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## Vapour Phase Corrosion Inhibitor

### Product Description

Sika® Margel VPI 580 is a patented vapour phase corrosion inhibitor which is inserted inside concrete structural elements close to the reinforcing steel. The product has been specifically developed to ensure the corrosion inhibitors are released over a period of 12- 48 months. This results in a well bonded layer of corrosion inhibitor around the reinforcing steel resulting in a passivated protective layer that reduces exposure to chlorides, water and oxygen.

### Uses

- Reinforced concrete deteriorating from corrosion
- Where coatings have been applied and surface applied Corrosion Inhibitors cannot penetrate
- Car Parks and Bridge decks
- Protecting reinforcement at greater depths than surface applied Corrosion Inhibitors can penetrate
- Chloride contaminated Concrete
- Carbonated Concrete
- Historic Structures

### Characteristics / Advantages

- **Proven technology** – 25 year track record.
- **Focused protection** - provides localized protection where actual and potential corrosion risks are high.
- **Economical** - low cost method protecting local areas of reinforcement that are chloride contaminated or contained in carbonated sound concrete, thereby reducing concrete breakout.
- **Versatile** - effective in chloride-contaminated and carbonated concrete.
- **User friendly** - installation is quick and easy.
- **Low maintenance** – requires no external power source or system monitoring.
- **Long lasting** – 10 to 20 year service life reduces the need for future repairs.
- **Full system** – can be used in conjunction with Sika® FerroGard®, Sika® Galvashield®, Sika® Ebonex® & Sikagard® coating technologies to offer a full Total Corrosion Management System.

Construction



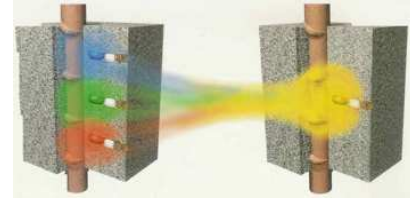
## Product Data

### Form

#### Appearance



19mm dia x 25mm



#### Packaging

100 x 10ml cartridge per box & Synthetic backing rod

#### Storage

##### Storage Conditions/ Shelf-Life

24 months from date of production if stored properly in original unopened, sealed and undamaged packaging between +5°C to +40°C.

##### Design Criteria

1 cartridge per 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> or 2 cartridges per m<sup>2</sup> (minim)

## System Information

#### System Structure

*Sika® Margel VPI 580 is part of a Concrete Repair System in conforming with the guidelines of BS EN 1504*

*Sika® Rapid Repair Mortar: Hand Applied Mortar*

*Sika® MonoTop-610: Bonding primer and reinforcement coating*

*Sika® MonoTop-612: R4 Hand and wet spray applied repair mortar*

*Sika® MonoTop-615: R3 Hand and wet spray applied high build repair mortar*

*SikaCem 133 Gunite R4 Dry spray applied repair mortar*

*Sika® FerroGard®-903+: Surface Applied Corrosion inhibitor*

*Sika® Galvashield®: XP's & CC's Galvanic Anodes*

*Sika® Ebonex®: Discrete ICCP Anodes*

## Application Instructions

#### Application Method

- Drill 20mm diameter holes minimum 55mm deep in a grid pattern spaced 1metre apart horizontally and 500 mm staggered vertically. Distances from edges of concrete elements to capsule positions should be  $\leq 250$ mm.
- On beams & columns the spacing should be no greater than 500mm apart and applied to one face if section dimensions are <500mm, if > 500mm insert 2<sup>nd</sup> capsule into hole at a greater depth or install additional capsules on other faces.
- The drilled hole must be thoroughly cleaned with a blow pump starting from the bottom of the hole and carried out at least 2 times.
- Place a Sika® Margel VPI 580 cartridge into pre- drilled hole and use a >15mm diameter rod to push cartridge to bottom of hole.
- After insertion of the Sika® Margel VPI 580 cartridge into pre- drilled hole, cut off a length of synthetic backing rod (thickness between 5.0 - 10.0 mm). Diameter of backing rod should be greater than diameter of hole, compress and push into hole behind the cartridge ensuring contact between them both.
- Infill remaining space with an R3 or R4 Class Concrete Repair Mortar to a minimum concrete cover depth of existing reinforcement. If cover is less than 5.0mm use Sikadur® 31 EF. Ensure good compaction of mortar to help prevent vapour leakage from capsule & staining of any subsequent coatings.

**Notes on Application / Limitations**

Do not leave in unsealed pack.  
Use immediately after opening the pack.  
Do not inhale vapour.  
Avoid skin contact.  
Do not discard into water systems or water courses.  
Ensure backing rod is tightly compressed into hole and in contact with cartridge to avoid vapour leakage and possible staining of coatings and reducing effectiveness of inhibitor.

**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.

**Health and Safety Information**

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.

**Legal Notes**

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