

# OLEXOBIT® MAX

## Polymer Modified Binder

Sprayed Seal Applications

### Description

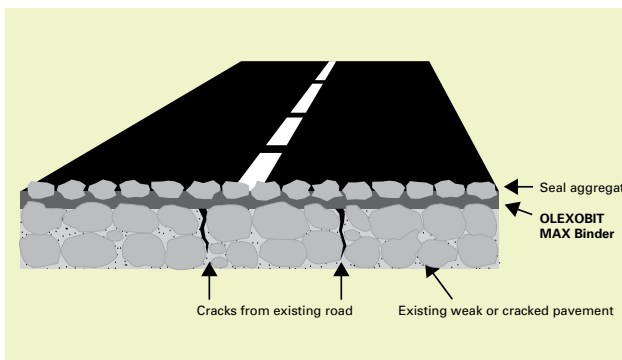
OLEXOBIT® MAX is a polymer modified binder (PMB) that is designed for use in sprayed sealing applications to minimise the risk of reflection cracking on existing cracked surfaces where the cracks are active, or where the potential for cracking exists. It is also suitable for use in severe high stress seal applications.

### Application

OLEXOBIT® MAX is recommended for use where typical field conditions include:

- Cracked pavements with crack widths of > 2mm and rapid rate of crack movement
- Frequent surfacing defects, such as patching
- Heavy traffic loading (> 500 HV/lane/day)
- Steep grades (> 5%)
- Tight curves (< 50m radius)
- Intersections, T-junctions and heavy traffic entrances involving severe degrees of braking, acceleration or turning motions

For further advice on the appropriate application of OLEXOBIT® MAX, please contact BP Bitumen



*OLEXOBIT® MAX provides excellent resistance to crack reflection in strain alleviating membrane applications.*

### Key Benefits

#### Performance Benefits

- Excellent resistance to reflective cracking
- Superior early life adhesion
- Excellent long-term aggregate retention

#### Application Benefits

- Can be safely applied at temperatures considered too low for alternative modified binders
- Less loose stone during construction reduces the need to broom
- Easy and safe to handle
- Compatible with conventional spray equipment and cutters
- Excellent storage and travel stability

### Quality Assurance

BP Bitumen is recognised nationally for its proven track record in delivering products of consistently high quality. Every day our products perform under the most diverse and demanding road conditions in Australia. This is attributable to a combination of our unique product technology, comprehensive quality assurance programs, operational efficiency and sophisticated production processes – all supported by our highly skilled and experienced staff.

We maintain an in-house national technical centre in Melbourne which focuses on R&D, as well as providing technical expertise and support to our customers throughout Australia. Our team of technical specialists is dedicated to ensuring our products are thoroughly tested at every stage – from the selection of crude oil at the start of the production process, right through to delivery.

Our product stewardship and rigorous quality management practices reflect our commitment to delivering the highest quality products that perform on the road. Our commitment to quality is recognised by our accreditation to Australian Standard AS/NZS 9001.

**BP Bitumen**  
For roads that perform





## Storage & Handling

The storage of bituminous binders for prolonged periods at elevated temperatures should be avoided as quality may be adversely affected. As a general rule, bituminous binders should be stored at the lowest temperature that enables practical use.

### Maximum Storage Temperature Recommendations

Storage for up to 90 days	120°C
Storage for up to 7 days	160°C
Storage for up to 4 days	170°C
Storage for up to 24 hours	180°C
Maximum temperature	190°C

### Application Temperature Recommendations

Minimum pumping temperature	150°C
Temperature for spraying	180°C - 190°C

## Health & Safety

To ensure hot bitumen is used in a safe and efficient manner the following safety precautions must be followed:

- **Wear suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times.** Full skin protection is required to avoid accidental burns when transferring or handling hot bitumen.
- **Always prevent contact between water and hot bitumen** by checking the contents of the previous load before loading bituminous products into tankers and by following procedures to avoid violent boil-over of tanks.
- **Avoid exposure to fumes** by standing back on the gantry or upwind until the vapours have dispersed.
- **Minimise bitumen fume** by heating bitumen and asphalt products to the recommended temperatures.
- **Minimise the use of diesel** when cleaning equipment as this contributes to the bitumen fume.

For a full description of hazards associated with the use of bitumen, please refer to the appropriate material safety data sheet (MSDS) available on the BP Bitumen website.

## Specification

OLEXOBIT® MAX is a proprietary product developed by BP Bitumen to meet the requirements of the road construction and maintenance industry.

## Typical Characteristics

Property	Typical Value
Softening Point, °C	TBA
Torsional Recovery at 25°C, %	TBA
Viscosity at 165°C, Pa.s	TBA
Consistency at 60°C, Pa.s	TBA
Consistency at 45°C, Pa.s	TBA
Stiffness at 15°C, kPa	TBA
Segregation, %	TBA

### For further information, please contact us:

**Web** [www.bpbitumen.com.au](http://www.bpbitumen.com.au)  
**E-mail** [bpbitumenaustralia@bp.com](mailto:bpbitumenaustralia@bp.com)  
**Technical Helpline** 1800 24 88 66 (FREECALL)

**National Office** 55 Toll Drive, Altona North, VIC 3025  
**Telephone** (03) 8368 8700  
**Facsimile** (03) 8368 8701

The information provided in this Guide is of a general nature and should only be used as a guide. Please contact BP Bitumen staff to ensure you have access to the most current information and for advice relating to any particular circumstances. BP Australia Pty Ltd (BP) makes no warranty as to the completeness or accuracy of the information provided and, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, BP and its subsidiaries are not liable for any costs, loss or damage incurred in connection with use of the information provided in this Guide. The material contained in this Guide is protected by copyright. BP, Olexobit, Multibit, Aquabit and the Helios Design are registered trade marks of BP p.l.c. and licensed to BP Australia Pty Ltd for use in Australia. © BP Australia Pty Ltd ABN 53 004 085 616, Melbourne Central, 360 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne 3000, Australia. Printed July 2008.