

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# SikaMelt®-178

Highly flexible and UV-stabilised polyolefin hot melt

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

Chemical base	Polyolefin
Color (CQP001-1)	Yellowish
Cure mechanism	Physical hardening
Density (uncured)	0.90 kg/l
Viscosity (by Brookfield)	at 180 °C 4 500 mPa·s
Softening temperature (CQP538-5)	150 °C
Application temperature	170 – 190 °C short term max. 1h 200 °C <sup>A</sup>
Open time (CQP559-1)	Long
Shore A hardness (CQP023-1 / ISO 48-4)	34
Shelf life	24 months

CQP = Corporate Quality Procedure

A) Only valid for nozzle

**DESCRIPTION**

SikaMelt®-178 is a soft thermoplastic hot melt adhesive based on Polyolefin polymers with high initial tack and improved UV-stability. Due to its high flexibility and wide adhesion range, SikaMelt®-178 is suitable for lamination of PP- and PE foils.

**PRODUCT BENEFITS**

- Good adhesion on polypropylene and polyethylene without surface treatment
- High flexibility
- Improved UV-stability
- Very good ageing and heat resistant
- Long open time

**AREAS OF APPLICATION**

SikaMelt®-178 has very good adhesion properties on non polar olefinic substrates like polypropylene. Therefore it is suitable for permanent bonding on non-polar polymers, wood, textiles, non-woven materials and foams. SikaMelt®-178 is designed for the lamination of PP- and PE-foils with non-woven materials.

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®-178 is a physically hardening adhesive.

## CHEMICAL RESISTANCE

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.

### Application

With adequate processing equipment SikaMelt®-178 can be applied as film, dot, bead or spray application. When dispensing SikaMelt®-178 from drums, for applications by slot die or spraying device, first transfer the material to an intermediate tank avoiding air entrapments.

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 diagram 1).

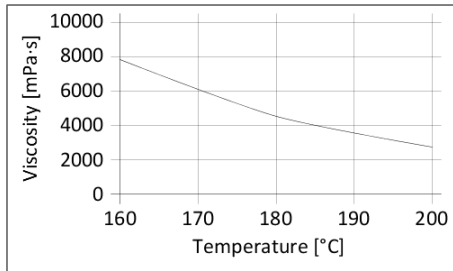


Diagram 1: Viscosity as function of temperature

During breaks SikaMelt®-178 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 recommended to protect the adhesive in the melting tank with nitrogen or carbon dioxide (to avoid possible reaction of the product with oxygen).

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®-005 (see also Cleaning Instructions).

SikaMelt®-178 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®-178 has to be stored at temperature below 40 °C in a dry place.

For transportation purposes, the storage temperature can be exceeded for a period of max. 4 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 Instructions

For SikaMelt®-1xx (Non-reactive APAO hot-melts)

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

Box	3.5 kg
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## 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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