

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY

C2TE S1 High performance, flexible cementitious tile adhesive

### DESCRIPTION

SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY is a high performance, thin layer, flexible cementitious tile adhesive, supplied ready to use with the addition of water, for bonding ceramic tiles, porcelain tiles and mosaics on every type of floors and walls.

### USES

SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY is a product used for bonding ceramic tiles in continuous thin layers, up to 10 mm thick. Due to its excellent adhesion, it can be used in situations where traditional tile adhesives for bonding tiles are not suitable due to the type of tile, the substrate or the specific job situation / location.

SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY is suitable to bond the following types of tile:

- Ceramic, porcelain, homogeneous tiles
- All type of low and high absorption tiles

SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY can be used on substrates including:

- Concrete and mortar
- Bricks
- Tiled surfaces (walls and floors)
- Large size tiles
- Under floor heating
- Interior painted walls - if the paint coating is completely bonded and sound
- Drywall / Precast wall Panel, etc

SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY can be used on walls and floors, internally or externally.

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

<b>Chemical Base</b>	Cementitious mortar
<b>Packaging</b>	25 kg bag
<b>Shelf Life</b>	6 months from date of production
<b>Storage Conditions</b>	Store properly in dry conditions, in undamaged and unopened, original

### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Easy to use with excellent workability and thixotropic consistency
- SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY can be applied on a vertical surface without sagging or tiles slipping, even when heavy tiles are used
- Very good adhesion to most common substrates (concrete, cementitious mortar, stone, bricks, etc.)
- Very good adhesion to existing tiles
- Easy to use with excellent workability and thixotropic consistency
- Tile on tile of existing flooring with tile refurbishment system
- Compatible with Sikalastic<sup>®</sup>-1 KMY, SikaTop<sup>®</sup> Seal-107 & SikaTop<sup>®</sup> Seal-109 MY

### ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) content (<1 g/l), tested according to USEPA Method 24, Setsco Services Pte Ltd, Report No. CH-54354/YSP

### APPROVALS / STANDARDS

SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY is classified as C2TE S1 in compliance with EN 12004.

SikaCeram<sup>®</sup>-288 MY is a cementitious adhesive (C) with improved adhesion (2), slip resistance (T), extended open time (E) and deformability (S1).

sealed packaging. Not sensitive to frost.

Appearance / Colour	Grey powder
Maximum Grain Size	Dmax: 0.4 mm
Density	Fresh mortar density: ~1.40 kg/l (at +25 °C)

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Transverse deformation	2.5 mm ≤ S1 Classification ≤ 5.0 mm, S1 Classified	(BS EN 12002:2008)
Tensile Adhesion Strength	Standard Condition	≥ 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup> (BS EN 1348:2007)
	Heat Ageing	≥ 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	Water Immersion	≥ 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	Freeze Thaw	≥ 1.0 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Slip Resistance	≤ 0.5 mm	(EN 1308:1999)

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

Consumption	This depends on the level, profile and surface roughness of the substrate, the size of the tiles and the technique of placing (simple placing or "back"-buttering). As a guide, in kg of powder per m <sup>2</sup> in flat surfaces:	
	Mosaics and small tiles	2.0–4.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
	Normal size tiles (20 cm x 20 cm)	4.5–9.0 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
	Large size tiles and on external floors (60 cm x 60 cm & above)	9.0–13.5 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
	The information above may only serve as a guideline. It is highly recommended to run a trial on site to determine the actual coverage and consumption per m <sup>2</sup> .	
Layer Thickness	3 mm min. / 10 mm max.	
Ambient Air Temperature	+5 °C min. / +40 °C max.	
Mixing Ratio	5.5–6.0 L of water per 25 kg bag	
Substrate Temperature	+5 °C min. / +40 °C max.	
Open Time	≥ 0.5 N/mm <sup>2</sup> at 30 minutes	(EN 1346:1997)
	Open time is approximately 30 minutes under normal temperature and humidity conditions. Under unfavourable conditions, the open time might be shorter.	
Adjustability Time	Once the tiles are placed into the mortar, they can be adjusted for ~ 30 minutes (at +20 °C).	
Applied Product Ready for Use	At +25 °C	
	Before jointing works	Min. 24 hours
	Before opening to light foot traffic	Min. 24 hours
	Before opening to full traffic	Min. 7 days

## 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

- Follow the recommended water dosage when mixing SikaCeram®-288 MY. Do not exceed the maximum recommended water dosage or go below the minimum recommended water dosage.
- Apply only to sound, prepared substrates. Do not exceed the maximum layer thickness or go below the minimum layer thickness.
- Protect freshly applied material from freezing conditions, rain, etc.
- SikaCeram®-288 MY is highly recommended for marble / granites / stones. However, in any case whereby marble / granites are used, run trials with SikaCeram®-288 MY beforehand.
- Do not attempt to dampen the applied adhesive to extend the open time as this interferes with the bond performance

Movement joints (width of 6–10 mm) must be provided to allow for movement between adjacent building components, as follows:

- over existing joints of the substrate
- around fixed elements of the floor (e.g. columns),
- at internal vertical corners,
- around floor perimeters,
- at internal floors (dimension > 9m; if subject to sunlight, dimension > 6m),
- at external floors (dimension > 4.5 m),
- on wall surfaces (3–4.5 m apart vertically)

Movement joints should go right through the tile adhesive bed to the background and be kept free from dirt and adhesive droppings. The movement joints shall be filled with Sikaflex®-11 FC+ or Sikaflex®-PRO.

## 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

### SUBSTRATE QUALITY / PRE-TREATMENT

- Ensure all concrete slabs are allowed to cure fully and have a wood float finish. Steel trowel finished concrete surfaces must be mechanically abraded prior to commencement of tiling.
- Ensure all surfaces are sound, dry and free from excessive movement, oil, dust, grease, wax, curing compounds, release agents and any other loose or contaminating materials. All dust, loose and friable material must be completely removed from all surfaces before application of the product, preferably by brush and/or vacuum.
- Weak concrete and/or cement laitance must be re-

moved. Repairs to the substrate, filling of blowholes / voids, etc. must be carried out using appropriate products from the SikaTop® or Sika® MonoTop® range of material.

- If the substrate is very porous, and/or if the temperature is high and the relative humidity is low, it is advisable to pre-dampen the surface (do not leave any standing water) or apply Sika® Primer-11 WMY. Please contact Sika local representative for further information on about the recommended primer for the specific substrate.
- The maximum variation in the plane of the concrete must not exceed 5 mm in 3 metres for floors and 4 mm in 2 metres for walls. Cementitious substrates must be at least 1 month old. All rendered surfaces must be allowed to cure for at least 7 days prior to the commencement of tiling. Allow a waiting time of 24–48 hours if repair materials (e.g. SikaTop® / Sika® MonoTop®) are used to repair the substrate.
- All types of cement board / dry walls should be fixed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the relevant standards. The recommended thickness for fibre cement sheets are minimum 9 mm for heavy duty commercial applications and minimum 6 mm for underlay or wall / floor material.
- The recommended thickness for compressed fibre cement sheets are minimum 15 mm for floor substrates and min. 9 mm for wall substrates.
- The recommended thickness for gypsum plasterboard sheets are min. 10 mm for wall substrates.

### MIXING

Mix thoroughly with clean water for a minimum of 3 minutes. Leave material to stand in container (for a minimum of 5 minutes). Then, remix the material for 15 seconds - the product is now ready for use. SikaCeram®-288 MY must be mechanically mixed using a forced action mixer or in a clean container using a drill and mixing paddle (< 500 rpm). A normal free fall concrete mixer is not suitable.

## APPLICATION

SikaCeram®-288 MY is applied using a notched trowel onto the substrate. Choose the size of trowel that will give the right thickness on the back of the tile. Once the surfaces have been appropriately prepared, apply SikaCeram®-288 MY onto the substrate using an appropriate serrated trowel. SikaCeram®-288 MY should be applied onto the substrate at a rate of 1 m<sup>2</sup> at a time. Application rates greater than this can result in the adhesive skinning before the tiles are laid. Once the adhesive is applied onto the substrate, ensure that it does not skin prior to bedding the tiles. If a surface film has developed, pass a notched trowel through the applied adhesive. Rework the adhesive before placing the tiles within the open time. When placing the tiles into the adhesive, press them in using the Tarver Method; press, slide perpendicular and return. Ensure no voids and full coverage of adhesive is under the tiles. For tiles with lugs, grooves or uneven backing, it may be required to back butter the tile with adhesive. The final bed thickness of SikaCeram®-288 MY should be at least 1 mm for wall tiles and 3 mm for floor tiles. Once tiling works are completed, do not disturb the tiled surface for at least 6–8 hours at 20 °C.

As a guide:

SikaCeram®-288 MY is used for fixing absorbent tiles up to a maximum size of 10 000 cm<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 60 cm x 120 cm) for indoor floors, up to 3 600 cm<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 60 cm x 60 cm) for indoor walls and outdoor paving, and 2 100 cm<sup>2</sup> (e.g. 30 cm x 60 cm or 45 cm x 45 cm) for façades without any mechanical clamps.

## CLEANING OF TOOLS

Clean all tools and application equipments with clean water immediately after use. Hardened / cured material can only be removed mechanically.

## 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

The information, and, in particular, the recommendations relating to the application and end-use of Sika products, are given in good faith based on Sika's current knowledge and experience of the products when properly stored, handled and applied under normal conditions in accordance with Sika's recommendations. In practice, the differences in materials, substrates and actual site conditions are such that no warranty in respect of merchantability or of fitness for a particular purpose, nor any liability arising out of any legal relationship whatsoever, can be inferred either from this information, or from any written recommendations, or from any other advice offered. The user of the product must test the product's suitability for the intended application and purpose. Sika reserves the right to change the properties of its products. The proprietary rights of third parties must be observed. All orders are accepted subject to our current terms of sale and delivery. Users must always refer to the most recent issue of the local Product Data Sheet for the product concerned, copies of which will be supplied on request.

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