

# SikaFast®-3121

## Structural Elastic Adhesive

### Technical Product Data

Properties	Component A: SikaFast®-3121	Component B: SikaFast®-3081N/83N
Chemical base	Toughened 2-component acrylic	
Color	Charcoal Gray	White/Black
Color mixed	Light Gray/Black	
Viscosity, Approximate (Brookfield T <sub>E</sub> @ 10 RPM)	725,000 cps	150,000 cps
Cure mechanism	Free Radical Polymerization	
Density (Typical)	8.0 lb/gal	10.8 lb/gal
Density mixed (Typical)	8.30 lb/gal	
Mixing ratio (Typical)	by volume by weight	10 : 1 7.4 : 1
VOC, Approximate (EPA Method 24, mixed closed bead)	0.43 lb/gal (52 g/l)	
Consistency (mixed)	Non-Sag Paste	
Application temperature, Approximate	product 50° - 95°F (10° - 35°C)	
Open time <sup>1</sup> (Typical) (static mixer)	72°F (22°C) 95°F (35°C)	5 min 2 min
Gel time (Typical at 72°F / 22°C)	7 min	
Peak exotherm (Typical)	time / temperature 10 min / 190 °F	
Shore D-hardness, Approximate	65	
Tensile strength, Approximate (ASTM D 412) <sup>1</sup>	1500 psi	
Elongation at break, Approximate (ASTM D 412) <sup>1</sup>	80%	
Elastic modulus, Approximate (ASTM D 412) <sup>1</sup>	9000 psi	
Service temperature range, Approximate	-20° - 180°F (-29° - 82°C)	
Shelf life <sup>2</sup>	Drums & Pails 9 months	Pails 9 months
	Cartridges 9 months	

<sup>1)</sup> 72°F (22°C) / 50% r.h.

<sup>2)</sup> Stored below 72°F (22°C) and no exposure to direct sun light

#### Description

SikaFast®-3121 is a fast-curing, two component flexible adhesive for applications requiring quick fixturing for higher throughput. Like other SikaFast®-3000 adhesives, 3121 is designed to efficiently transfer high loads and evenly distribute stresses. These characteristics distinguish SikaFast®-3121 from other acrylic adhesives that claim high strength and elongation. SikaFast®-3121 bonds many materials without surface preparation or priming and cures rapidly at room temperature.

#### Product Benefits

- High strength
- Fast setting and curing
- High elongation
- High ductility
- Good damping properties
- Excellent adhesion to a wide variety of substrates with little or no surface preparation
- UL component recognition for sign assembly

#### Areas of Application

SikaFast®-3121 is a 10:1 two part structural adhesive designed to substitute or complement welding, riveting, clinching and other mechanical fastening techniques used in the manufacture of transportation vehicles. SikaFast®-3121 is suitable for bonding sidewall panels; roofs, floors and parts made of aluminum, stainless or galvanized steel and fiber reinforced polymers.

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This product is suitable for experienced professional users only. Tests with actual substrates and conditions have to be performed to ensure adhesion and material compatibility.

**Cure Mechanism**

Two-component mix. Free radical polymerization

**Chemical Resistance**

Cured SikaFast®-3121 has good resistance to alcohols, glycols, dilute acids and bases, water, and crude oil. Cured product is not resistant to gasoline, kerosene, and low molecular weight aldehydes and ketones. Actual chemical resistance of bonded components must be tested. The above information is offered for general guidance only. Advice on specific applications will be given on request. Contact the Technical Service Department of Sika Industry at 888-832-7452.

**Adhesion Results**

The following results are offered for general guidance only. Due to the variations among substrates, preliminary tests must be completed before use of product.

*Adhesion table*

Material		Value
Aluminum 5052	C	1500 psi
CR Steel	C	1500 psi
Stainless steel 3000	C	1500 psi
Galvanized steel	C	1500 psi
Fiberglass	S	N/A
ABS	S	N/A
PVC	S	N/A

*Table 1: Lap shear samples per SAE J1525 for plastics and composites; SAEJ1523 for metals. N/A = not applicable.*

Conditions: As received or IPA-wipe

Breaktype: A = adhesive  
C = cohesive  
S = substrate

**Method of Application**

*Substrate preparation*

Surfaces should be clean and dry. Remove heavy oils and dirt with suitable solvent that will not harm substrate. A 2:1 solution of isopropyl alcohol in water is recommended, but substrate compatibility must first be tested. Heavily contaminated

areas must be more rigorously cleaned before bonding. Advice on specific applications is available from the Technical Service Department of Sika Industry at 888-832-7452.

*Mixing*

*From Cartridges.*

Slide out metal tap on top of cartridges. Unscrew the locking nut, remove plug and retain both. Insert the manufacturer recommended static mixer and secure with saved locking nut. Insert the cartridge into the dispensing tool. Sika recommends a high quality pneumatic dispense gun. Manual guns should be avoided. Attach airline with pressure not exceeding 100 psi (7 bar). Never point assembly at anyone. Purge at least 1 static mixer full of material into a paper cup, let cure, and discard. Begin application. Use the dispense tool air regulator to achieve desired flow rate. If application stops for a period of time that exceeds the products' stated gel time, the static mixer must be removed and a new one installed as outlined above.

NOTE: cooler temperatures will afford a longer gel time; warmer temperatures will afford a shorter gel time. For storage of partially used cartridges, retract the dispense tool pistons, remove the air line, take out cartridge, remove static mixer, wipe off tip of cartridge, taking care not to cross contaminate the two openings, reinsert the original plug and reattach the locking nut.

From Meter/mix/dispense units.

For advice on selecting and setting up a suitable pump system, as well as on the techniques of pump operated application, please contact the System Engineering Department of Sika Industry at 248-577-0020.

*Application*

Bondline thickness should not exceed 0.125 inches (3mm). Larger bondlines may be possible, but must be approved by Sika Technical Services. Suitability of adhesive must be determined by laboratory test prior to application. Apply mixed adhesive to one substrate; mate other within the stated open time: NOTE: Cure data given in this Product Data Sheet are measured at 72°F (22°C). Cooler temperatures slow the cure reaction, higher

temperatures hasten the reaction. This must be considered when determining the suitability of this product for any application and assembly process. Application of stress to the bonded parts before the stated or temperature-adjusted fixture time can cause permanent destruction of the adhesive bond layer and result in failures. Spacers may be used to ensure a uniform bond line. Glass spacer beads can be used, but at less than 4% of the adhesive volume.

However, to ensure maximum performance, it is recommended to keep the spacers outside of the bond line. For advice on selecting and setting up a suitable pump system, as well as on the techniques of pump operated application, please contact the System Engineering Department of Sika Industry at 248-577-0020.

*Removal*

Excess material can best be removed before curing with a dry wipe. Uncured SikaFast®-3121 may be removed from tools and equipment with a suitable solvent. Citrus cleaners may be used, but strictly follow solvent manufacturer's warnings and instructions for use. Also, if surfaces that were cleaned are to be rebonded, they must be thoroughly wiped with a 2:1 solution of isopropyl alcohol and water. Adhesion testing is strongly recommended in these cases. Cured material can only be removed mechanically. A solvent wipe should follow mechanical removal if rebonding is to be done.

*Overpainting*

If overpainting is desired, the paint and paint process compatibility must be tested before use. Contact Sika Technical Services at 888-832-7452 in all cases.

*Important note*

Larger quantities of SikaFast® will generate heat. Therefore bondline thickness is limited to approximately 0.125 inches. Large masses, greater than 2.0 oz (50 grams), may boil or blister; therefore purge volumes should be limited to amounts less than this. Exposure of cartridges to temperatures above 95°F will rapidly decrease shelf life.

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For additional information and support in evaluation of the appropriate application equipment please contact our Sika Technical Service at 888-832-7452.

#### Limitations

SikaFast®-3121 will not bond polyolefins such as polyethylene and polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene and other fluorine containing polymers, polyacetals, or nylon. Adhesion to and compatibility with composites of these materials as well as other materials should be tested before using. Cure may be accelerated with heat, but avoid temperatures over 110°F (43°C). Product will cure at temperatures well below 40°F (4°C), but will do so very slowly.

**CAUTION: IRRITANT. DANGER: FLAMMABLE, IRRITANT, SENSITIZER.** Contains Methyl Methacrylate (CAS 80-62-6), Xylene (CAS 1330-20-7). **Keep away from heat, flame, sparks, electrical equipment or other sources of ignition. DO NOT SMOKE.** Use only in well ventilated areas. Open doors and windows during use. Causes eye/respiratory irritation. May cause skin irritation. Prolonged and/or repeated exposure may cause skin/respiratory sensitization. Harmful if swallowed. Reports have associated repeated and prolonged exposure to some of the chemicals in this product with permanent brain, liver, kidney and nervous system damage. Headaches and dizziness may result. **Intentional misuse by deliberate concentration and inhalation of vapors may be harmful or fatal.**

#### HMS

Health	*2
Flammability	3
Reactivity	2
Personal Protection	C

#### First Aid Measures

**Eyes** – Hold eyelids apart and flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. **Skin** – Remove contaminated clothing. Wash skin thoroughly for 15 minutes with soap and water. **Inhalation** – Remove to

fresh air. **Ingestion** – Do not induce vomiting. Dilute with water. Contact physician. **In all cases contact a physician immediately if symptoms persist.**

#### Further Information

Copies of the following publications are available on our homepage [www.sikaindustry.com](http://www.sikaindustry.com):

- Material Safety Data Sheets
- Product Data Sheet
- Sika Primer Chart
- General guidelines for bonding and sealing with Sika products

**In case of emergency call:**  
**Chemtec: 800-424-9300**  
**International: 703-527-3887**

For further information and advice regarding transportation, handling, storage and disposal of chemical products, users should refer to the actual Material Safety Data Sheets containing physical, ecological, toxicological and other safety related data. It is highly recommended to read the actual Material Safety Data Sheet before using the product.

- KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**
- NOT FOR INTERNAL CONSUMPTION**
- FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY**
- KEEP CONTAINER TIGHTLY CLOSED**

#### Packaging Information

Pail <sup>1</sup> (comp. A)	4.5 gal
Pail <sup>1</sup> (comp. B)	4.5 gal
Drum (comp. A)	45 gal
Dual cartridge <sup>2</sup>	490 ml

<sup>1</sup>) 5 gallon plastic or metal straight side pail

<sup>2</sup>) Mixpac 400-type

#### Value Basis

All technical data stated on this Product Data Sheet are based on the results of laboratory tests only. Actual measured data in the field may vary due to site specific conditions which are not known to Sika and beyond our control.

**Handling and Storage**  
**Keep away from heat, sparks, sunlight, electrical equipment,**

**flames, or other sources of ignition. VAPORS MAY IGNITE AND EXPLODE. DO NOT SMOKE.** Open doors and windows during use. Use adequate local and mechanical ventilation. Wear protective equipment (chemically resistant gloves/goggles/clothing) to prevent direct contact with skin and eyes. Use properly fitted NIOSH vapor cartridge respirator if ventilation is poor. Wash thoroughly with soap and water after use. Remove contaminated clothing after use. Store product in tightly sealed containers in a cool, dry well ventilated area at temperatures between 40°F and 72°F away from ignition sources, and avoid exposure to direct sunlight.

#### Clean Up

In case of spill, eliminate all ignition sources. Ventilate area. Open doors and windows. Wear chemical resistant gloves/goggles/clothing. In absence of proper ventilation use properly fitted NIOSH respirator. Confine spill, collect using absorbent material and place in properly sealed container. Dispose of excess product in accordance with applicable local, state and federal regulations.

#### Limited Material Warranty

SIKA warrants this product for one year from date of installation to be free from manufacturing defects and to meet the technical properties on the current Product Data Sheet if used as directed within shelf life. User determines suitability of product for intended use and assumes all risks. Buyer's sole remedy shall be limited to the purchase price or replacement of product exclusive of labor or cost of labor. **NO OTHER WARRANTIES IMPLIED OR EXPRESS SHALL APPLY INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. SIKA SHALL NOT BE LIABLE UNDER ANY LEGAL THEORY FOR SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES. SIKA SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE USE OF**

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