

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sika® Block Paving Fix

Moisture curing grout for block paving and narrow paving joints

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sika® Block Paving Fix is a fast and effective moisture curing jointing compound designed to deliver a durable low-maintenance finish. Formulated for all types of block paving and narrow joints less than 5 mm - ideally joints should be 3-4 mm.

### USES

- Domestic driveways - light vehicular use.
- Pedestrian areas - footpaths & walkways.
- Outdoor patio areas.
- Indoor stone floors.

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

<b>Packaging</b>	20 kg bag.
<b>Colour</b>	Buff.
<b>Shelf Life</b>	12 months from date of manufacture when stored in unopened containers in accordance with storage instructions.
<b>Storage Conditions</b>	Store unopened original sealed containers in dry warehouse conditions (+5 °C to +25 °C). Protect from sunlight and frost, and keep off the ground. Protect packaging from punctures or piercings.

### VALUE BASE

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

### LIMITATIONS

- Never apply Sika® Block Paving Fix at temperatures below + 5 °C and falling, or if rain is imminent.
- A small trial of Sika® Block Paving Fix in a small inconspicuous area, or on off-cuts of paving, prior to application is recommended.
- Joint dimensions must be a maximum of 5 mm wide,

### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Once cured sets hard (wont crack or wash out).
- Resists weeds and insects.
- Suitable for all types of block paving.
- Weathers naturally in line with the paving.

with a minimum depth of 25 mm. Avoid tapered joints as this may result in joint failure.

- Do not pre-fill joints with sand. Sika® Block Paving Fix should be applied to the entire joint depth to ensure optimal durability and performance.
- Sika® Block Paving Fix is not suitable for permanent water immersion but will withstand wet-dry cycles typical of UK weather conditions. Paved areas, beds and joints must be well drained, ideally from beneath, to avoid standing water in joints for long periods.
- The colour of Sika® Block Paving Fix is derived from natural aggregates that can give a different appearance alongside different coloured paving. It is im-

portant to be satisfied with the overall effect by opening the bag next to the desired paving and testing a small area before proceeding.

- Sika® Block Paving Fix will weather naturally along with the paving. In some applications, atmospheric impurities carried by rainwater may deposit on the surface. This can easily be removed with brushing and / or via hosepipe.
- Once fully cured, Sika® Block Paving Fix will remain slightly flexible. For more rigid joints, use Sika® Fast-Fix All Weather on joints wider than 5 mm.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully. As the company cannot be aware of all the applications and materials the product may be used on, it is the user's responsibility to determine suitability for use.

## ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

Local safety regulations must be observed and it advisable to wear PPI when working with this product with particular attention paid to cutting and handling. Transportation Class: The product is not classified as hazardous good for transport. Disposal: The material is recyclable. Disposal must be according to local regulations. Please contact your local Sika sales organisation for more information.

## SUBSTRATE QUALITY / PRE-TREATMENT

Ensure that the paving to be jointed is dry and free from loose dirt, oil, debris and grease etc. It is essential the joint widths are a minimum of 2 mm and maximum of 5 mm wide with a minimum depth of 25 mm. Do not prefill joints with sand. Sika® Block Paving Fix should be applied to the entire joint depth.

**Important:** Due to the nature of the product, some settling of the jointing material will occur in transit and storage. Dry mix contents of bag/bucket by raking through to ensure all the material is loose. Stir thoroughly before use to ensure the active ingredients are evenly distributed. Discard any lumps—do not attempt to break them up or add additional sand.

## APPLICATION

It is recommended to carry out a small trial in an inconspicuous area or on off-cuts of paving prior to application. Do not apply if temperature drops below +5 °C within drying period, or if rain is imminent. Work in small manageable sections and avoid spreading the compound over large areas. Sweep the compound into the joints with a brush, making sure each joint is completely filled. If rain is expected prior to hardening, the surface must be protected to ensure a smooth finish. **Important: Remove any excess material on the surface of the pavers with a brush immediately, as any hardened residue left on the paver surface will be difficult to remove once set.**

Then thoroughly soak the joints to activate the compound with a hose pipe set to spray or a watering can fitted with a rose. Do not use a pressure washer. Ensure all the joints are fully saturated. Rinse any excess material from the surface of the pavers before it starts to cure.

The finished surface is safe to walk upon immediately after activation but ideally should be left to dry. Drying typically takes 1–2 days, while full curing may take up to 28 days, depending on the temperature and weather conditions. Leave a minimum of 28 days before pressure washing the surface (the distance between the nozzle and jointing must be at least 10 cm).

## CLEANING

Clean tools immediately after use with warm soapy water.

## LEGAL NOTES

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