

Sika®

Galvashield® XP

Embedded Galvanic Anode for Corrosion Prevention

Product Description

Sika® Galvashield® XP embedded galvanic anodes are used in concrete rehabilitation to prevent the formation of new corrosion sites adjacent to completed patch repairs. Sika® Galvashield® XP consists of a sacrificial zinc core that is activated by the surrounding specially formulated cementitious mortar. The anode 64 mm diameter by 27 mm high is quickly and easily fastened to the exposed reinforcing steel. Once installed, the zinc core corrodes preferentially to the surrounding rebar, thereby providing galvanic corrosion prevention to the adjacent reinforcing steel and mitigating 'Incipient Anode' formation.

Uses

- Patch repairs
- Joints between new and existing concrete
- Slab replacement
- Expansion joint repair
- Repair of epoxy-coated rebar

Characteristics / Advantages

- **Proven technology** - supported by independent test program.
- **Focused protection** - provides localized corrosion protection where it is needed the most, at the interface of the repair and the remaining contaminated concrete.
- **Economical** - low cost method of providing galvanic corrosion prevention to extend the initiation of reinforcement corrosion around patch repairs.
- **Versatile** - effective in chloride-contaminated and carbonated concrete containing chlorides. Can be used for both conventionally reinforced and prestressed or post-tensioned concrete.
- **User friendly** - installation is quick and easy, requiring no special equipment or training.
- **Low maintenance** – requires no external power source or system monitoring.
- **Measurable** – anode performance can be easily monitored if required.
- **Does not** cause hydrogen embrittlement.
- **Long lasting** – 10 to 20 year service life* reduces the need for future repairs.
- **Full System** – can be used in conjunction with Sika® FerroGard® and Sikagard technology to offer a full corrosion management system.

* As with all galvanic protection systems, service life is dependent upon a number of factors including reinforcing steel density, concrete conductivity, chloride concentration, humidity and anode spacing

Level of Protection

Level of Protection	Description	Galvashield® XP
Corrosion Prevention 0.2 – 2mA/m ²	Preventing new corrosion activity from initiating	●
Corrosion Control 1 – 7mA/m ²	Significantly reducing or stopping on-going corrosion activity	
Cathodic Protection 2 – 20mA/m ²	Highest level of protection intended to stop on-going corrosion activity	

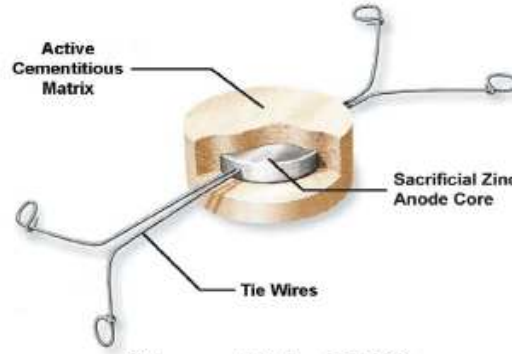
Construction



Product Data

Form

Appearance



Sika® Galvashield® XP

Packaging Galvashield® XP Anodes 20 Units per box

Storage

Storage Conditions/ Shelf-Life 12 months from date of production if stored properly in original unopened, sealed and undamaged packaging in dry and cool conditions.

Design Criteria

Table 1

Steel density ratio (steel surface area/concrete surface area)	Maximum spacing* between XP units (mm)
<0.3	750 mm
0.31 – 0.6	610 mm
0.61 – 0.9	500 mm
0.91 – 1.2	430 mm

* Maximum spacing is based on low to moderate chlorides, typically less than 1% by wt of cement. Spacing should be reduced as appropriate for chlorides >1% and/or continuously wet substrates to extend the expected service life of the anode. Contact Sika Technical Department for advice.

Where stirrups in beams or columns are exposed, place a Sika® Galvashield® XP at each stirrup location.

System Information

System Structure

Sika® Galvashield® XP is part of a Concrete Repair System in accordance with the guidelines of BS EN 1504-9

Sika® Rapid Repair Mortar: Hand Applied Mortar

Sika® MonoTop-610: Bonding primer and reinforcement coating

Sika® MonoTop-612: R4 Hand and wet spray applied repair mortar

Sika® MonoTop-615: R3 Hand and wet spray applied high build repair mortar

SikaCem 133 Gunitite R4 Dry spray applied repair mortar

Sika® MonoTop-620: Smoothing coat

Sika® FerroGard®-903: Corrosion inhibitor

Sika Embedment Mortar: Mortar for embedding Galvashield® XP

Application Details

Substrate Quality & Preparation

Concrete

Break out the concrete from around and behind the reinforcement steel in accordance with the requirements of the Product Data Sheet for the appropriate BS EN 1504-3 Classification Concrete Repair Mortar

Steel reinforcement

Rust, scale, mortar, concrete, dust and other loose and deleterious material which reduces bond or contributes to corrosion shall be removed to a minimum standard of SA2½..

Reference should also be made to BS EN1504-10:2003 for specific requirements.

Bonding Primer/ Reinforcement Coating

Bonding primer:

When a bonding primer is required apply Sika® MonoTop-610 or SikaTop® Armatec-110 EpoCem®.

Reinforcement coating:

Where a reinforcement coating is required apply Sika® MonoTop-610 or SikaTop® Armatec-110 EpoCem®.

When SikaTop® Armatec 110 EpoCem or Sika® MonoTop-610 is used as a reinforcement coating or bonding primer, do not apply within 150 mm of the tie wires or anode casing.

Application Instructions

Application Method

- The location and spacing of the anodes shall be as specified by the designer (for more information refer to Design Criteria – Table 1).
 - Anodes are typically tied on the side or beneath the exposed reinforcement as close as practical to the edge of the surrounding concrete making sure that enough space is left to fully encapsulate the anode with the Sika Embedment Mortar.
 - Minimum cover over the anodes/embedment mortar must be 20 mm or minimum thickness of the Concrete Repair Material for trafficked areas, 10 mm or minimum thickness of the Concrete Repair Material for non- trafficked areas.
 - A 20mm minimum clearance on sides adjacent to repair edge should be maintained, where chloride contaminated concrete remains in contact with reinforcement place Sika® Galvashield® XP anodes along length of reinforcement or in grid pattern at spacings recommended in Table 1.
 - Pre-soak anode units thoroughly in clean water for a minimum of 10 minutes to a maximum of 20 minutes prior to application of the embedment mortar.
 - After pre-soaking anodes use water to mix embedment mortar or concrete repair mortar. If water is to be disposed neutralise with an acid first.
 - Securely fasten the anode to prepared reinforcing steel using a suitable wire twisting tool to eliminate free movement, and to ensure a good electrical connection.
 - Steel continuity within the patch should be verified with an appropriate continuity meter. If discontinuous steel is present, re-establish continuity with steel tie wires.
 - Following the anode installation, electrical connection between the anode tie wires and the clean reinforcing bar should be confirmed with an appropriate continuity meter. A value of between 0.1 – 1.0 Ohm shall be achieved.
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- With the anodes securely in position, begin the repair process by packing the embedment mortar between the anode and the substrate to provide a conductive path to the substrate.
- Allow embedment mortar to sufficiently harden around Sika® Galvashield® XP anode before applying concrete repair mortar.
- Complete repair with the appropriate BS EN 1504-3 Classification Concrete Repair Mortar and where applicable a cementitious bonding primer.

Notes on Application / Limitations

Sika® Galvashield® XP is not suitable for use with epoxy and polyester repair mortars or bonding primers, as these are non conductive

Sika® Galvashield® XP anodes are not intended to address or repair structural damage. Where structural damage exists, consult a structural engineer.

Sika® Galvashield® XP anodes are designed to provide localized galvanic corrosion prevention. To provide galvanic corrosion control over a broader area, Sika® Galvashield® XP anodes can be used in conjunction with Sika® Galvashield® CC anodes placed in a grid pattern in the remaining sound but contaminated concrete. For more information on corrosion mitigation strategies, contact Sika Technical Department.

Caution should be exercised when selecting corrosion mitigation systems for post-tensioned, pre-stressed or otherwise highly stressed steel.

Value Base

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.

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.

Health and Safety Information

For information and advice on the safe handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the most recent Material Safety Data Sheet containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

Legal Notes

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