

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sika Waterbar® O M MY

Centrally Placed Waterbars for Expansion Joints

### **DESCRIPTION**

Sika Waterbar® O M MY is used to seal expansion joints in concrete structures.



## **USES**

Used in water retaining structures such as reservoirs, water towers, dams, spillways, canals, swimming pools, sewage tanks, etc. to keep water out of concrete structures such as basements, underground car parks, tunnels, subways, retaining walls, etc.

## **CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES**

- High quality PVC for long durability
- Suitable for high water pressure
- Easy to weld on site
- Many different sizes and types available, depending on their use

## **APPROVALS / STANDARDS**

Sika Waterbar® O M MY conform to the requirements of BS 2571

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	Polyvinyl Chloride	
Packaging	Туре	Roll length
	O-15 M MY	~20 m
	O-20 M MY	~20 m
	O-25 M MY	~20 m
	O-32 M MY	~15 m
Shelf Life	5 years from the date of production	
Storage Conditions	Store properly in original, unopened and undamaged sealed packaging in dry conditions at temperatures between +10 °C and +25 °C. Protect from direct sunlight.	
Appearance / Colour	Yellow flexible strip	
Thickness	O-15 M MY	3.0–4.5 mm
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## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

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Shore A Hardness	75 ± 5	(BS 2782: 365B)
Tensile Strength	> 12 N/mm²	(BS 2782: 320A)
Elongation	≥ 300 %	(BS 2782: 320A)
Service Temperature	-35 °C min. / +55 °C max.	
Chemical Resistance	Permanent	Water, seawater and sewage
	Temporary	Diluted inorganic alkalis, mineral acids and mineral oils

#### **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.

#### **ECOLOGY**

For information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the most recent Safety Data Sheet (SDS) containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

#### **APPLICATION METHOD / TOOLS**

#### Welding

Sika Waterbar® O M MY are made from thermoplastic PVC and therefore allow an easy onsite welding. However, it is recommended to use factory fabricated junctions such as T, L, X and Corner pieces. The ends are heated with a welding blade until the PVC melts (without burning or charring). The welding blade is removed and the molten ends are immediately pressed together. The welded joint should be inspected once it has cooled.

Sources of welding errors:

- Irregularity of cut edges
- Insufficient or excessive heating of blade Dirt accumulation on blade including charred remains of PVC. Clean PVC from blade while it is still hot.

#### **Placing of Waterbars**

Placing is executed in accordance with the engineer's drawings on which Sika Waterbar® profile and the position required are marked. Level differences, bends, junctions, etc. should be carefully considered before placing. The use of factory produced junction pieces are encouraged so that on-site welding is reduced to only simple butt joints, thereby minimising joint failure. Sika Waterbar® O M MY are placed continuously, thereby maintaining an integral sealing network.

#### **Fixing To Reinforcement**

Pre-punched eyelets are located in the outer flanges of the profiles. These simplify the fixing of Sika Waterbar® O M MY to the steel reinforcement with tie wires to ensure Sika Waterbar® O M MY are not displaced during concreting.

#### **Fixing To Formwork**

A 2-part (split) formwork may be used (preferred). In this method, allow half of the Sika Waterbar® O M MY to jut out while the other half is cast-in. Sika Waterbar® O M MY is clamped between the formwork. However care should be taken to ensure that the "O" ring is not squashed flat between the two forms. This method of installation increases the capacity of Sika Waterbar® O M MY to accommodate expansion.

#### **Placing the Concrete**

Sika Waterbar® O M MY provide an effective and thorough means of waterproofing. However, care must be taken to ensure that concrete is well placed and compacted around Sika Waterbar® O M MY area. Sika Waterbar® O M MY perform only if both sides are well embedded in the concrete. The accumulation of coarse aggregates (honeycombs) should be avoided around the Sika Waterbar® O M MY. Only dense, well compacted concrete can ensure proper sealing between the concrete and Sika Waterbar® O M MY. Placing of fresh concrete near Sika Waterbar® O M MY requires care or it may be forced from its position by pressure of the fresh concrete. To prevent this, the same concrete pressure must be present on both sides of Sika Waterbar® O M MY during placing. The consistency of the concrete itself should be neither too plastic nor too stiff and the aggregate must be well graded. Vibration should be executed with care.

#### **Concreting the Second Stage**

The concrete around Sika Waterbar® O M MY should be thoroughly checked for honeycombing on the stopends and repaired if necessary. Sika Waterbar® O M MY must be cleaned of all hardened concrete remnants adhering from the first concrete stage. The same precautions highlighted above should also be observed during second stage concreting.

#### Stripping

Removal of the formwork around Sika Waterbar® O M MY must be done with care.



#### LOCAL RESTRICTIONS

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

## **LEGAL NOTES**

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