride-free, suitable for steel reinforced shotcrete and substrates.

# PRODUCT INFORMATION

Packaging	1040 L IBC Bulk Delivery
Shelf Life	Four (4) months when stored in unopened, undamaged container in dry conditions, protected from sun and weather.
Storage Conditions	Store at temperatures between 10 and 35 °C (50 and 95 °F).
Appearance / Colour	Off White
Density	Density of solution 1.36 kg/L
Conventional Dry Material Content	The dry matter content in solution is 45%
Total Chloride Ion Content	No added chlorides. Water soluble chloride (CI), weight-% < 0.15
TECHNICAL INFORMATION	
Specific Advice	Application temperatures: Concrete temperatures should not be lower than 15 °C (59 °F), especially in cases of thick shotcrete layers. Lower temperatures will require higher dosages.

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#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

#### **Recommended Dosage**

The exact dosage must be determined by preliminary testing. The dosage of Sika® Sigunit® L-500 AFI, should be between 4 and 8 % based on cementitious content. Lower temperatures will require higher dosages. The set accelerating effect of Sika® Sigunit® L-500 AFI depends on cement content, age, type and substrate. It is also dependent on the temperature of the shotcrete and the application area and shotcrete methods used. The performance of the Sika® Sigunit® L-500 AFI also sigificantly depends upon the w/c ratio of the shotcrete mix, in the wet spray process, and the amount of water added during spraying, in the dry spray process.

# **BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA**

Product properties are typically averages, obtained under laboratory conditions. Reasonable variations can be expected on-site due to local factors, including environment, preparation, application, curing and test methods.

# **ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH & SAFETY**

User must read the most recent corresponding Safety Data Sheets (SDS) before using any products. The SDS provides information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products and contains physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

# **LOCAL RESTRICTIONS**

Note that as a result of specific local regulations the declared data and recommended uses for this product may vary from country to country. Consult the local Product Data Sheet for exact product data and uses.

#### **LEGAL NOTES**

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