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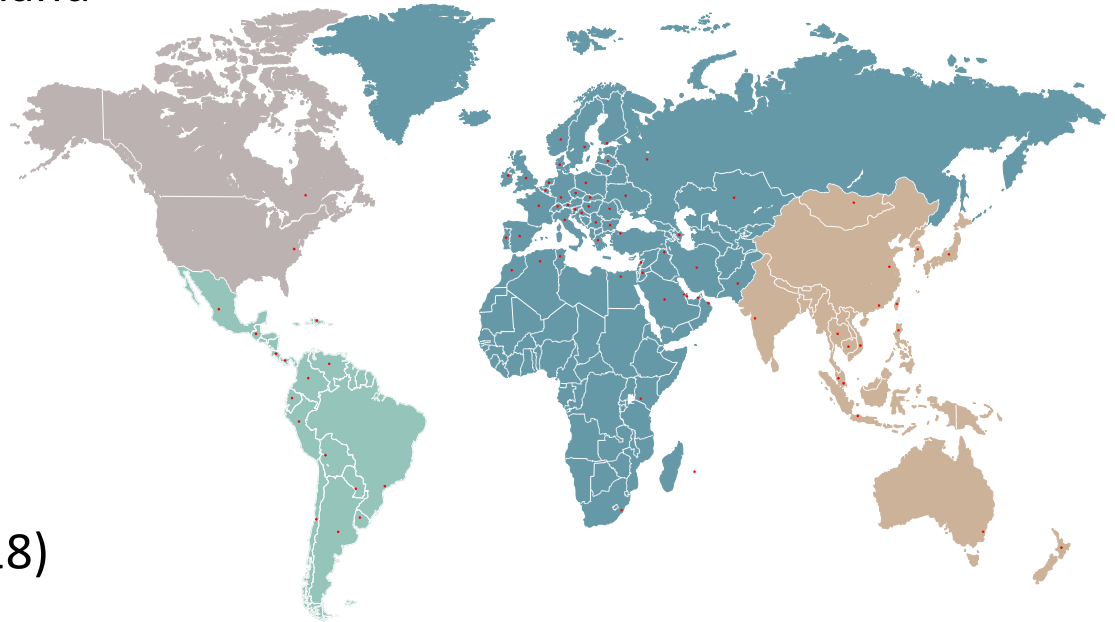
## SIKA WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS FOR TUNNELS (TRADITIONAL EXCAVATION)

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# SIKA GROUP – BRIEF INTRODUCTION

## SIKA GROUP, SWITZERLAND - WORLDWIDE MARKET PRESENCE

- Headquarter in Baar, Switzerland
- Founded in 1910
- 20,060 employees
- Subsidiaries in 101 countries  
(Honduras => 101<sup>st</sup>)
- Over 200 factories
- 20,600 employees
- Sales of CHF 7.09 billion (2018)



# SIKA GROUP – BRIEF INTRODUCTION

## SIKA FOCUSES ON 7 TARGET MARKETS

### OUR CORE COMPETENCIES

BONDING, SEALING, DAMPING, REINFORCING AND PROTECTING



Concrete



Waterproofing



Roofing



Flooring & Coating



Sealing & Bonding



Refurbishment



Industry



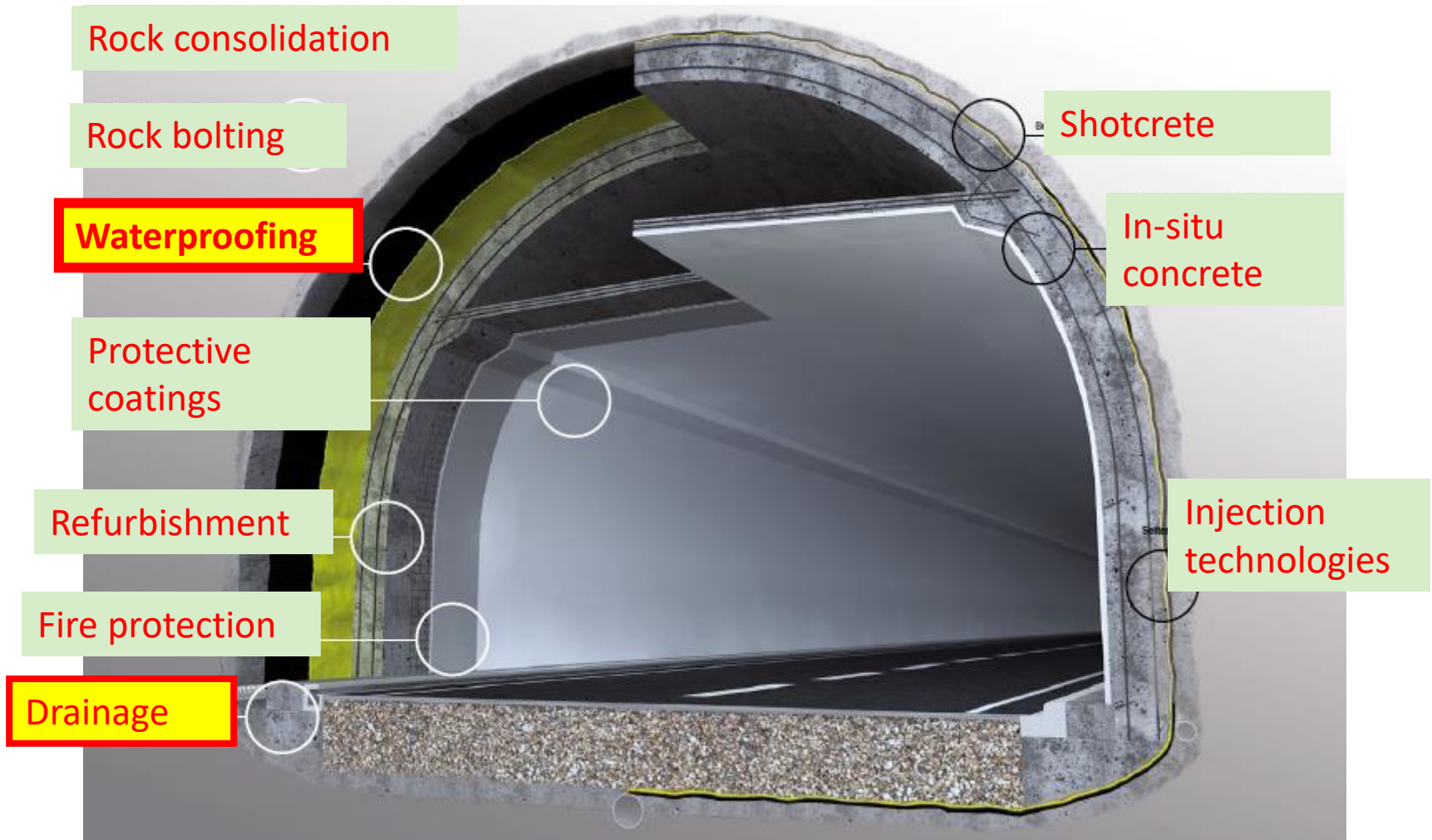
# SIKA COMPETENCE IN TUNNELLING

## VARIOUS APPLICATION POSSIBILITIES



# TRADITIONAL EXCAVATION

## SIKA COMPETENCE IN TUNNELLING





**TRADITIONAL EXCAVATION  
WATERPROOFING  
THERMOPLASTIC SHEET**



# AUSTRIAN STANDARD

Obv (Austrian guideline)/ 2012



- > Due to the system, the sprayable membrane is not suitable for drained tunneling based on the fully bond of the system to the substrate, which allows no adequate water migration. As a consequence, local water pressure spots are expected....
- > Because of the current lack of experience, the procedural requirements and the uncertain long-term behavior, such an application of a sprayable membrane has no technical equivalence to an execution by a plastic sheet waterproofing membrane.

# ACHILLES HEEL OF COMPOSITE SHELL



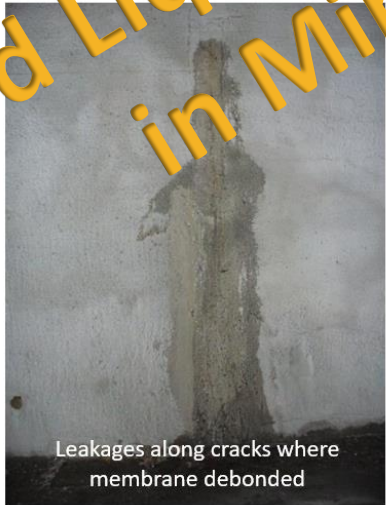
The real Achilles heel of composite shell linings remains the position of the waterproofing layer in the center of the lining.

Sika do not promote Sprayed Liquid Applied Membranes in Mined Tunnels

# TYPICAL FAILURES OF SPRAYED SYSTEMS



No bonding on wet surface



Leakages along cracks where membrane debonded

# Project example for complete failure of sprayed system

**Project: Metro Buenos Aires, Line B**

- Owner: Buenos Aires Subway Authority (SBASE)
- Construction company: [Ruggio](#)
- Sub-contractor/applier: [Aplicapco S.A](#)
- Application period: 2005-2010

**Construction:**  
 NATM, 10-15m below the water table, undrained concept (arch & wall: spray-applied membrane, invert: waterproof concrete), double shell concept (not monolithic), supporting shotcrete (20-30cm), 8cm mortar layer for smoothing, additional use of mortar as waterstop (spot-wise), partly surface grinding, primer 1.7mm (epoxy based, solvent free), 1<sup>st</sup> coat (yellow, 1.5mm), 2<sup>nd</sup> coat (white, 1.5mm), additional mortar to strengthen the bonding of final shotcrete (spot-wise), 2<sup>nd</sup> layer of shotcrete as inner liner (wall 50-60cm, roof 40-45cm) and cast-in-place concrete for invert. Special requirement of substrate condition: dry with max. 4% humidity

- 20.000sqm of a 3mm MMA spray-applied membrane
- 6.000sqm of an EVA-modified spray membrane, 3mm
- Electrical full-surface scanning for leak detection
- [Putzmeister/Aliva](#) shotcr. equipment, [Sigurit L500AR](#)
- **Problems:** Substrate condition, smoothing dust, membrane curing process, blistering (pinholes), bonding strength of final shotcrete, crack of inner liner, water ingress, difficult crack-injection, etc.

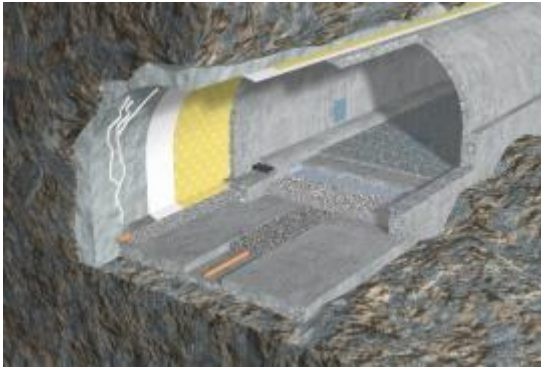




# CONSTRUCTION METHOD FOR TUNNELS

## WATERPROOFING WITH SHEET MEMBRANES

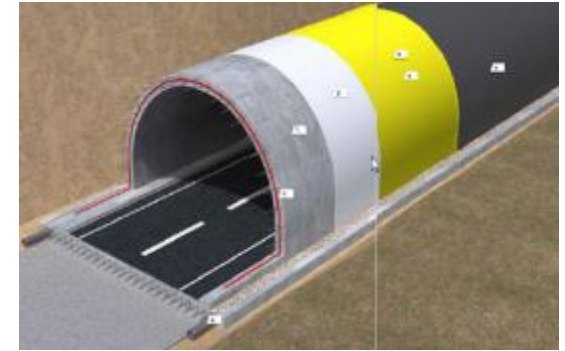
- **Mined tunnel**
- Traditional excavation
- Partial waterproofing



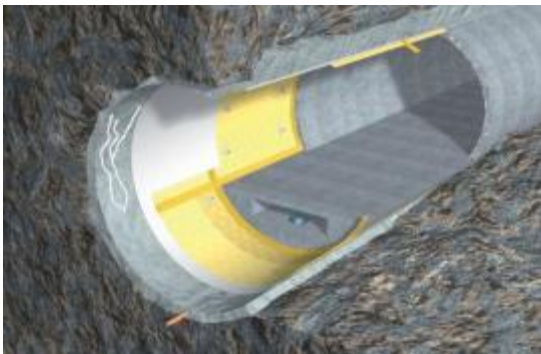
- **Mined tunnel**
- Mechanized excavation
- Partial waterproofing
- Complete waterproofing



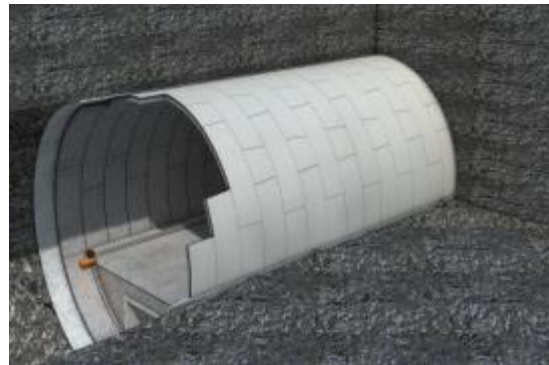
- **Artificial tunnel**
- Cut and Cover concept
- Partial waterproofing



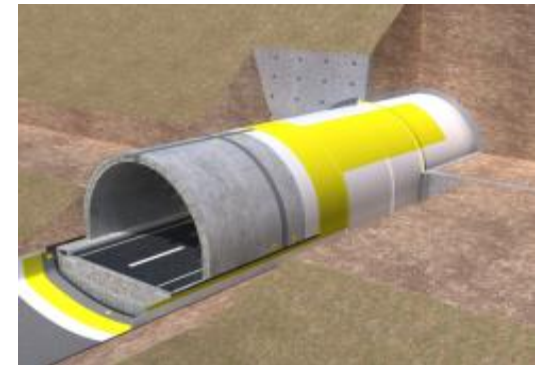
- **Complete waterproofing**



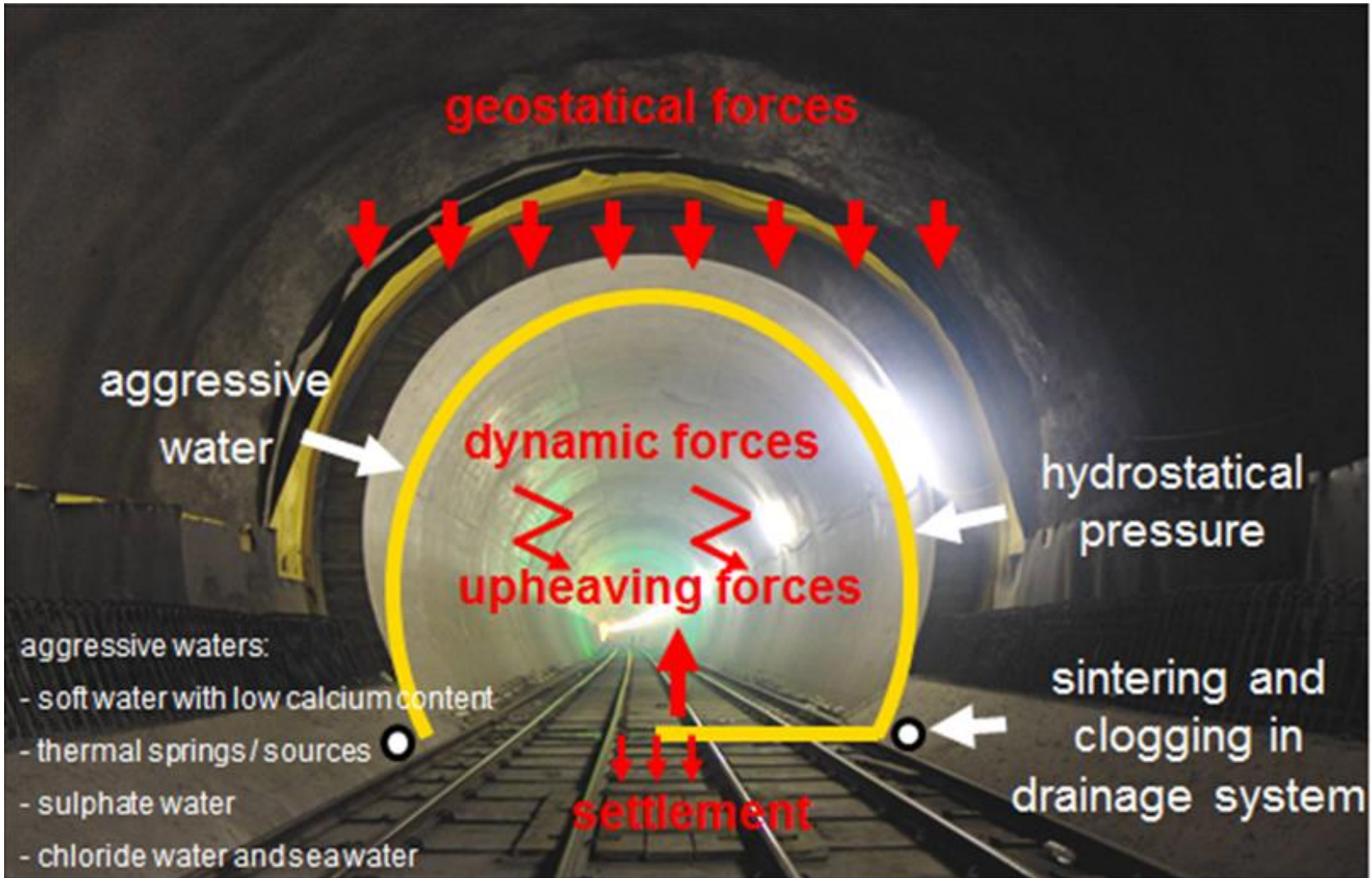
- **Swelling strip**



- **Complete waterproofing**



# CONDITIONS EXPOSURES AND STRESS





# CONSTRUCTION METHOD FOR TUNNELS

## WATERPROOFING WITH SHEET MEMBRANES

- **Partial waterproofing**



- Resists percolating water
- Lateral drainage systems required where membrane terminates

- **Full waterproofing**



- Resists full water pressure
- No drainage systems required



# INTRODUCTION

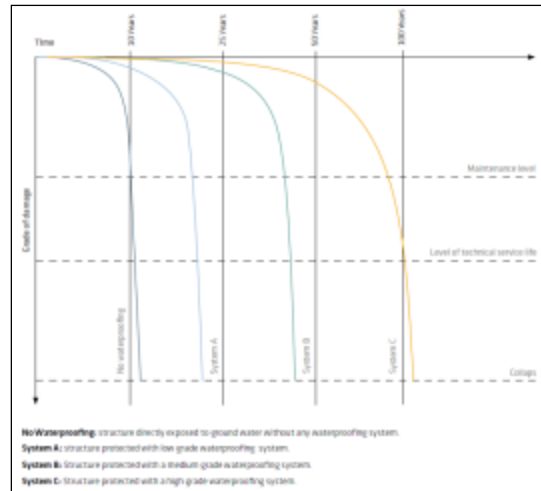
## OWNER'S PROJECT REQUIREMENT

### Owners requirements

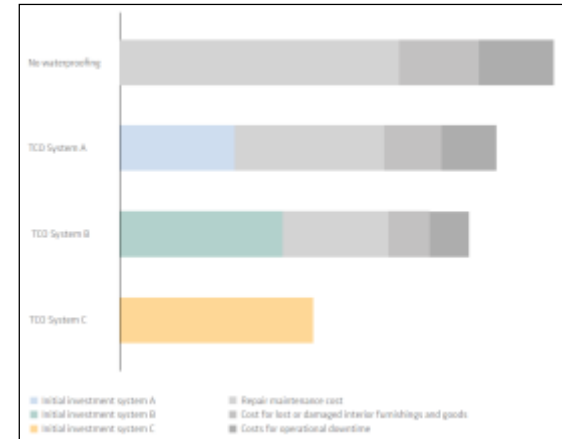
**1** Functionality  
(Use, grade of watertightness)

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
Completely dry	Dry to slightly moist	Moist	Moist to wet
No moist parts on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted	Single falling parts permitted. No dripping water on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted	Partly limited moisty parts and single dripping parts on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted	Moisty parts and dripping parts permitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean air rooms</li> <li>• Dry rooms</li> <li>• Energy supply rooms</li> <li>• Metro stations (presence of people)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road/tunnels highway</li> <li>• Road/tunnels as frosty zones</li> <li>• High-speed train tunnels</li> <li>• Parking areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional railways</li> <li>• Metro lines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewage tunnels</li> </ul>
Water infiltration in l/sqm within 24h acc. STUWA			
0	0-0.1	0.1-0.5	0.5-1.0

**2** Service Life / Durability



**3** Total Cost of Ownership  
(incl. maintenance cost)



# BELOW GROUND WATERPROOFING

## EUROPEAN STANDARDS / GUIDELINES

- According to EN – 13491

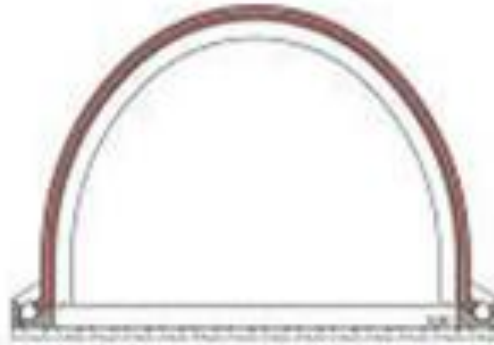
Degree of watertightness	Characteristic of damp and moisture	Use of underground space	Water infiltration in l /m <sup>2</sup> within 24 h
1	vapour diffusion from outside not permissible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- clean air rooms and dry rooms</li> <li>- prolonged presence of people</li> <li>- storage of moisture sensitive goods (paper, foodstuff)</li> </ul>	0
2	dry vapour diffusion permissible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- civil defense installations and its wet rooms like toilets, showers etc.</li> <li>- energy supply rooms</li> <li>- general purpose underground space</li> </ul>	0
3	dry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- storage and otherwise commercialized rooms</li> <li>- metro stations</li> </ul>	< 0,001
4	almost dry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- road tunnels highway</li> <li>- road tunnels in frosty zones</li> <li>- high speed train tunnels</li> </ul>	< 0,01
5	capillary soaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- parking areas</li> <li>- road and pedestrian tunnels</li> </ul>	< 0,1
6	light dripping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- regional railways</li> <li>- metro lines</li> </ul>	< 0,5
7	dripping water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sewage tunnels</li> </ul>	< 1,0

# BELOW GROUND WATERPROOFING

## SWISS STANDARDS / GUIDELINES

- Extract from SIA 272 (Swiss standard) 2009 – recommended waterproofing systems

(According to Pre Norm SIA 272)



### Class 1

**Completely dry**

No moist parts on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted

### Class 2

**Dry to slightly moist**

Single falling parts permitted. No dropping water on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted.

### Class 3

**Moist**

Partly limited moisty parts and single dropping parts on the dry part of the tunnel surface permitted.

### Class 4

**Moist to wet**

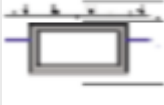






Moisty parts and dropping parts permitted.



# BELOW GROUND WATERPROOFING

## SWISS STANDARDS / GUIDELINES

■ Extract from SIA 272 (Swiss standard) 2009 – recommended waterproofing systems

Application field	•Open pits •Cut&cover •Galleries	Mined tunnel	Pit& Ponds	Water canals	Swimming-pools	Water reservoirs	Sewage plants	Upcoming humidity
according standard SIA 270, table 3	B1.1 B1.2	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	E
								
Watertightness class of the whole structure	1 or 2	1 or 2	2 or 3	2 or 3	1 or 2	2	2	1
<b>rigid</b>								
3.1 watertight concrete	x	x		x	x	x	x	
3.2 watertight mortar	x	x		x	x	x	x	
3.3 fluid asphalt	x							x
<b>flexible</b>								
3.4 polymer-bitumen	x	x <sup>1</sup>						x
3.5 plastic sheet membrane	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
3.6 bentonite layer	x		x					
3.7 liquid applied membrane	x	x <sup>1</sup>		x	x	x	x	
3.8 polymer- mod. bituminouse coatings	x							

<sup>1</sup> lower-ranked (subordinated) application fields (e.g. canal lining, emergency escape tunnel)

X recommended

# DURABILITY OF WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES WITH + 40 YEARS SERVICE



## Durability of PVC Membranes in Tunnel Waterproofing – Testing of Membranes With 40+ Years of Practical Service Life

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### ABSTRACT

A long service life of tunnel constructions requires durability of all components. A major part in this context plays the waterproofing layer. The paper describes the investigation of two waterproofing PVC membranes. **Samples removed from 41 and 44 year old road tunnels in Switzerland** were subject to detailed examination. Waterthightness, mechanical and chemical properties have been determined as well as the welding ability with new membranes. The aged membranes still largely fulfill German and Swiss standard requirements for virgin tunnel membranes. A further service life of several decades can be expected with a high probability of reaching the nowadays required 100 years durability.

# DURABILITY OF WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES WITH + 40 YEARS SERVICE

- Tunnel built in 1970
- PVC membrane installed in 1971
- 600m long twin tubes, 3 lanes each tube
- Recently upgraded for new EU safety & security regulations
- Inspection & testing of the membrane became possible



Figure 1: The European E35 highway (Koch, 2011).



Figure 2: Map of Lucerne with course of the city bypass

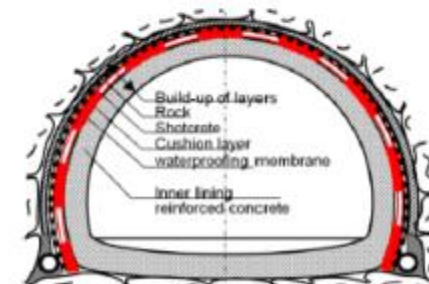


Figure 3: Schematic build-up of Reussport tunnel.



Figure 4: North portal of Reussport Tunnel.



# DURABILITY OF WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES WITH + 40 YEARS SERVICE

Table 1. Properties of Samples From Tunnel Reussport

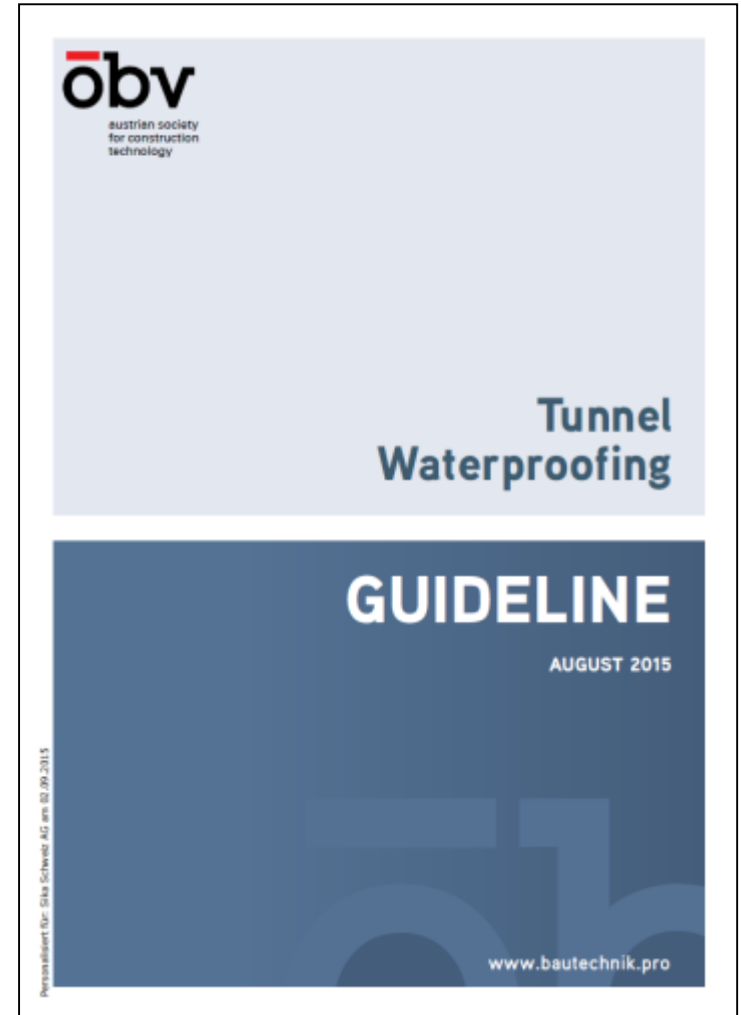
Property	Test Method	Requirement <sup>1)</sup>	Retain Sample 1970	Sample From Reussport Tunnel
Thickness	DIN EN 1849-2	-	1.50 mm	1.25 mm
Tensile Strength	DIN EN ISO 527-3	12 MPa <sup>1)</sup>	17.0 MPa	15.8 MPa
Elongation at Break	DIN EN ISO 527-3	> 250 % <sup>1)</sup>	300 %	278 %
Impact Resistance	DIN EN 12691 Method A	750 mm <sup>1)</sup>	1'000 mm	750 mm (2/5 1'000 mm)
Folding at Low Temperature	DIN EN 495-5	- 20 °C <sup>1)</sup>	- 20 °C pass	- 20 °C pass
Water Tightness	DIN EN 1928	no leakage at 10 kPa/24h <sup>2)</sup>	pass	pass
Plasticiser Content	Manufacturer's Test	-	36 %	32.8 %
Seam Test (Peel) with New Membrane	DIN EN 12316-2	break outside of seam <sup>1)</sup>	pass	pass

<sup>1)</sup> Requirements by ZTV/ING 2007, <sup>2)</sup> Requirements by SIA V280

# DURABILITY OF WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES

## LEADING INT. TUNNEL STANDARDS - TUNNEL GUIDELINE ÖBV

- Guideline incorporating the **latest know-how** in tunnel waterproofing for closed (NATM and TBM) and cut-and-cover tunnels
- First standard to define test methods and limits for **durability** requirements, to achieve **>100 years** for PVC and TPO membranes (Table 4.6)
- Describes **additional durability** requirements for harsh conditions similar to the Gotthard base tunnel (NEAT) specification (Table 4.7)
- Describes environmental and health aspects (REACH) to be met
- Includes requirements for system components (e.g substrate, installation, fixing, welding, flexibility, quality control, inspection & joint design).



# ÖBV DESCRIPTION OF THE WATERPROOFING SYSTEM

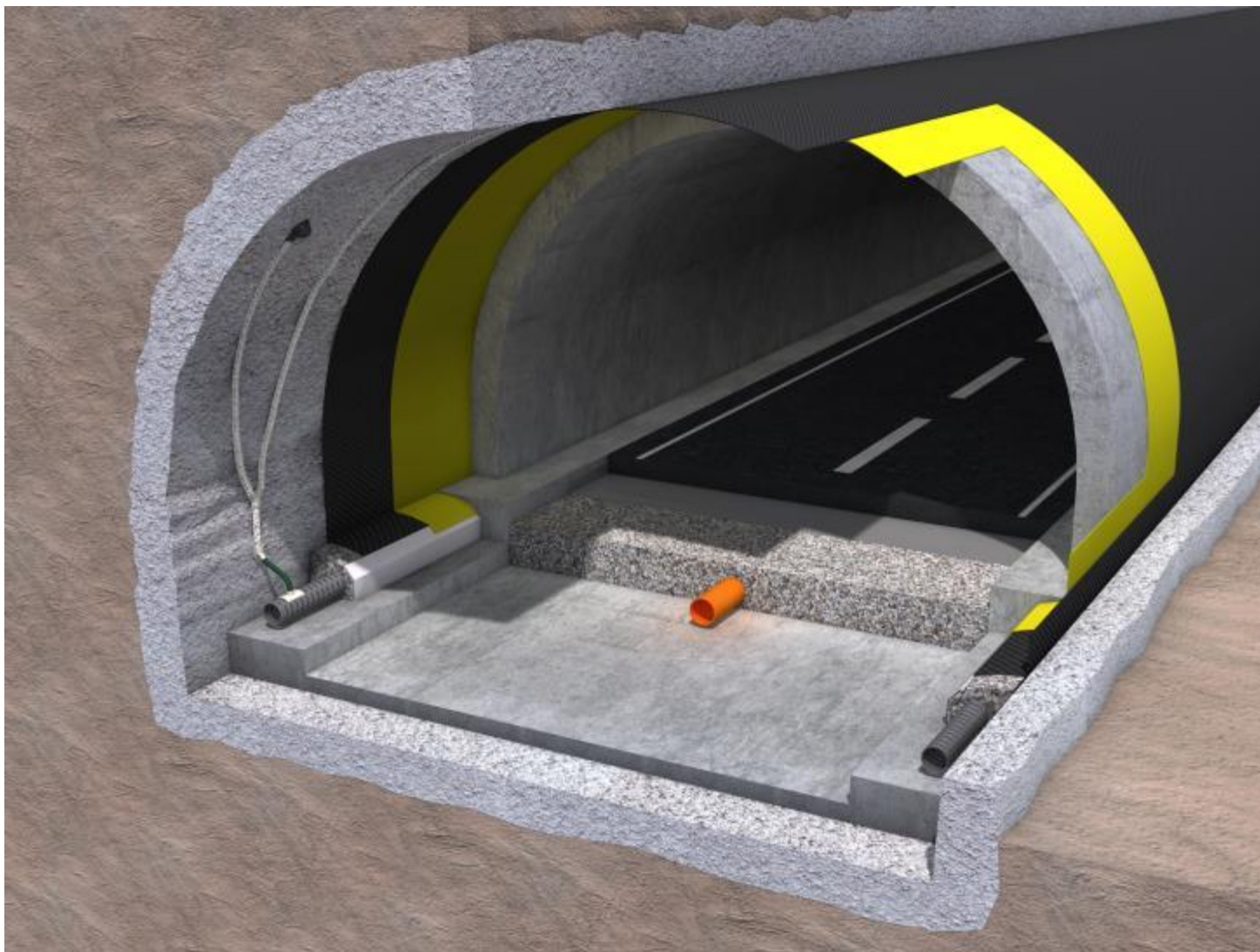
## DURABILITY OF WATERPROOFING MEMBRANES

- Extract from the 2015 Austrian Tunnel Waterproofing Guideline ÖBV Table 4.7
  - States performance after **long term** accelerated ageing tests on membrane properties
  - If durability of >100 years is truly the main focus, the project specifications should include these performance tests
    - **Manufacturers should provide test data to PROVE durability**
      - Not just a manufacturers letter “confirming 100 years durability”!!!

Durability tests for an expected service life of 100+ years, acc. ÖBV Table 4.7		
Behavior after storage in hot water (=Leaching) <b>360 days at 70°C</b>	EN 14415	Reduction of tensile strength and elongation: ≤ 25% Change of mass: ≤ 7% Reduction of impact load (drop height): ≤ 40%
Behavior after storage in saturated limewash <b>360 days at 50°C</b>	EN 14415	Reduction of tensile strength and elongation: ≤ 25% Change of mass: ≤ 7% Reduction of impact load (drop height): ≤ 40%
Behavior after storage in 5-6% sulphurous acid <b>120 days at 23°C</b>	EN 1847	Reduction of tensile strength and elongation: ≤ 25% Change of mass: ≤ 4% Reduction of impact load (drop height): ≤ 30%
Behavior after storage in 0.5% sulphuric acid <b>360 days at 50°C</b>	EN 1847	Reduction of tensile strength and elongation: ≤ 25% Change of mass: ≤ 7% Reduction of impact load (drop height): ≤ 40%

# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## DRAINAGE WATERPROOFING (UMBRELLA)



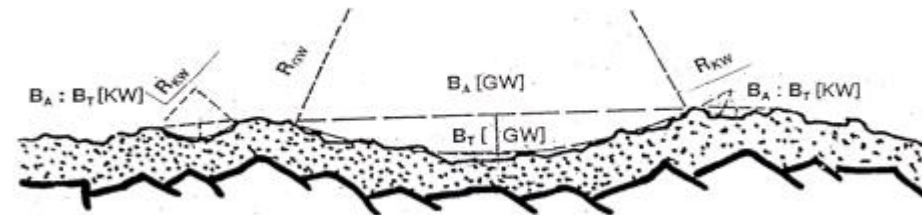


# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

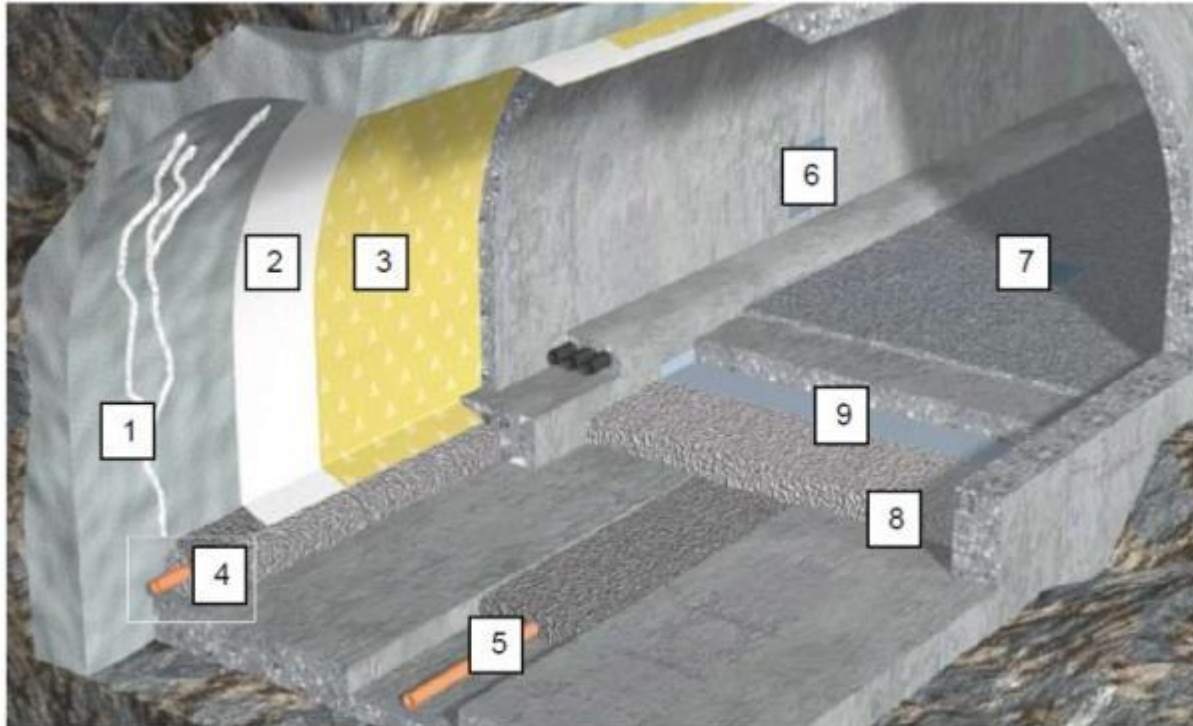
## SUBSTRATE PREPARATION

Requirement of membrane flexibility in connection with shotcrete evenness			
Evenness of shotcrete	≈ 1:5	≈ 1:10	≈ 1:15
Section elasticity module $E_{1-2}$ acc. ISO 527 of membrane	≤ 20 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	≤ 70 N/mm <sup>2</sup>	≤ 100 N/mm <sup>2</sup>

Roughness of shotcrete (NEAT/ SIA 272)			
	Definition	Requirement	Method of measurement
Roughness	Depth	Max. value 4-16 mm	Sandfill as per ZTV-SIB measured at Ø 250 mm
Evenness	Small waves ( $R \leq 200$ mm)		
	$R_{KW}$ Radius (mm) $B_A : B_T$ Ratio	Min. value $B_A$ at $B_T = 1$ = 10:1	Manual Measurement of substrate at negative form
	Large waves ( $R \geq 200$ mm)		
	$R_{KW}$ Radius (mm) $B_A : B_T$ Ratio	Min. value $B_A$ at $B_T = 1$ = 10:1	Measurement of substrate with profilometer



# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION COMPLETE SYSTEM



1. Preliminary waterproofing with Sika® FlexoDrain
  2. Drainage, protection layer with Sika® Geotextile or Sika® Drain
  3. Synthetic waterproofing membrane Sikaplan® WP
  4. Lateral drainage pipe with gravel package, connection with Sikaplan® W Drainage Angle (optional)
  5. Main collector pipe, connected every ~100m with lateral drainage
  6. Niche for inspection and cleaning of lateral drainage pipe
  7. Shaft for inspection and cleaning of main drainage
  8. Invert drainage with gravel
  9. Separation layer, PE-Foil 0.3mm
- (Invert drainage pipe and protection sheet not shown in the picture.)

# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

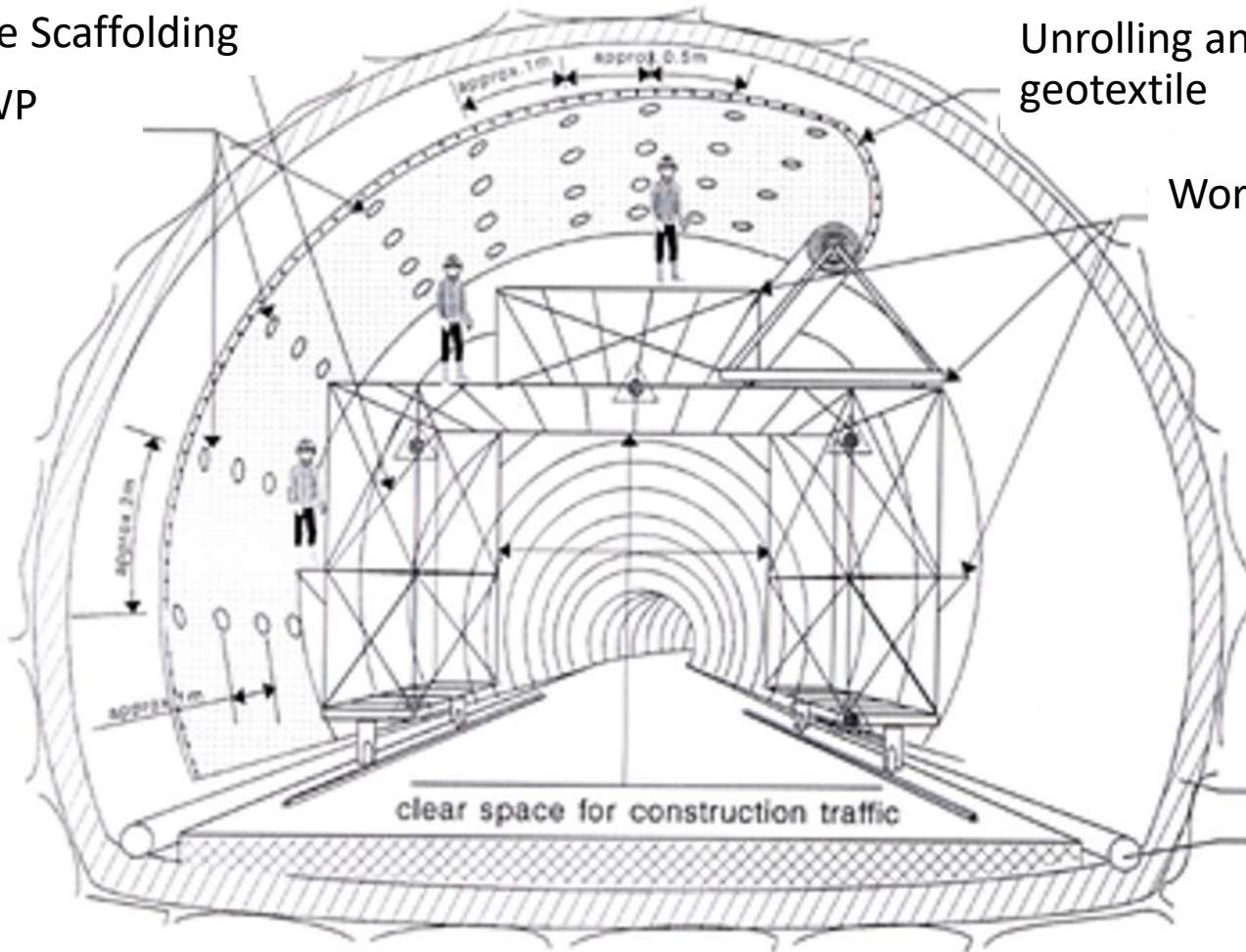
## INSTALLATION OF DRAINAGE LAYER

Mobile Scaffolding

Sika WP  
Discs

Unrolling and fixing  
geotextile

Working platform



Shotcrete  
Drainage

# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## DISC FIXATION



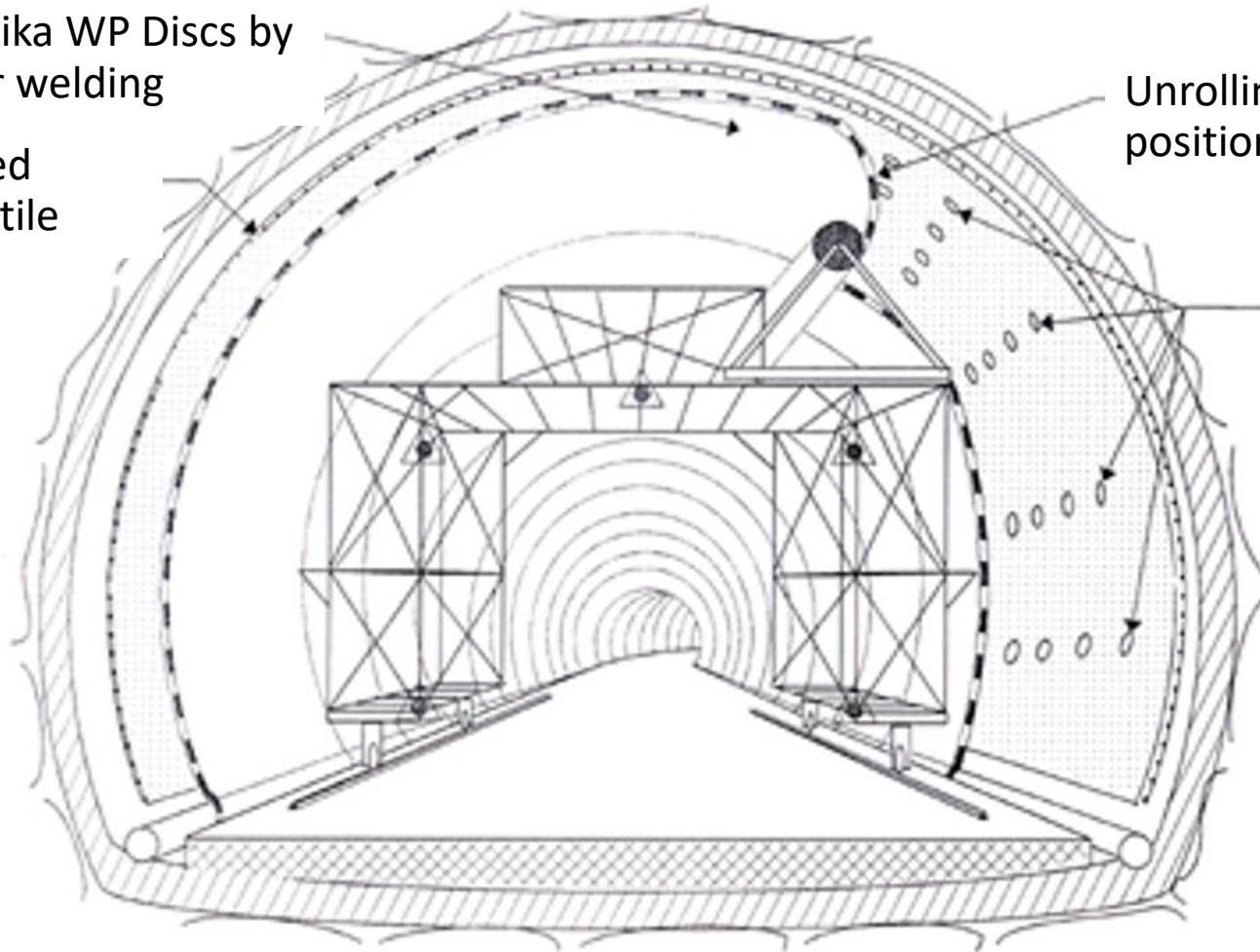


# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## INSTALLATION OF MEMBRANE WATERPROOFING

Welding of Sikaplan  
onto Sika WP Discs by  
hot air welding

Installed  
geotextile



Unrolling and  
positioning of Sikaplan

Sika WP  
Discs

# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## MEMBRANE POSITIONING



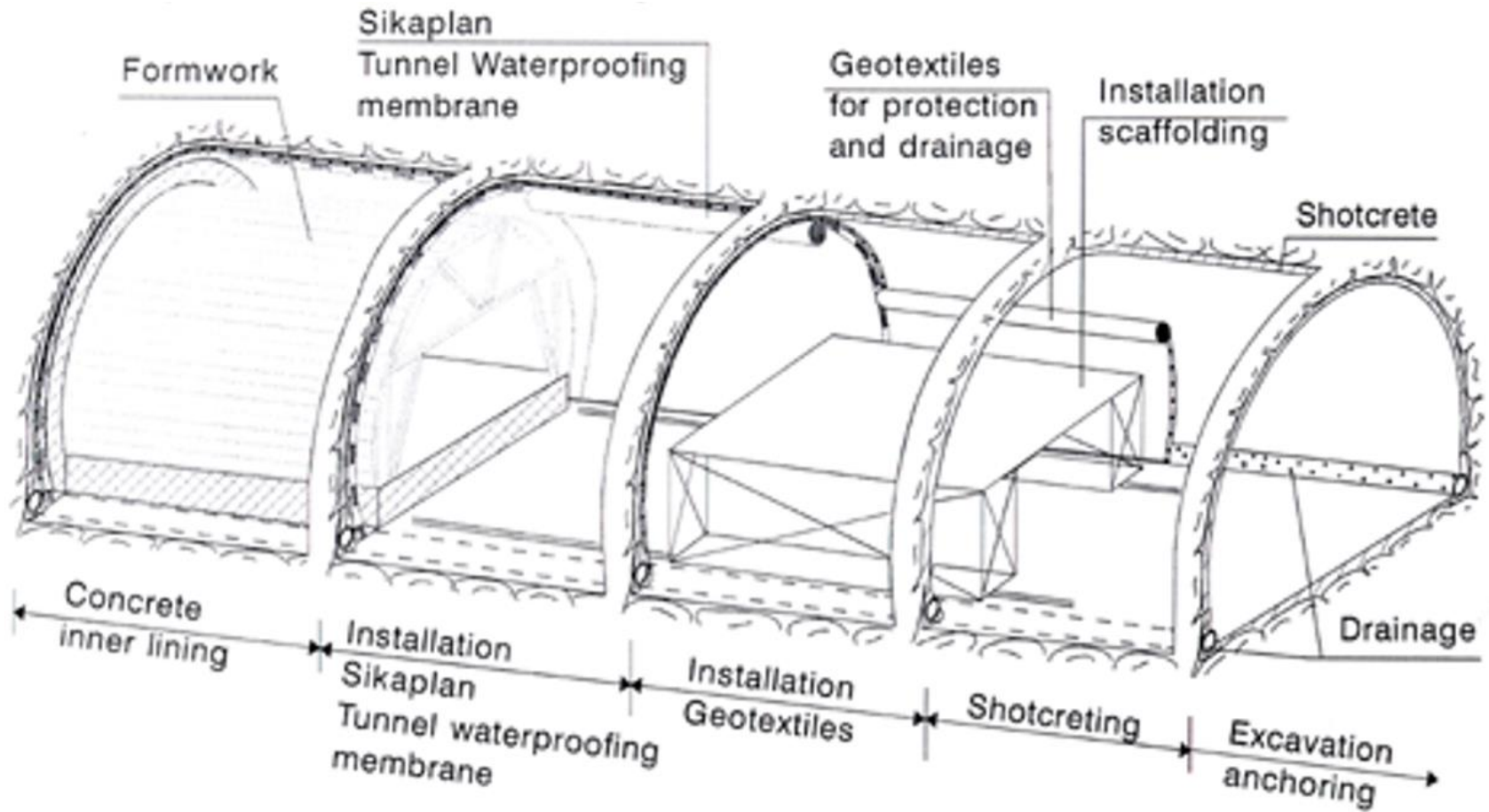
# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## MEMBRANE POSITIONING





# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION INSTALLATION SEQUENCE SUMMARY





# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION FIXATION AT SIKAPLAN WP DISCS



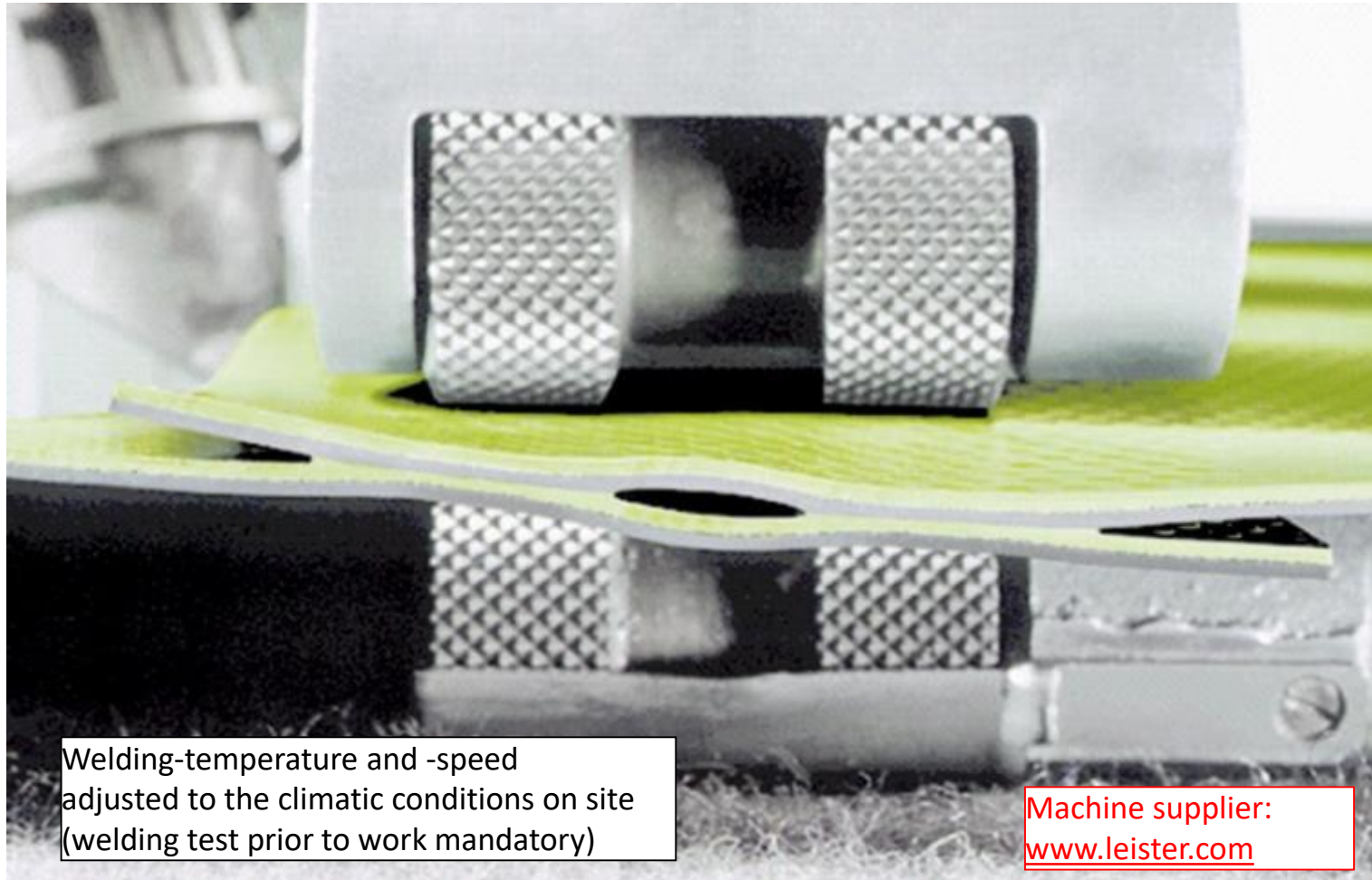
# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## LONGITUDINAL SHEET MEMBRANE SEAM WELDING



# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION SEAM WELDING

Double seam welding with automatic heat welding machine



Welding-temperature and -speed  
adjusted to the climatic conditions on site  
(welding test prior to work mandatory)

Machine supplier:  
[www.leister.com](http://www.leister.com)

# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## DOUBLE SEAM TESTING



Seam testing with compressed air:

- 2 bars for 20min
- Target pressure loss <10%



# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE ACCESSORIES

- Sika® Drain Dimpled Sheet



- Sikaplan® W Tundrain drainage mesh:



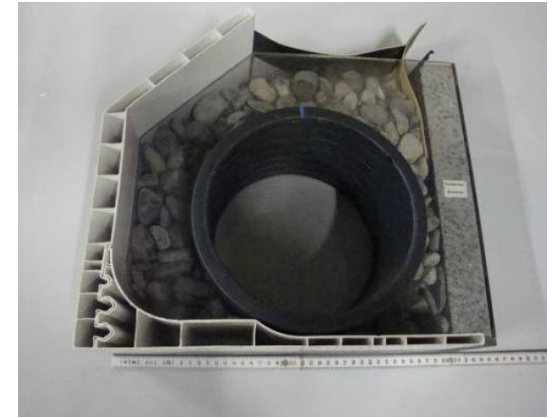
- Other solutions such as geocomposites or waffles can be an alternative supplied by Sika.



# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION CONNECTION TO DRAINAGE PIPE



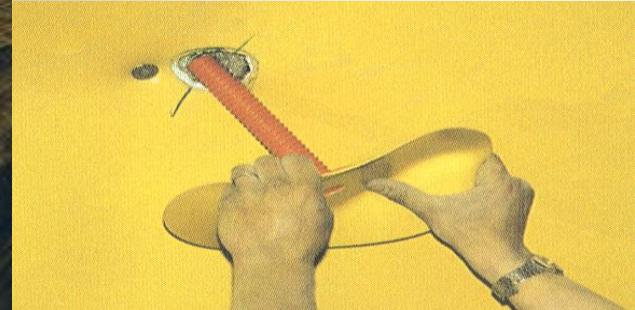
Backfilling of Sika Drainage angle  
with gravel  
-> high drainage capacity



Connection with membrane  
by spot-welding

# OPTIONS FOR SECOND LINING REALIZED BY SHOTCRETE

## INNER SHOTCRETE ONTO SIKAPLAN



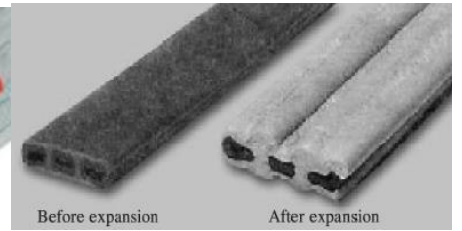
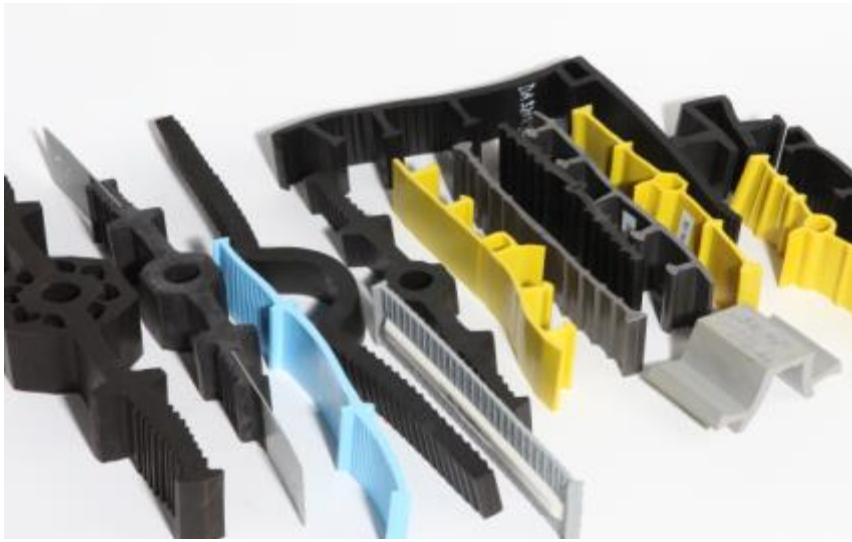
Inner Shotcrete onto Membrane



# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION JOINTS SYSTEMS SIKA® OVERVIEW

Technology	Brand	Base	Application	Location
Waterstop	Waterbars Tricosal Greenstreak	PVC Rubber, SBR PVC	Movement Non movement	Internal External
Adhered	Combiflex Dilatec	TPO PVC	Movement Non movement	External
Hydrophilic	SikaSwell Hydrotite	PU Polymer Rubber	Non movement	Internal
Injection hoses	SikaFuko	PVC	Non movement	Internal



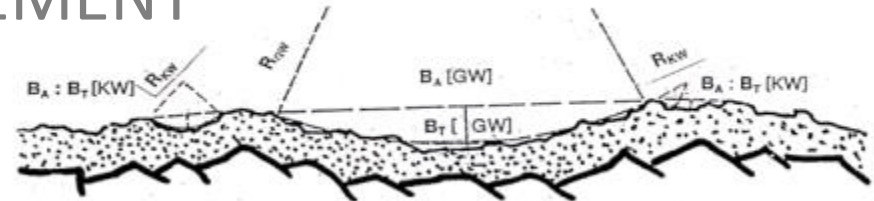


# SIKA JOINT WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS

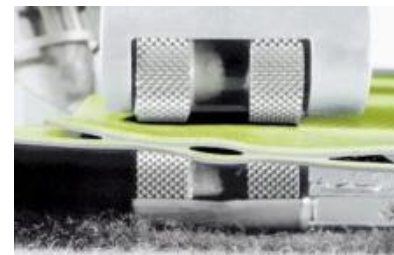
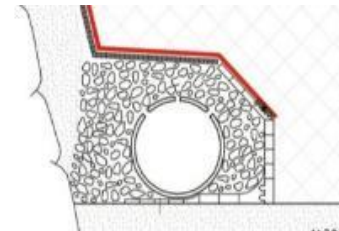
# WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE SHEET INSTALLATION

## SUCCESSFUL PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

- Definition and control of substrate evenness -> contractor
- Product and system specifications according to leading European tunneling standards (ZTV-ING, OEBV, SIA)
- Specification of details like drainage, shafts, rebar fixation etc.
- Application know-how



5	Gesamtdicke ohne Sigretschicht Nennbreite Nennwert Höhenwert Dübel der Sigretschicht	DN EN 1945-2		z.B. 30, 4,8 mm ± Nennbreite ± Mittelwert - 0 % ± Mittelwert + 0 % ± 0,2 mm
6	Gesamtdicke		Werte ermitteln	
8	Dichte	DN EN ISO 1183-1	Herstellerte	Nennbreite Toleranz ± 0,000 g/cm <sup>3</sup> Toleranz ± ± 500 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
7	DSC-Analyse	DN EN ISO 11831-1 u. -2	Diagramm ermitteln	Diagramm ermitteln
8	Schmelzmasselösliche MFR	DN EN ISO 1183, ISO C, m ± 0,1g	incl. Schmelzleistung	Nennwert ± 10 %
9	Haftvermögen in Längs- und Querrichtung Rißbildung in Längs- und Querrichtung Elastizitätsmodul zwischen 1 und 2 % Dehnung in Längs- und Querrichtung	DN EN ISO 507-1 u. -2, v ± 100 m/min		≥ 10 kN/m <sup>2</sup> ≥ 12 kN/m <sup>2</sup> ≥ 200 % ≥ 200 % ≥ 100 kN/m <sup>2</sup> ≥ 20 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
10	Witterungsbeständigkeit (Bestandstückfestigkeit) im mehrschichtigen Zugversuch	DN EN 14131 Prüfbleibler d = 1,0 mm		± 30 %
11	Verhalten beim Perforationsversuch	DN EN 12841, 500g Gewicht		Nennbreite 2 mm: nicht mit 750 mm Fallhöhe Nennbreite 3 mm: ab 1000 mm Fallhöhe
12	Mälärhebung nach Wärmepanung	DN EN 1197-2		± 2,0 % (1 h / 150°C) ± 2,0 % (1 h / 80°C)





**3.3 MILLION m<sup>2</sup>**

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