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**Sigunit® -L72 AF**

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## Shotcrete Admixture

<b>Description</b>	Sigunit®-L72 AF is a high-performance liquid, alkali-free, stiffening and hardening accelerator for shotcrete.
<b>Uses</b>	Sigunit®-L72 AF is suitable for both dry and wet spraying processes and it is used for: Support at the face whilst advancing tunnels and mines Rock- and slope stabilisation High quality lining shotcrete
<b>Characteristics / Advantages</b>	Sigunit®-L72 AF liquid shotcrete set accelerator has the following characteristics and advantages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ High early strength development.</li> <li>■ Alkali-free .</li> <li>■ Minimal strength loss of the accelerated concrete</li> <li>■ No pollution of groundwater by leached out alkalis</li> <li>■ Distinct reduction of rebound</li> <li>■ Improves bond of shotcrete to rock and concrete thus facilitating overhead spraying</li> <li>■ Distinct reduction of dust</li> <li>■ Chloride-free, does not negatively affect the reinforcement steel</li> </ul>
<b>Product Data</b>	
<b>Form</b>	
<b>Appearance / Colours</b>	Liquid, yellowish
<b>Packaging</b>	280-kg drums Reusable plastic containers and bulk supply on request  Sigunit®-L72 AF must not be stored in standard steel containers.
<b>Storage</b>	
<b>Storage Conditions / Shelf Life</b>	Minimum 6 months from date of production if stored in original, unopened, undamaged and sealed containers, protected from direct sunlight and frost and kept at temperatures between +5°C and +35°C. Optimal storage temperature: 20°-25°C. After prolonged storage the performance of Sigunit®-L72 AF should be tested and the material should always be stirred up before using. Partially precipitated Sigunit®-L72 AF can be re-dissolved at temperatures of 30°-5 0°C. Re-dissolved material must be tested before using. Containers have to be cleaned before refilling. Containers must always be stored firmly closed.

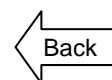


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## Technical Data

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**Chemical Base** Special inorganic materials.

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**Density** ~ 1.40 – 1.42 kg/ltr

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**Conventional Dry Material Content** 52.0 +/- 3.0%

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**Viscosity** ≤ 120 mPa s at +20C

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**Total Chloride Ion Content % w/w** ≤ 0.1%

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**Equivalent Sodium Oxide as % Na<sub>2</sub>O** ≤ 1.0%

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## System Information

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**System Structure** Aggregate grading for pumped concrete:  
Usual mix with 8 mm max. aggregate size.

The suitability of any proposed mix design must first be tested in field trials before commencement of the project.

Concrete consistency (dependent on spraying equipment used):  
Flow table spread size ≥ 45 cm; w/c ratio ≤ 0.48

The use of an appropriate superplasticiser (such as Sika<sup>®</sup> ViscoCrete<sup>®</sup> SC-305) is essential.

Temperature of fresh concrete: > +15°C

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## Application Details

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**Dosage** The correct dosage must be determined by preliminary testing.  
For layer thicknesses of up to 10 cm in one pass, dosage is between 3% and 9% of weight of binder depend on area of application and substrate condition.

Dosage of Sigunit<sup>®</sup>-L72 AF is by peristaltic pump such as the Sika<sup>®</sup> Aliva-403 pump. Optimized mixing with the concrete mix is also essential.

The following Sika<sup>®</sup> products are generally used for the basic shotcrete mix:

- Sika<sup>®</sup> ViscoCrete SC-305
- SikaTard<sup>®</sup>-203
- SikaTard<sup>®</sup>-930
- SikaPump<sup>®</sup>
- SikaFume<sup>®</sup> / -TU / Sikacrete<sup>®</sup>-L /

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## Application Instructions

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**Notes on Application / Limitations** If thicker layers of shotcrete are to be applied, ensure that the temperature of the basic concrete is not lower than +15°C. Lower temperatures require higher dosage of accelerator.

The substrate must be clean, free of loose stones and free of water under hydrostatic pressure.

The accelerator's effect depends on the cement content, the age and type of cement, on the substrate and the shotcrete temperature as well as on the layer thickness, spraying process, quality of equipment and application technique. The w/c ratio of the basic concrete mix in the wet spraying process, and the quantity of gauging water in the dry spraying process are also parameters influencing the acceleration effect of Sigunit<sup>®</sup>-L72 AF.

When using sulphate resistant cements strength development can be slower. Sigunit<sup>®</sup>-L72 AF is not compatible with alkaline shotcrete accelerators. Before using Sigunit<sup>®</sup>-L72 AF the accelerator hoses must be cleaned thoroughly. The use of Sigunit<sup>®</sup>-L72 AF requires technically correct dosing and conveying / spraying technology. Metal parts of the pump that come into direct contact with Sigunit<sup>®</sup>-L72 AF must be made of stainless steel.

Contact your local Sika company for any additional technical support required.

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## Value Base

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.

<b>Local Restrictions</b>	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.
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