

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## Sika® Facade Baffle

## VERTICAL BAFFLE FOR OPEN-DRAINED JOINTS IN PRECAST CONCRETE PANELS

## DESCRIPTION

Sika® Facade Baffle is a neoprene rubber strip available in various cut to order widths suitable for inserting in precast panel joints to act as a weather seal.

## USES

Sika® Facade Baffle is used as part of open-drained joints in precast concrete façades. The baffle, inserted into preformed cavities in the vertical joints of the precast panels, prevent direct entry of most of the wind-driven rain. Sika® Facade Baffle is used in conjunction with Sika sealants and expansion tapes. These sealants and expansion tapes are used to provide an air seal at the interior face of the precast panels to prevent any water that gets past the baffle penetrating into the building. The thickness of the Sika® Facade Baffle is sufficient to resist deforming and vibrating under wind load.

## CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Tough, elastic and resilient
- Bitumen free
- Resistant to moisture absorption
- Non staining

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

Chemical Base	Neoprene rubber strip
Packaging	3.2 mm thickness in 10 m length rolls. Width cut to order.
Shelf Life	Indefinite shelf life when stored as stated
Storage Conditions	Store in original, unopened packaging in cool, dry conditions, out of direct sunlight.
Appearance / Colour	Black rubber strip

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Shore A Hardness	~65 ± 5	(ASTM D2240)
Tensile Strength	~7.35 MPa	(ASTM D412)
Elongation at Break	~345%	(ASTM D412)
Tear Propagation Resistance	24.5 N/mm	(ASTM D642)

## 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

Sika® Facade Baffle must be used in conjunction with an air seal at the interior face of the precast panel. The air seal shall comprise Sikaflex® AT-Facade, SikaHyflex®-250 Façade, Sika Expansion Tape-600 and/or Sika Emseal Backerseal, as appropriate.

## ECOLOGY HEALTH AND SAFETY

This product is an article as defined in article 3 of regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 (REACH). It contains no substances which are intended to be released from the article under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use. A safety data sheet following article 31 of the same regulation is not needed to bring the product to the market, to transport or to use it. For safe use follow the instructions given in this product data sheet. Based on our current knowledge, this product does not contain SVHC (substances of very high concern) as listed in Annex XIV of the REACH regulation or on the candidate list published by the European Chemicals Agency in concentrations above 0.1 % (w/w)

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### APPLICATION METHOD / TOOLS

Sika® Facade Baffle can be inserted and pulled through the joint with the aid of a rope. Sika® Facade Baffle cannot be bonded. It may be lap jointed using mechanical fastening. Sika® Facade Baffle can be installed to a loose sliding fit or a tight fit in the preformed cavity in the precast panel ends. If installed to a tight fit, measure the finished erected width of the precast slot and add 2-3 mm to this dimension. This dimension should be used for the finished order width. If the joint widths between the erected precast concrete panels are variable along the joint, some trimming using a sharp knife can be completed on site. The installed Sika® Facade Baffle is fixed in place by turning the top of the baffle over a stainless steel pin and bolting through the return ends. The stainless steel pin is located in a groove cut in the top of the panel joint. At every intersection between vertical and horizontal joints, a short length of flashing (300mm wide), is used to ensure water drains to the outside of the precast panel.

### 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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