

# SikaBond®-T55 (J)

## Easy Flowing Timber Flooring Adhesive

Construction

**Description** SikaBond-T55 (J) is a one-part polyurethane adhesive for direct elastic bonding of timber floors. The adhesive is of low viscosity and cures on exposure to atmospheric moisture.

**Uses** SikaBond-T55 (J) is an elastic timber flooring adhesive suitable for bonding parquetry strip floor panels to concrete or timber floors (both new or existing), or as an underlay prior to timber flooring.

**Advantages**

- One part, easy to use.
- Excellent elasticity.
- Excellent sound dampening qualities.
- Parquetry floor can be sanded after 12 hours.
- Quick tack free time.
- Low Volatile Organic Compound contents (VOC)
- Low odour.
- Excellent bead stability.

**Storage and Shelf Life** Stored in the original sealed container at a temperature range of between 0°C and 25°C, this material will keep for a minimum of nine (9) months.

### Instructions for Use

**Surface Preparation** Surfaces must be clean, dry and free from all traces of contamination and loose material. The surface must be structurally sound before application. Any previous coatings or adhesives must be completely removed. To prevent moisture migration and to reduce the potential for any swelling or cupping of the timber, it is always recommended that ground floor slabs be coated with Sika Primer-MB.

**Priming** The moisture content should be measured in accordance with the Floor Coverings Standard, AS1884 – 1985. A method of testing concrete moisture is given in the appendix of this standard.

When the moisture content of the concrete is found to be between 0% and 5.5%, the substrate is considered suitable for SikaBond-T55(J) to be applied without a primer. When the moisture content of the concrete is found to be greater than 5.5%, Sika Primer-MB must be used as a primer before applying SikaBond-T55(J).

When the moisture content of recently placed concrete is greater than the 10%, EpoCem should be used as a temporary moisture barrier. Sika Primer-MB should then be used as a prime coat before applying SikaBond-T55 (J). When priming with Sika Primer-MB, a continuous visible film of cured epoxy must be observed on the surface. The application rate will depend on the porosity of the substrate. Older slabs indicating high moisture readings should be investigated to identify why the moisture content is high before proceeding.

**Application** Sausage: Place the sausage in the application gun and snip off the end. Cut the tip off the nozzle to suit the application and apply to the adhesive with suitable hand or compresses air gun.

Pail: Remove lid off pail and cut open foil liner. Once opened, the entire contents of the pail should be used within a short period of time.

Do not apply SikaBond-T55 (J) at temperatures below 5°C or above 35°C. The optimum temperature for substrate and adhesive is between 15°C and 25°C. The optimum relative air humidity (RH) is between 40% and 75%

The adhesive should be applied over the full surface area with a notched spreader (V notch depth between 3 – 6mm depending on surface flatness). The coverage will vary from 600ml to 1000ml per m<sup>2</sup> depending on surface flatness and trowel notch size used. Avoid air entrapment when making the bond or filling joints.

Apply firm pressure when bringing components together and keep the joint under pressure for at least 3 hours until the adhesive has partially cured.

For application details of timber flooring systems, contact the timber manufacturer.

The Sika logo consists of the word "Sika" in a bold, italicized, sans-serif font, with a registered trademark symbol (®) to its upper right. The text is white and is set against a red triangular background.

<b>Cleaning</b>	Uncured SikaBond-T55 (J) can be removed from tools and equipment using Sika Colma Cleaner. Cured material can only be removed mechanically.
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## Technical Data (Typical)

<b>Basis</b>	One part polyurethane
<b>Colour</b>	Ochre
<b>Density</b>	1.35 kg/litre (uncured)
<b>Viscosity</b>	30 Pa.s at 20°C
<b>Tack free time (at 23°C &amp; 50% R.H.)</b>	90 minutes (approximately)
<b>Rate of cure (at 23°C &amp; 50% R.H.)</b>	3mm in first 24 hours (approximately)
<b>Shrinkage (DIN52451)</b>	5%
<b>Shore A (DIN53505)</b>	38
<b>Tensile Strength (DIN281)</b>	>1.0 MPa
<b>Tensile Strength (DIN53504)</b>	>1.5 MPa
<b>Elongation at break (DIN53504)</b>	>400%
<b>Tear Strength</b>	>6 MPa
<b>Service Temperature</b>	-40°C to 80°C
<b>Packaging</b>	600ml sausage, 2kg sausage, 16kg pail

## Important Notes

- SikaBond-T55 (J) is resistant to water, dilute acids, and diluted caustic solutions. It is temporarily resistant to fuel, animal fats and oils. It is NOT resistant to organic acids, concentrated mineral acids and concentrated caustic solutions.
- SikaBond-T55 (J) can be over-painted when tack free. Compatibility tests must be first carried out. It should be noted that the paint may impair the elasticity of the adhesive and this may lead to cracking.
- Due to the many forms of timber flooring available today, including prefinished timber with a coating applied to the under side of the timber, preliminary adhesion testing should be undertaken by the installer to confirm adhesion as well as the structural integrity of any such coating when no previous history of successful bonding is available.
- Alcohol containing solvents should not be used as tooling aid, as these will inhibit the cure of polyurethane adhesives / sealants.
- Epoxy resin coatings should be fully cured prior to the application of the adhesive / sealant as the uncured amine component could inhibit the cure of polyurethane adhesives / sealants.

## Limitation

- SikaBond-T55 (J) is not recommended as a stand alone coating.
- Timber flooring systems should be allowed to acclimatise to the environment it is to be placed in to avoid expansion and shrinkage problems after the floor is installed. Refer to the timber manufacturer's installation and design procedures.

## Handling Precautions

- Avoid contact with skin and eyes.
- Wear protective gloves and eye protection during work.
- If skin contact occurs, wash skin thoroughly.
- If in eyes, hold eyes open, flood with warm water, seek medical attention without delay.
- A full Material Safety Data sheet is available from Sika on request.

## Important Notification

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