

## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

# Sika® Foam TBM-501 LS (TH)

#### FOAMING AGENT FOR TBM - EPBM TUNNELING

## **DESCRIPTION**

Sika® Foam TBM-501 LS (TH) is a liquid foaming agent based on biodegradable anionic surfactants and a high efficiency polymer.

### **USES**

Sika® Foam TBM-501 LS (TH) has been specifically formulated to produce stable foam which can be easily injected in acid and basic soils from low permeability to high permeability during tunnelling operations with earth pressure balance machines (EPBM).

## **CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES**

- Produces stable foam which can easily be injected in high to low permeability soils reducing the risk of front shield pressure loss.
- It can be used both in acid and basic soils.
- The high efficiency polymer allows keeping the shield clean from clays.
- Its lubricating capacity minimizes friction between soil particles and reduces the head torque.
- Easy to handle.
- Eliminates dust in air drilling and reduces the wear of cutters.
- Prevents clay from plugging.

#### PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	Biodegradable anionic surfactants and high efficiency polymer.
Packaging	50 kg plastic drums 200 kg steel drum 1000 kg plastic tanks
Appearance / Colour	Clear homogeneous liquid.
Shelf life	12 months from date of dispatch if stored in unopened and undamaged original sealed containers.
Storage conditions	Protect from moisture at temperatures between +5°C and +40°C. Protect against direct sunlight.
Density	1.035 - 1.055 kg/L (@ 25°C)
Solubility	Completely soluble in water.
pH-Value	6.5 - 8.5
SYSTEMS	
Compatibility	Sika® Admixtures:  Compatible with all Sika® TBM tunnelling stabilizing polymers e.g. Sika® Foam TBM 1000 Bio.  Other product compatibility information available on request.

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#### APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended Dosage	1.5 – 3.0 % of Sika® Foam TBM-501 LS (TH). Support by Sika technical service is recommended.
Restrictions	If separation of liquid solution occur, mix product intensely before using.

#### **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.

#### **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.

## **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 Material Safety Data Sheet containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety-related data.

#### **LEGAL NOTES**

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