

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

Sika® Stabilizer-1518 TBM TH

Foaming agent for TBM - EPBM tunnelling (formerly Sika® Foam TBM 501 LS)

DESCRIPTION

Sika® Stabilizer-1518 TBM TH is a specially designed liquid soil conditioning foaming agent without glycol. It has been formulated to be used with earth pressure balance machines (EPBM) for modifying the properties of the excavated soil particularly in highly cohesive soils.

USES

- Produces a stable foam which can be easily injected into highly cohesive soils during tunnelling operations with earth pressure balance machines (EPBM).
- Especially suitable for the excavation of clay soils or for soil containing not more than 35% of sand.

CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Modifies properties of the excavated soil.
- Improves the excavation process and TBM performance.
- Can be used in acid and basic soils.
- Lubricating properties minimises friction between soil particles and reduces the cutting wheel torque.
- Prevents clay from plugging.
- Easy to handle and use.
- Normal or hard fresh water can be used to produce the foam.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Composition	Anionic surfactants and high efficiency polymer.
Packaging	200 kg drums. 1000 kg tanks.
Appearance / Colour	Liquid / Clear, slightly yellow.
Shelf life	12 months from date of production.
Storage conditions	The product must be stored in original, unopened and undamaged packaging in dry conditions and protected from direct sun exposure at temperatures between +5 °C and +35 °C.
Density	1.050 kg/l ± 0.01
Solubility	Completely soluble in water.
pH-Value	7.0 - 9.0

SYSTEM INFORMATION

Compatibility	Compatible with Sika® admixtures and other Sika® products. Contact Sika Technical Services for additional information.
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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Recommended dosage	Dosage	~1.5–3.0 %
	Foam Expansion Ratio (FER)	~1:2 to 1:20
	Foam Injection Ratio (FIR)	~10 % up to 100 %
This information is a guide only and will be specific to each soil type. Preliminary trials in the laboratory must always be carried out to determine foam parameters, such as dosage FER and FIR. Contact Sika Technical Services for additional information.		
Dispensing	Inject through standard TBM dosing and foaming equipment.	
Restrictions	If separation of the liquid product occurs, mix 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.

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.

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.

LEGAL NOTES

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