

# PRODUCT DATA SHEET

## Sika CarboDur® Rods

### CARBON FIBER RODS FOR STRUCTURAL STRENGTHENING

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Sika CarboDur® Rods are pultruded carbon fiber reinforced polymer (CFRP) rods designed for strengthening concrete, timber and masonry structures. The rods are primarily installed using the Near Surface Mounted (NSM) technique by inserting into grooves cut into the substrate and bonded with an epoxy resin. The rods can also be used for anchoring SikaWrap fabrics for positive attachment to concrete or masonry.

#### USES

Sika CarboDur® Rods may only be used by experienced professionals.

- Negative moment reinforcing in slabs and decks
- Anchoring of SikaWrap fabrics
- Strengthening of masonry walls
- Doweling applications
- Cathodic protection applications

#### Load increases

- Increased live loads in warehouses
- Increased loading in parking decks
- Installation of heavy machinery
- Vibrating structures
- Changes of building utilization

#### Damage to structural parts

- Aging of construction materials
- Steel reinforcement corrosion
- Vehicle impact
- Fire

#### Serviceability improvements

- Decrease in deformation
- Stress reduction in steel reinforcement

- Crack width reduction

#### Change in structural system

- Removal of walls or columns.
- Removal of slab sections for openings

#### Design or construction defects

- Insufficient reinforcements
- Insufficient structural depth

#### CHARACTERISTICS / ADVANTAGES

- Very high strength
- Lightweight
- Non-corrosive
- Very easy to handle
- High modulus of elasticity
- Can accept traffic on surface (rods are countersunk)
- High bond strength due to full encapsulation
- Rods are not visible once installed
- Outstanding fatigue resistance
- Alkali resistant

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

<b>Packaging</b>	Custom cut lengths available		
<b>Appearance / Color</b>	Black		
<b>Shelf Life</b>	Unlimited (no exposure to direct sunlight)		
<b>Storage Conditions</b>	Store in original, unopened, sealed and undamaged packaging in dry conditions at temperatures of max. 122 °F (+50 °C). Protect from direct sunlight. Transportation: only in the original packaging, or otherwise adequately protected against any mechanical damage		
<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Diameter</b>	<b>Cross Sectional Area</b>	<b>Tensile Strength</b>
	1/4 in.	0.05 sq. in.	0.20 sq. in
	3/8 in.	0.11 sq. in.	27,500 lbs.
	1/2 in.	0.20 sq. in	50,000 lbs
<b>Fiber Volume Content</b>	65 %		

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

<b>Tensile Strength</b>	4.06 x 10 <sup>5</sup> psi (2,800 MPa)
<b>Tensile Modulus</b>	22.5 x 10 <sup>6</sup> psi (155,000 MPa)
<b>Tensile % Elongation</b>	1.8 %
<b>Thermal Resistance</b>	>300 °F (>150 °C)

## APPLICATION INFORMATION

<b>Coverage</b>	Coverage of Sikadur 30 or Sikadur 32, Hi-Mod epoxy resin with Sika CarboDur Rods: 1/4 in. diameter approx. 85 LF/gal. (1/2 x 1/2 in. slots); 3/8 in. diameter: approx. 60 LF/gal. (5/8 x 5/8 in. slots); 1/2 in. diameter: approx. 35 LF/gal. (3/4 x 3/4 in. slots)
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## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

For Near Surface Mounted Applications, cut a groove into the concrete or masonry surface using an appropriate concrete saw or diamond blade. Surface must be clean and sound. It may be dry or damp, but free of standing water and frost. Remove dust, laitance, grease, curing compounds, impregnations, waxes, foreign particles, disintegrated materials and other bond inhibiting materials from the surface. In addition, clean the groove with compressed air prior to installation.

### Preparation Work

**Concrete** - Blast clean, shotblast or use other approved mechanical means to provide an open roughened texture.

**Sika CarboDur® Rods** - wipe clean with appropriate cleaner (e.g. MEK).

### Cutting the Rods

Rods may be cut to an appropriate length with a diamond blade on a chop saw or grinder. The rods should

be wrapped with duct tape in the cutting zone to minimize splintering.

### Mixing

Consult Sikadur 30 or Sikadur 32, Hi-Mod technical data sheet for information on epoxy resin.

### APPLICATION METHOD / TOOLS

#### Near Surface Mounted Application

Grooves should be cut into the surface of the substrate to receive the Sika CarboDur® Rods. Care must be taken not to cut through existing reinforcing steel, steel tendons, embedded ducts, or other materials within the substrate. After preparing and cleaning the surface (see above), apply the mixed Sikadur® 30, Sikadur® 32, Hi-Mod or Sikadur® AnchorFix into the grooves approximately half-full. Sikadur® 30 has a paste consistency and may be used for vertical and overhead applications. Sikadur® 32, Hi-Mod has a honey-type consistency and may be used for horizontal applications. Sikadur® AnchorFix is packaged in cartridges and can be injected directly into the grooves for horizontal, vertical, or overhead applications. Within the open time of the epoxy, depending on the temperature, press the Sika Car-

boDur® Rods into the epoxy in the grooves. Apply additional epoxy over the rods to fill in the grooves. Strike the surface with a trowel to force out any air and provide a clean installation.

### **Anchoring SikaWrap Fabrics**

To provide additional anchorage for SikaWrap® Fabrics in shear or flexural strengthening applications, the fabric may be positively attached into grooves in the concrete at the ends. Cut grooves into the concrete as described above. Fill the grooves with either Sikadur® 30, Sikadur® 32 or Sikadur® AnchorFix, depending on the orientation. Place the saturated fabric over the grooves, and press the Sika CarboDur® Rods into the grooves for positive attachment. Fill in any voids on the surface with additional epoxy, forcing out any air voids that might be present.

## **LIMITATIONS**

Design calculations must be made and certified by an independent licensed professional engineer.

## **BASIS OF PRODUCT DATA**

Results may differ based upon statistical variations depending upon mixing methods and equipment, temperature, application methods, test methods, actual site conditions and curing conditions.

## **LOCAL RESTRICTIONS**

See Legal Disclaimer.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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