

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

SikaShield® P24 PE Argo 3 mm

Plastomeric bituminous membrane surfaced with sand and flexible at 0 °C
(Formerly **Index** Argo 3mm)

DESCRIPTION

SikaShield® P24 PE Argo 3 mm is an APP modified bituminous waterproofing membrane with a thickness of 3 mm. It is reinforced with a non-woven polyester fabric dimensionally stabilised with glass fibre and is flexible at 0 °C. The top surface is coated with sand, which ensures the bond of the overlying layer and fast welding of the joints. The underside of the product has a burn-off film for easy torch-application.

USES

The Product is used as a waterproofing membrane for:

- Balconies
- Terraces
- Flat roofs under protective layers or ballast
- Sloped roofs
- Wet areas
- Basements and other below ground structures
- Horizontal reinforced concrete slabs, decks and podiums
- Vertical reinforced concrete walls

The Product is used as a:

- Base sheet in multi-layer systems

Please note:

- The Product is not suitable for roofs permanently exposed to UV radiation.

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Fully bonded system ensures reliable waterproofing
- Easy to install by torching method
- Fully bonded
- Good durability
- Good mechanical properties (tensile, tear, shear)

APPROVALS / CERTIFICATES

- CE marking and declaration of performance based on EN 13707:2004+A2:2009 Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Reinforced bitumen sheets for roof waterproofing
- CE marking and declaration of performance based on EN 13969:2004/A1:2006 Flexible sheets for waterproofing — Bitumen damp proof sheets including bitumen basement tanking sheets

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	Composition Reinforcing material	APP modified bitumen non-woven polyester fabric dimensionally stabilised with glass fibre
Packaging	Roll width Roll length	1.0 m 10.0 m (EN 1848-1)
	Refer to the current price list for available packaging variations.	
Shelf life	12 months from date of production	

Storage conditions

The Product must be stored in original unopened and undamaged packaging in dry conditions and temperatures between +5 °C and +35 °C. Protect the Product from direct weather exposure and sunlight. Store in a vertical position. Pallets may be stacked on top of the rolls if all following conditions are met:

- The rolls have a wooden board on top, separating them from the pallet above.
- The weight of the pallet above is equal to or less than the weight of the rolls.

Always refer to packaging.

Appearance and colour	Top surface	Sand
	Bottom Surface	Polyethylene foil
Effective thickness	Effective thickness	3.0 mm ± 0.2 mm (EN 1849-2)

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Maximum tensile force	Longitudinal (MD)	400 N/50 mm ± 80 N/50 mm	(EN 12311-1)
	Transversal (CMD)	300 N/50 mm ± 60 N/50 mm	
Elongation at maximum tensile force	Longitudinal (MD)	35 % ± 15 %	(EN 12311-1)
	Transversal (CMD)	40 % ± 15 %	
Resistance to tear	Longitudinal (MD)	140 N ± 42 N	(EN 12310-1)
	Transversal (CMD)	140 N ± 42 N	
Joint shear resistance	Longitudinal (MD)	350 N/50 mm ± 70 N/50 mm	(EN 12317-1)
	Transversal (CMD)	250 N/50 mm ± 50 N/50 mm	
Flexibility at low temperature	≤ 0 °C		(EN 1109)
Watertightness	Method B, 24 hours at 60 kPa	Pass	(EN 1928)
Reaction to fire			

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Ambient air temperature	Maximum	+40 °C
	Minimum	+5 °C
Relative air humidity	Maximum	80 %
Substrate temperature	Maximum	+40 °C
	Minimum	+5 °C

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Application of torch-applied membranes

Note: Always make reference to local regulations, standards, guidelines and established practice when using torch-applied membranes.

- Method Statement - Roofing build-up with bituminous membranes
- Method Statement — Bituminous membranes for below ground

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 the 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

SUBSTRATE QUALITY

SYSTEM DESIGN

Consider the following when designing the system:

- The supporting structure must be of sufficient structural strength to support all new and existing layers of the system build-up.
- If used as a roof system, the complete system must be designed to withstand and be secured against wind uplift loadings.

SUBSTRATE CONDITION

The substrate surface must be uniform, firm, smooth and free of any sharp protrusion or burrs, clean, dry, free of grease, laitance, oil, dust and loosely adhering particles.

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

PRIMING

Apply Sika® Igoflex P10+ primer at a rate of 6-8m² per litre.

Note: Consumption rates will vary depending on substrate type and porosity.

APPLICATION

IMPORTANT

Unrolling at low temperatures

At low temperatures, the membrane becomes less flexible.

1. Be careful when unrolling to avoid damaging the membrane.

IMPORTANT

Damage through footwear

Footwear with spikes or sharp protrusions may puncture the membrane.

1. Use footwear with a flat profile when walking over the membrane.

IMPORTANT

Damage through overheating

The polyester melts at +260 °C. If it is damaged through overheating, the membrane becomes unusable.

1. Keep moving the flame while torching to avoid overheating the membrane.

IMPORTANT

Reduced adhesion through insufficient heating

Make sure to heat the membrane sufficiently. If it is not sufficiently heated, the adhesion to the substrate, between layers or on the overlaps will be reduced.

1. If the membrane does not adhere to other elements, lift and retorch the unbonded areas.

IMPORTANT

Application at less than +5 °C

When applying the membranes at temperatures lower than +5 °C, use heating equipment to ensure that the substrate temperature is within the given temperature range.

IMPORTANT

Application on sloped surfaces

For slopes with an inclination greater than 15 %, multi-layered roofs must be carefully designed and, if necessary, integrated with mechanical fastenings.

Seasonal symbol

Note: If a seasonal symbol is printed on the roll's label, it is advisable to use the membrane during the indicated season.

Tackiness at high temperatures

Note: When laying the membrane at high temperatures, the integral adhesive will become 'tacky' and may restrict laying operations.

ALIGNMENT

IMPORTANT

Avoid coinciding joints

To avoid coinciding joints, lay the membranes parallel to one another. When applying on another bituminous membrane, make sure to straddle the overlaps of the previous layer.

1. Unroll the membrane.
2. Align the membrane.
3. Re-roll the membrane before application.

MEMBRANE OVERLAPS

1. Overlap the membranes by a minimum of 100 mm on the sides and 150 mm on each end or as specified by the supplier.
2. At the end overlap, cut off a corner measuring 100 mm per side at an angle of 45°.

TORCHING

1. Heat the substrate and the backing film on the underside of the membrane with a gas burner.
 - When the backing film starts to melt, the membrane is ready to stick.
2. Roll the heated membrane forward and press it firmly against the substrate to bond it.
3. Make sure a bead of melted bitumen is visible along the full length of the overlap sides and ends when laying.

Suitable substrates for torching

- Concrete
- Perlite screed
- Bituminous membranes with a smooth surface
- Coatings (check the compatibility)
- Brick masonry
- Cementitious screeds

DETAILING

1. Use a sharp knife to cut in all details such as internal and external corners, upstands, vent pipes, drains, support metalwork etc.

Refer to the relevant method statement for further information on detailing.

MAINTENANCE

Check the functionality of the auxiliary works, flashings, drainage outlets, overflow pipes etc.
Remove any leaves, moss and other vegetation, which could cause ponding on the roof and overload the drainage system.
To maintain the function of the roof waterproofing membrane during its lifespan, it is advisable to arrange periodically for inspection of the membrane and detailing.

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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