# Sika® Waterbars

## Flexible PVC Waterstops

Product Description	Sika® Waterbars are constructed from flexible thermoplastic PVC. They are designed to stop the migration of water through construction and expansion joints in concrete structures.  Sika® Waterbars are available in various sizes and profiles to suit all types of application.	
Uses	For the effective sealing of concrete construction and expansion joints in structures such as:  Basements  Water reservoirs  Sewage treatment plants  Swimming pools  Retaining walls  Lift shafts  Tunnels, culverts  Service pits	
Advantages	<ul> <li>Sealing starts as soon as the concrete has hardened</li> <li>Multi rib profile provides impenetrable barriers to water migration</li> <li>Can be easily site welded - (welding knife is available)</li> <li>Good chemical resistance</li> <li>Available various kind of profiles for all type of application</li> </ul>	
Test		
Approval / Standards	Sika® Waterbars have been tested in accordance with: BS 2571 specification.	
Form		
Appearance	Flexible Strip	
Colour	Yellow	
Storage		
Storage Conditions	Keep in unopened, undamaged original packaging, protected from direct sunshine in dry area.	



**Technical Data** 

**Elongation at Break** 

Base Polyvinyl Chloride

~ 1.40 kg/l BS 2782:620 **Density** 

**Shore A Hardness**  $75 \pm 5$ ISO 868-2003(E)

BS 2782:365B

**Tensile Strength** ≥ 12 N/mm<sup>2</sup> BS 2782:320A ASTM D 412-98

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BS EN ISO 62:1999 **Water Absorption** 0.04% (at 23°C)

**Thermal Stability** Minimum 70 (Congo Red Test at 180°C) BS 2782:130A

**Welding Temperature** Approx. 180°C **Service Temperature** -35°C to +55°C

**Chemical Resistance** Permanent: Seawater, sewage

> 300%

Temporary: Diluted inorganic alkalis, mineral acids, mineral oils and fuels

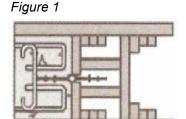
#### **Profiles**

User		Туре	Width mm (± 5 mm)	Roll Length m	Nominal Thickness mm (± 10%)	
Centrally Placed Waterbars: Installation in the center of concrete structures.						
Construction Joints		V-15M	150	20	3.0-5.0	
		V-20M	200	20	3.0-5.0	
		V-25M	250	20	3.0-5.0	
		V-32M	320	15	3.0-8.0	
		AR-25	250	20	3.5	
Expansion Joints		O-15M	150	20	3.0-4.5	
		O-20M	200	20	3.0-4.5	
		O-25M	250	20	3.0-4.5	
		O-32M	320	15	3.0-8.0	
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## **Application**

## Typical Detailing of Sika® Waterbars

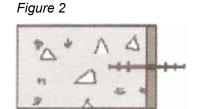
**Split Formwork with** Sika® Waterbars "O" **Profile** 



## Fixing to formwork

The "O" profile Sika® Waterbars may also be used to in conjunction with slipt formwork. However care should be taken to ensure that "O" ring is not squashed flat between two forms. This method of installation increases the capacity of the Sika® Waterbars to accomodate expansion.

Formwork with Sika® Waterbars "V" **Profile** 



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The "V" profile Sika® Waterbars is fitted into the slpit formwork or shuttering for casting centrally into the stopends. It is used for construction joints and movement joints where nominal movement is anticipated, such as basement or retaining walls.

Fixing to Reinforcement	Pre-punched eyelets are located in the outer flanges of the profiles. These simplify the fixing of waterbars to the steel reinforcement with tie wires to ensure the waterbars are not displaced during concreting.			
Placing Concrete First Stage	The Sika® Waterbars performs its function only if both sides are well embedded in the concrete. Avoide formation of honey combs by vibrating carefully.			
	The consistency of the concrete itself should be neither too plastic nor too stiff, and the aggregate must be well graded.			
	Placing of fresh concrete near the Sika® Waterbars requires care, as otherwise it will be forced from its position by the pressure of the fresh concrete, i.e. the ends will fold up. To prevent this, the same concrete pressure must be present on both sides of the Waterbar.			
Placing Concrete Second Stage	Removal of formwork in the neighborhood of Sika® Waterbars must be done with care.			
	The end of the Sika® Waterbars should be throughly checked for honeycombing on the stop-end and repaired if necessary. It must also be cleaned of all hardened concrete remnants adhering from the first concrete stage. Further procedure is similar to the first stage.			
Welding	On site welding can be undertaken using a Sika® Electric Welding Knife. Both ends of the joint are heated simultaneously on the faces of the welding knife until an even, molten bead of PVC appears. The welding knife is withdrawn and the Sika® Waterbars are immediately pushed together. The joint should be held rigid until the plastice colls down and solidifies.			
	Check for any gaps or imperfect joints. Redo the welding if necessary.			
	Failures can be caused by irregularities of cut edges, insufficient heat, dust etc.			
Limits on Application / Notes	Level differences, bends, junctions, etc. should be carefully considered before placing.			
Health and Safety Information				
Ecology	Can be disposed according to local law			
Transportation	Non-harzadous			
Important Note	Care should be taken to avoid breathing fumes and smoke during the PVC welding process. Hence, welding should be performed in open, well ventilated area.			



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