

Seal mud for bridge opening



AI Overview

Bridge joint openings are typically sealed using silicone or foam-supported sealants designed to accommodate movement, prevent water infiltration, and ensure long-term durability. Types of Bridge Joint Seals

1. Pre-compressed Foam-Supported Silicone Seals These seals, such as the Wabo® FS Bridge Seal, consist of polyurethane foam impregnated with acrylic and coated with UV-stable silicone. They are designed to bond permanently to the joint substrate using field-applied adhesives and can accommodate rapid joint movement of up to $\pm 60\%$ of the joint width. They are suitable for both new construction and maintenance projects, providing long-term watertight performance and reducing costly repairs.
2. Preformed Silicone Joint Seals Products like the EMV-Seal by Sika Emseal or Dow silicone sealants are preformed and field-installed into bridge expansion gaps. They are flexible, UV-resistant, and capable of handling extreme temperature variations and joint movements. These seals are ideal for expansion, construction, and crack-control joints in bridges, decks, and parapet walls. They maintain watertightness and prevent freeze-thaw damage while accommodating high elongation and compression.
3. Closed-Cell Foam Seals Systems such as the Zed Seal Foam Joint System use closed-cell polyethylene foam bonded with high-strength adhesives. These seals offer excellent resilience, tensile strength, and tear resistance. They can be prefabricated to minimize splices and are suitable for bridges, parking decks, and stadiums. They provide a cost-effective solution for joints requiring high durability and flexibility.

Key Considerations for Seal Selection

Joint Movement: Choose a seal that accommodates the expected expansion and contraction of the bridge joint. Silicone and foam-supported systems can handle significant movement.

Environmental Resistance: Seals must resist UV radiation, extreme temperatures, and weather conditions to ensure longevity.

Installation Method: Field-applied adhesives or preformed seals should be compatible with the j...

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Have you sealed your concrete bridge deck with an approved PennDOT deck sealer? One of the largest causes of concrete deck deterioration is chloride penetration from de-icing agents used to keep

771.11 Bridge Joint Sealing

Silicone bridge joint sealing is done to prevent dirt, debris, and chlorides from deteriorating the deck and supporting bridge members. The work

Zed Seal Foam Joint System

This closed foam joint seal is designed for bridges, parking decks, stadium, wastewater treatment plants, and other commercial structures. It is bonded with a high strength, two component adhesive and can

Sika Emseal Bridge Expansion Joint System Product Data Sheet

The BEJS System from Sika Emseal, Bridge Expansion Joint System, builds on a track record of over 30 years of sealing horizontal plane joints with pre-compressed foam sealants.

Wabo®SiliconeSeal

Wabo®SiliconeSeal is a dynamic, high performance; two-part silicone sealant designed for a variety of bridge expansion joint applications.

Concrete Deck Preventative Maintenance

Rehabilitation Deck Replacement or Structural Overlay. Requires long term traffic disruption. (Staging = 50-60% of project costs) High cost can lead to complete bridge replacement. Drain on maintenance

Bridge Maintenance Manual

1.1 TYPES OF JOINTS AND THEIR USES number of different types of deck expansion joint systems are commonly used for bridges in the state of Iowa throughout the federal, state, and

Chapter 28 Expansion Devices

For the setting of strip seal expansion devices, see Standard for Strip Seal Expansion Joint Details for the joint opening when the expansion length is less than or equal to 230 feet. When the expansion

Strip Seal Expansion Joints

Features Strip seal expansion joints are retractable and solid on both directions parallel and perpendicular to the bridge axis to ensure vehicles runs smoothly and no noise. Strip seal expansion

Silicoflex Joint Sealing System

This bridge joint seal offers peace of mind, with an incredible track record of performance and longevity on existing installations that are over 20 years old on

Wabo®FS Bridge Seal

Wabo®FS Bridge Seal is a pre-compressed foam supported silicone bridge joint system for bridge maintenance solutions designed to reduce the need for costly repairs and replacements.

Sika Emseal EMV-Seal Product Data Sheet

EMV-Seal by Sika Emseal is a field-installed watertight seal used primarily in bridge and highway expansion gaps. The design and flexibility allow it to be installed in a wide range of joint gap sizes

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Sika has the expertise and experience to innovatively support design ideas and the fulfillment of different requirements in bridge construction.

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Currently the compression seal is most often used to upgrade the poured-in-place seals commonly found on older bridges. Installation is made in either a sawed or a formed concrete joint opening.

Bridge Strip Seal Expansion Joints with Elastomeric Seals

Strip Seal Expansion Joints, also referred to as single strip seal joints, are engineered bridge expansion systems composed of elastomeric sealing elements and steel edge beams. The elastomeric strip,

BDM 10.3 Foundation with Seal Course

Shallow Foundation Pile Group Foundation Figure 10.3.1-1 Bridge Footings with Seal Course Reporting loads to the geoprofessional for foundations with a seal course is the same as reporting loads for

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Silicoflex Joint Sealing System

Preformed Bridge and Highway Joint Seal The Silicoflex Joint Sealing System was developed as a direct response to bridge owners asking for a higher quality,

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Guidance for Choosing and Detailing Bridge Expansion Joints to

Overview Over the past few years there have been numerous premature expansion joint header or seal failures on expansion joints installed on new or rehabilitated bridges. Many times,

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card that can be filled out on the site, a photo taken, and emailed to EMSEAL for sizing recommendations. 3. An EMSEAL Sizing Chart so that you

Sika Bridge Solutions

From precision epoxy grouts to versatile cementitious grouts, Sika offers a full range of products with extremely high strengths and resilience for use in demanding bridge and roadway applications.

Zed Seal Foam Joint System

The Silicoflex Joint Sealing System offers a high-quality, long-lasting, universal preformed silicone joint seal for bridges and highways.

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