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PRODUCT DATA SHEET

20H System

Below-Grade Wall Expansion Joint

Product Description

- **20H** by Sika Emseal is a preformed expanding foam sealant produced by impregnating permanently elastic, high-density, open-cell polyurethane foam with water-based, polymer-modified asphalt.
- Partially filling the open-cells with the impregnation and then compressing the material results in levels of sealing depending on the degree of compression.
- Typically, approximately 5-times compression is required for watertightness in below-grade and horizontal deck applications.
- The **20H** foam is packaged precompressed in shrink-wrapped lengths (sticks).
- It is supplied precompressed to less than the nominal material size for easy insertion into the joint.
- Sealing between the foam and substrate is achieved through a combination of the effects of foam backpressure and the epoxy adhesive applied to the substrates and into which the 20H foam is installed.
- The exposed or outer surface of the installed 20H is further treated with Topcoat, supplied to suit the application.
- The complete 20H System comprises three elements:
 1. the 20H foam,
 2. the epoxy adhesive, and
 3. the Topcoat. See Figure 1.

Uses and Applications

- As a watertight seal in joints including:

Decks	Below-Grade
- structural joints	- foundation
- perimeter joints	- planters
- roadways	- tunnels
- sidewalks	- parapets
- **Other**
 - concrete covers on tunnels, wastewater tanks, etc.
- 20H is generally used as a primary seal. As such it is usually installed flush to the deck or below-grade wall surface.
- 20H can be used as a secondary seal and resilient support behind a bond breaker tape and caulking.

Figure 1: 20H System in Typical Installation

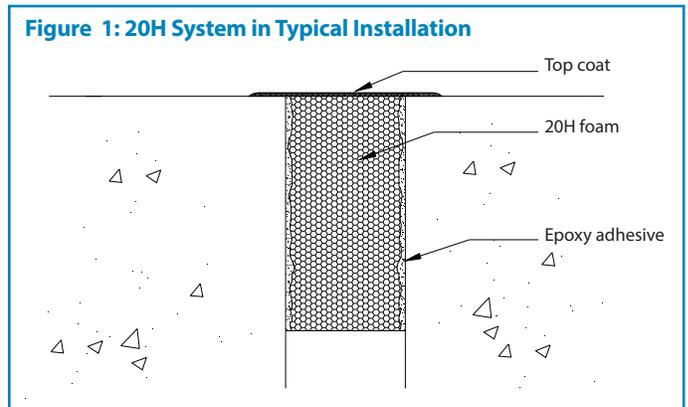


Table 1: Typical Physical Properties of 20H

Property / Test	Value	Test Method
Base material	Open cell, high density, Polyurethane foam	N/A
Impregnation	Polymer-modified asphalt	N/A
Color	Black	N/A
Density (uncompressed)	9-10 lb/ft ³ (144-160 kg/m ³)	
Density (compressed to 20% of Uncompressed width)	45-50 lb/ft ³ (720-800kg/m ³)	
Tensile strength	21 psi min (145 kPa)	ASTM D3574
Elongation - ultimate	150% min	ASTM D3574
Temperature range		
High - permanent	185°F (85°C)	
High - short term	203°F (95°C)	
Low	-40°F (-40°C)	
Softening point	140°F min (60°C)	ASTM D816
UV resistance	Excellent	
Mildew resistance	Excellent	
Bleeding	None	
-40°F to 180°F (-40°C TO 85°C)		
Compression set	3% max	ASTM D3574
70°C 50% RH after 72 hrs.		
Thermal conductivity	0.34 BTU. in/hr. ft ² .°F (0.05 W/m. °C)	ASTM C518
Low temperature flexibility	No cracking or splitting	ASTM C711
32°F to -10°F (0°C to -23°C)		
Water vapor transmission	0.011 perms	ASTM C355-64
At 25% compression		

Features

- Resilient, traffic-durable primary seal system
- Permanently elastic and weathertight
- Backpressure and resilience of 20H provides support for the concrete joint edges
- In below-grade applications, 20H provides a resilient bearing surface for below-grade waterproofing materials at joints
- Follows joint contours
- Difficult to vandalize
- Exposed face remains flat regardless of variation and changes in joint width and compression
- Resistant to de-icing salts
- Excellent thermal and sound insulating properties
- Vermin proof

Limitations

- 20H System will not adhere to joints that are dirty or dust-covered or to surfaces coated with oils or release agents.
- 20H System service temperature range is -40°F to 185°F (-40°C to 85°C).
- 20H is not resistant to sustained contact with petroleum solvents, oils, selected waxes, active chlorine, heavy oxidized acids or strong lyes.

Joint Seal Characteristics

- Below-grade and horizontal deck applications generally require compression to approximately 20% of the material's original uncompressed dimension (i.e. 5-times compression).
- Table 1 gives the physical properties of 20H.
- Table 2 illustrates standard sizing of 20H.
- 20H is rated for joint movement of +25%, -25% (total 50%) of nominal material width.

Joint Design

- Due to the rigorous conditions under which the 20H System is generally used, each application of the system should be reviewed by Emseal. (See "Deck Expansion-Joint Checklist" in Emseal binder Section 1 or call Emseal.)
- Substrate faces must be parallel and have sufficient clear depth to fully support the 20H SYSTEM.
- Substrate must be capable of resisting, without deflection, approximately 2.5 lb/in² (17 kPa) backpressure from the 20H.

Table 2: 20H Sizing

Product Code	Nominal Material Size (Joint Size At Mean T°)		Depth of Seal	
EHS-0050	1/2"	(12mm)	1-1/2"	(40mm)
EHS-0062	5/8"	(15mm)	1-1/2"	(40mm)
EHS-0075	3/4"	(20mm)	1-1/2"	(40mm)
EHS-0100	1"	(25mm)	2"	(50mm)
EHS-0125	1-1/4"	(30mm)	2"	(50mm)
EHS-0150	1-1/2"	(40mm)	2-1/2"	(65mm)
EHS-0175	1-3/4"	(45mm)	2-1/2"	(65mm)
EHS-0200	2"	(50mm)	2-3/4"	(70mm)
EHS-0225	2-1/4"	(55mm)	2-3/4"	(70mm)
EHS-0250	2-1/2"	(60mm)	3-1/8"	(80mm)
EHS-0275	2-3/4"	(70mm)	3-1/8"	(80mm)
EHS-0300	3"	(75mm)	3-1/2"	(90mm)

For sizes not listed consult EMSEAL.

NOTES:

- Select nominal material width to equal joint-gap width at mean temperature.
- Supplied in shrink-wrapped sticks of 6.56 LF (2M).

Installation

- **Surface Preparation:** Joint surfaces must be free from gross irregularities, loose particles, foreign matter such as dirt, dust, ice, snow, water, etc., and coatings such as grease, oil, release agents, lacquers, etc., that may be detrimental to the adhesion of the sealant. Sandblast or grind to achieve suitable substrates.
- 20H should be stored indoors at room temperature. Recovery is quicker when warm and slower when cold.
- Mix epoxy primer and apply to jointgap faces.
- Remove 20H from protective packaging.
- Check supplied width against jointgap width, then heat to open cells and expand to just larger than jointgap width.
- Apply epoxy primer in light coating to lower half of 20H.
- Insert material into joint-gap and push down until flush with surface.
- Join consecutive lengths of material with a 45° miter. Cut miters with a power-miter saw.
- Mask off deck 1/4-inch (6mm) away from the joint edges and apply Topcoat with paint brush.

Install in accordance with fully detailed installation instructions which accompany each order. These are also available separately from Emseal.



CAD & Guide Specs

[Guide specifications](#) and [CAD details](#) are available online at Emseal.com or by [contacting Emseal](#).

Warranty

Standard or project-specific warranties are available from Sika Emseal on request.

Availability & Price

20H System is available for shipment internationally. Prices are available from local representatives and/or directly from the manufacturer. Sika Emseal reserves the right to modify or withdraw any product without prior notice.

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