

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# SikaMelt®-731

Low monomer polyurethane hot melt with low activation temperature

**TYPICAL PRODUCT DATA (FURTHER VALUES SEE SAFETY DATA SHEET)**

Chemical base	Polyurethane
Color (CQP001-1)	White – beige, opaque
Cure mechanism	Moisture curing
Density (uncured)	1.2 kg/l
Viscosity (by Brookfield)	at 130 °C 25 000 mPa·s
Softening temperature (CQP538-5)	82 °C
Application temperature	110 – 160 °C short term max. 1 h 170 °C <sup>A</sup>
Curing time (CQP558-1)	30 h
Green strength (CQP557-1)	0.8 MPa
Shore D hardness (CQP023-1 / ISO 48-4)	40
Tensile strength (CQP036-3)	15 MPa
Shelf life	9 months

CQP = Corporate Quality Procedure <sup>A)</sup> Only valid for nozzle

**DESCRIPTION**

SikaMelt®-731 is a versatile reactive hot melt adhesive used for lamination as well as for assembly bonding. It cures on exposure to atmospheric humidity. SikaMelt®-731 is a low monomer PUR hot melt with a low activation temperature. It can be processed by roller coating as well as by spray application. Due to its specific physical behaviour SikaMelt®-731 has an excellent performance when used in combined heating and cooling lamination processes.

**PRODUCT BENEFITS**

- Low monomeric isocyanate content - classification: H351 free
- Suitable for manual pre-positioning of decorative trim
- Low activation temperature (approx. 60 °C)
- High green strength
- Very good ageing and heat resistance
- Broad adhesion spectrum

**AREAS OF APPLICATION**

SikaMelt®-731 is suitable for permanent bonding of polar plastics as well as for wood, foam, textiles, painted and primed steel. Non polar plastics like PP and PE can be bonded after proper physical pre-treatment. SikaMelt®-731 is suitable for various lamination applications for different Automotive Interior parts like load floors, door inserts and dashboards. The product must not be considered for foil pre-coating processes on rolls. This product is suitable for experienced professional users only. Tests with actual substrates and conditions have to be performed ensuring adhesion and material compatibility.

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## CURE MECHANISM

SikaMelt®-731 cures by reaction with atmospheric moisture. At low temperatures the water content in the air is lower, which will result in a lower curing speed (see diagram 1). When bonding hydrophobic (e.g. PP) and/or moisture impermeable substrates a significantly longer curing time has to be taken into account.

This applies especially on assembly applications with an adhesive thickness > 100 µm. For lamination applications of hydrophobic and/or moisture impermeable substrates the adhesive layer shall not exceed 100 µm. In such cases project related tests with original substrates and conditions are mandatory.

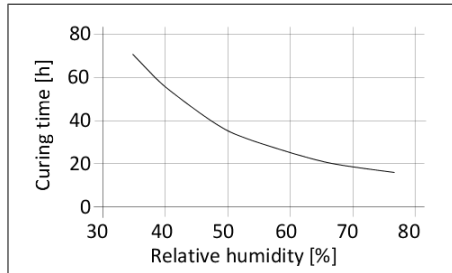


Diagram 1: Curing time for 500 µm film

## CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

SikaMelt®-731 is resistant to aqueous surfactant, weak alkaline/acids solutions and temporarily resistant to fuels, solvents and mineral oils.

The chemical resistance is influenced by several factors such as chemical composition, concentration, period of exposure and temperature. Therefore a project related testing in case of chemical or thermal exposure is required.

## METHOD OF APPLICATION

### Surface preparation

Surfaces must be clean, dry and free from grease, oil and dust.

Based on the surface and type of material, a physical or chemical pre-treatment might be required. Type of pre-treatment must be determined by preliminary tests.

For metals best results are achieved, if substrates are heated up between 40 °C and 60 °C prior the assembly process.

## Application

With adequate processing equipment SikaMelt®-731 can be applied as film, dot, bead or spray application. For automated applications a suitable filter system is required.

To meet the required application properties the adhesive viscosity can be adjusted by adapting the application temperature (see table Typical Product Data).

During breaks SikaMelt®-731 is to be processed as follows:

For breaks  $\geq 1$  h the heating needs to be lowered to 80 °C and for breaks  $\geq 4$  h the heating needs to be switched off.

To ensure a constant quality during the whole production process it is mandatory to protect the adhesive in the melting tank with nitrogen, carbon dioxide or dried air (to avoid possible reaction of the product with humidity). At breaks or shut downs dip nozzle in dried oil in order to prevent curing of the adhesive (avoid blockage).

For advice on selecting and setting up suitable processing equipment contact the System Engineering Department of Sika Industry.

## Removal

Equipment and application tools can be cleaned with SikaMelt®-009. Cured material can be swelled with SikaMelt®-001 and needs to be removed mechanically (see also cleaning instruction).

Uncured SikaMelt®-731 may be removed from tools and equipment with Sika® Remover-208 or another suitable solvent.

Hands and exposed skin have to be washed immediately using Sika® Cleaner-350H or a suitable industrial hand cleaner and water. Do not use solvents on skin.

## STORAGE CONDITIONS

SikaMelt®-731 has to be stored at temperature below 30 °C in a dry place.

For transportation purposes, the storage temperature can be exceeded for a period of max. 2 weeks up to 60 °C.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The information herein is offered for general guidance only. Advice on specific applications is available on request from the Technical Department of Sika Industry.

Copies of the following publications are available on request:

- Safety Data Sheets
- Cleaning Instruction

For SikaMelt® PUR reactive hot melt equipment

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

Pail	20 kg
Drum	200 kg

## BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA

All technical data stated in this document are based on laboratory tests. Actual measured data may vary due to circumstances beyond our control.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

For information and advice regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users shall refer to the actual Safety Data Sheets containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

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