

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

SikaCeram®-203 Universal

High-performance cementitious tile adhesive for floor and wall tile installations

DESCRIPTION

SikaCeram®-203 Universal is a one-component, improved cement-based tile adhesive for fixing ceramic tiles and stone coverings on new and renovation substrates. Suitable for floor and wall applications in interior and exterior environments, it provides high bond strength, extended open time, and reduced vertical slip. Classified C2TE according to EN 12004.

USES

- Fixing ceramic floor and wall tiles.
- Installation of porcelain tiles and other low-absorption ceramic coverings.
- Fixing moisture-insensitive natural stone and marble.
- Tiling over existing interior ceramic tiles in renovation projects.
- Interior and exterior floor and wall applications.
- High-performance applications such as swimming pools, industrial floors, and high-traffic areas.

FEATURES

- Reduced vertical slip
- Extended open time
- High bond strength
- Suitable for interior and exterior applications
- Extended pot life for easier application
- Suitable for swimming pools and high-traffic areas

CERTIFICATES AND TEST REPORTS

C2TE classification according to EN 12004

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	Cementitious mortar modified with specialized polymers
Packaging	SikaCeram®-203 Universal is supplied in 25 kg bags.
Appearance and colour	Grey or white powder
Shelf life	Up to 12 months from the date of production, when stored properly in the original, unopened and undamaged packaging in accordance with the storage instructions.
Storage conditions	Store in the original, unopened and undamaged packaging in cool, dry conditions between +5 °C and +35 °C. Protect from direct sunlight, frost and rainfall. Store clear of the ground on pallets and avoid excessive compaction. Failure to comply with the recommended storage conditions may result in premature deterioration of the product or packaging. For specific storage advice, consult Sika Technical Services Department.
Maximum grain size	Dmax: 1 mm

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Tensile adhesion strength	≥ 1 MPa
Slip resistance	≤ 0.5 mm

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Mixing ratio	4.75–5.00 liters of water per 25 kg bag
Consumption	Approximately 4 kg/m ² when applied with an 8 mm notched trowel. Consumption is dependent on the substrate, surface profile, roughness, size of the tiles, the joints between them and application technique (i.e. single spreading / floating method or double spreading / buttering method).
Layer thickness	10 mm
Ambient air temperature	+5°C min. / +35°C max.
Substrate temperature	+5°C min. / +35°C max.
Pot Life	Approx. 3 hours @+23 °C Note: The pot life is dependent on temperature and relative humidity. Higher temperatures may reduce the pot life, while lower temperatures may extend them.
Open Time	> 30 min. @+23 °C Note: The open time is dependent on temperature and relative humidity. Higher temperatures may reduce the open time, while lower temperatures may extend them.
Fresh mortar density	Approx. 1.6 kg/L

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 OF USE

SikaCeram®-203 Universal must not be applied on metal surfaces, wooden surfaces, or existing ceramic tiles in exterior applications.

ECOLOGY, HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

New Substrates

The substrate must be sound, stable, clean, dry and free from dust, dirt, oil, grease, laitance, plaster residues, curing compounds and other contaminants that could adversely affect adhesion.

Cementitious substrates must have sufficient strength and be adequately cured. The substrate must be free from rising moisture.

Concrete and cementitious substrates should be pre-dampened with clean water several hours before application. At the time of application, the substrate should be uniformly matt damp, with no standing or ponding water on the surface. (SSD condition)

Surface irregularities and localised defects up to 10 mm can be repaired or levelled using SikaCeram®-203 Universal. For levelling or repair works exceeding 10 mm, suitable products from the Sika MonoTop® range should be used.

Renovation Substrates

Existing substrates and coverings must be sound, stable and sufficiently well bonded to support the new tile installation. Loose, weak or poorly bonded materials must be removed and suitably repaired or prepared.

Existing tiles, coatings and other non-cementitious substrates must be clean and free from substances that may adversely affect adhesion. Where required, surfaces should be suitably prepared to provide an appropriate substrate for application.

Localised surface irregularities up to 10 mm can be levelled using SikaCeram®-203 Universal. For larger or thicker repair and levelling requirements, suitable products from the Sika range should be considered. For renovation applications, difficult substrates, existing coatings, natural stone, painted surfaces, semi-flexible coverings or other non-standard application conditions, consult Sika Technical Department for recommendations regarding substrate assessment and preparation.

For further information on substrate preparation and suitability for specific applications, contact Sika Technical Department.

MIXING

Mix the product with the recommended amount of clean water as stated in the Mixing Ratio above. Pour the required amount of water into a clean mixing container. Slowly add the powder while mixing with a suitable low-speed electric mixer (300–500 rpm) equipped with a suitable spiral mixing paddle. Mix thoroughly until a smooth, homogeneous and lump-free consistency is achieved. Avoid excessive mixing speed to minimise air entrainment and potential adverse effects on the cured product. Allow the mixed material to stand and mature for approximately 5 minutes, then briefly remix before application.

Always start with the minimum recommended water quantity and gradually add the remaining water, if required, to achieve the desired consistency. Do not exceed the maximum recommended water quantity. Mix only the quantity of material that can be used within the stated pot life.

For specific or difficult application conditions, including unusual substrates, environmental conditions or application requirements, contact Sika Technical Department for recommendations before application.

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APPLICATION

Apply the mixed adhesive to the prepared substrate using a suitable notched trowel. Apply sufficient adhesive to achieve the required bed thickness and adequate contact with the tile.

For large-format tiles or where increased adhesive coverage is required, the double-spreading technique may be used by applying the adhesive to both the substrate and the back of the tile.

Comb the adhesive onto the substrate in one direction using the notched edge of the trowel. Place the tiles into the fresh adhesive and press firmly with a twisting and sliding motion to ensure good contact and adequate adhesive transfer.

Tiles must be placed within the stated Open Time. If a surface film has formed on the adhesive, remove the affected adhesive and re-apply fresh material. Do not rework or reactivate the adhesive by adding water. Remove excess adhesive from the tile surface and joints before the adhesive has hardened. Clean tools and equipment with water immediately after use. Hardened or cured material can only be removed mechanically.

For large-format tiles, non-standard substrates, demanding applications or where specific adhesive coverage requirements apply, consult Sika Technical Department for recommendations before application.

CLEANING OF EQUIPMENT

Clean all tools and application equipment with clean water immediately after use. Remove excess adhesive from tile surfaces and joints before the material hardens. Hardened or cured material can only be removed mechanically.

LEGAL NOTES

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