

PRODUCT DATA SHEET

SikaBiresin[®] GC108 (Biresin[®] S8)

EPOXY GELCOAT WITH VERY GOOD HEAT RESISTANCE AND POLISHABLE PROPERTIES – BLACK

APPLICATIONS

- Manufacturing of master models, gauges and vacuum forming tools
- Manufacturing of negative moulds in composites industry

MAIN PROPERTIES

- Polishable to high gloss (degree of gloss up to 85)
- Good grindability and spreading properties
- Heat resistance up to 130 °C
- Dense surface and good edge stability
- Good styrene resistance

DESCRIPTION

Basis	Two component epoxy system
Component A	SikaBiresin[®] GC108 , epoxy resin, filled, black
Component B	SikaBiresin[®] GC08 , amine, unfilled, amber

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

		Resin (A)	Hardener (B)
Components		SikaBiresin[®] GC108	SikaBiresin[®] GC08
Viscosity, 23 °C	mPa.s	pasty	~ 130
Density, 23 °C	g/cm ³	1.21	1.00
Mixing ratio A:B	in parts by weight	100	20
		Mixture	
Colour		black	
Viscosity, 23 °C	mPa.s	~ 25,000	
Pot life, room temperature, 200 g	min	~ 30	
Geltime, room temperature	min	~ 60	
Demoulding time, room temperature	h	~ 16 – 24	

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

approx. values; values after post curing 4 h / 120 °C

Density	ISO 1183	g/cm ³	1.22
Shore hardness	ISO 868	-	D 86
Flexural modulus	ISO 178	MPa	3,500
Flexural strength	ISO 178	MPa	90
Compressive strength	ISO 604	MPa	120
Impact resistance	ISO 179	kJ/m ²	9

THERMAL AND SPECIFIC PROPERTIES

approx. values; values after post curing 4 h / 120 °C

Heat deflection temperature	ISO 75B	°C	130
Glass transition temperature	ISO 11357	°C	134

PACKAGING UNITS

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| ■ Resin (A), SikaBiresin® GC108 | 0.4 kg / 8 kg |
| ■ Hardener (B), SikaBiresin® GC08 | 0.08 kg / 1.6 kg |
| ■ Kit (AB), SikaBiresin® GC108 | Box: 6 x 0.4 kg (A) + 6 x 0.08 kg (B) |

PROCESSING DATA

- The material, processing and mould temperature must be at least 18 – 25 °C.
- Component A must be stirred thoroughly before use.
- Recommended release agents are Sika® Liquid Wax-815 or Sika® Pasty Wax-818. For more information, see Product Data Sheets of the release agents.
- Pay attention to dry conditions and dry mould surfaces while processing.
- Porous surfaces have to be well sealed before.
- Both components have to be mixed thoroughly according to mixing ratio with a spatula or slow speed mixing equipment.
- The gelcoat must be applied on the mould surface immediately after mixing.
- Apply the gelcoat in a homogenous thickness on the mould by using a flat, short-haired brush. We recommend to apply the material in a uniform direction in order to get a homogeneous, even and void-free surface coat.
- Waiting time or pouring of the mixture can lead to disturbances such as streaks on the cured surface of the material.
- Within the geltime of gelcoat we recommend to apply a coupling layer or other backfilling layer in order to avoid adhesion problems.
- In order to improve resistance of gelcoat and final part against temperature influences, solvents as well as exposition of water, a post curing process of 4 h / 120 °C of the final part is recommended. In this case a slow increase and slow decrease of temperature is required.
- Further post curing of the demoulded part can improve the final mechanical properties.
- Depending on the geometry and weight of the part, it is recommended to use a conformer while post curing.
- For cleaning the final part from release agent residues, we recommend Sika® Reinigungsmittel-5. Before use of other cleaners, compatibility must be tested.

STORAGE CONDITIONS

Shelf life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Resin (A), SikaBiresin® GC108 12 months■ Hardener (B), SikaBiresin® GC08 12 months
Storage temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Resin (A), SikaBiresin® GC108 18 – 25 °C■ Hardener (B), SikaBiresin® GC08 18 – 25 °C
Crystallization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ After prolonged storage at low temperature, crystallization of components may occur.■ This is easily removed by warming up for a sufficient time to a maximum of 60 – 80 °C.■ Allow to cool to room temperature before use.
Opened packagings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Containers must be closed tightly immediately after use to prevent moisture ingress.■ The residual material needs to be used up as soon as possible.

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 Advanced Resins. Copies of the following publications are available on request: Safety Data Sheets

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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