



## Technical Data Sheet

### DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend

INCI Name: Caprylyl Methicone (and) PEG-12 Dimethicone/ PPG-20 Crosspolymer

#### Features & Benefits

- Clear to translucent crosslinked silicone-organic elastomer gel delivered in a silicone carrier fluid
- Ability to incorporate water and polar materials while maintaining a viscous, gel structure
- Compatible with a wide range of organic ingredients
- Provides smooth, powdery, non-greasy skin feel
- Enhanced spreadability versus traditional silicone elastomer gels
- Improved organic compatibility versus traditional silicone elastomer gels
- Ability to create clear systems with organic components
- Enhances aesthetics of anhydrous and water-based formulations
- Provides thickening benefits with organic solvents and in alcohol-based systems
- Cold processing
- Can incorporate up to 75% of water and up to 40% glycerin

#### Applications

- Delivery aid for lipophilic actives, including sunscreens
- Delivery aid for water soluble actives, including Vitamin C, Aloe Vera, caffeine, and Sensicalmine™
- Rheology modifier in water based and anhydrous systems
- Can be used in a wide range of personal care products such as skin care, color cosmetics, and sun care

#### Typical Properties

Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications.

Property	Unit	Result
Viscosity at 25°C (77°F)	cP	275,000–600,000
Non-Volatile Content	%	17.5–19.5
Flash Point	°C	> 100
Appearance		Clear to translucent, colorless to light amber, no significant particulate. Thick gel may be crumbly in appearance.
Cyclotetrasiloxane (D4) Content	%	< 0.1
Cyclopentasiloxane (D5) Content	%	< 0.1
Cyclohexasiloxane (D6) Content	%	< 0.1

## Description

DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend is a mixture of high molecular weight polyglycol-modified silicone elastomer in caprylyl methicone.

## How to Use

Disperse the oil phase into DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend using simple mixing. There is no need for post-shearing. This hydrophilic product offers enhanced compatibility with a wide range of ingredients, both polar and non-polar, along with a caprylyl methicone carrier thereby providing a novel form of delivery for other formulation components. Formulations can be made using a cold process.

### Formulation Tips

- DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend may be formulated into oil-in-water emulsions, water-in-silicone emulsions, water-in-oil emulsions and anhydrous products.
- It may be added to the oil phase or silicone phase in an emulsion formulation. In some cases, it may be possible to add DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend to the water phase provided sufficient levels of elastomer and shear are applied to cause a phase inversion.
- It may be possible to post-add to emulsions provided the emulsion is viscous enough for the elastomer blend to be dispersed.
- For ease of use, its viscosity may be reduced by blending with a compatible solvent (see Table 1).
- DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend may structure over time becoming crumbly in appearance, especially at the surface. This is a reversible phenomenon. The elastomer blend will return to a creamy paste-like texture via mixing or pumping.
- It is dispersible in a variety of liquid oils.
- It may be formulated with organic oils and silicon-based materials with the use of mixers and may be subjected to high shear devices such as homogenizers and sonolators.
- DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend may be subjected to up to 80°C for up to 3 hours. When heat is used, the material should be processed in an enclosed vessel to prevent the caprylyl methicone from volatilizing; the vessel should be inerted at temperatures over 40°C (104°F).

**Table 1:** Compatibility with Common Cosmetic Ingredients at Several Ratios

Cosmetic Ingredients (INCI)	DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend		DOWSIL™ EL-8050 ID Silicone Organic Elastomer Blend		DOWSIL™ 9045 Silicone Elastomer Blend	
Weight Percent Cosmetic Ingredient:	10%	25%	10%	25%	10%	25%
<b>Esters</b>						
C12-15 Alkyl Benzoate	C	C	H	H	C	O
Caprylic/Capric Triglyceride	C	C	C	C	C	O
Diisopropyl Adipate	C	C	C	H	H	H
Isopropyl Myristate	C	C	C	C	C	NC
Isodecyl Neopentanoate	C	C	C	C	O	O
<b>Fatty Alcohols/Acids</b>						
Lauryl Alcohol	C	C	C	C	C	O
Oleyl Alcohol	C	C	C	H	O	NC

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<b>Hydrocarbons</b>						
Isododecane	C	C	C	C	H	H
Isohexadecane	C	C	C	C	H	H
Isopar L	C	C	C	C	H	H
Mineral Oil	C	NC	C	NC	H	H
<b>Hydrophilics</b>						
Water	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC	NC
Ethanol	C	C	C	C	H	NC
Propylene Glycol	O	O	H	NC	NC	NC
<b>Sunscreen Actives</b>						
Octyl Methoxycinnamate	C	C	C	C	H	NC
Octylsalicylate	C	C	C	C	H	H
Homosalate	C	C	C	C	H	O
<b>Vegetable Oils</b>						
Avocado Oil	C	NC	C	NC	O	NC
Castor Oil	O	O	O	NC	O	NC
Jobba Oil	C	NC	C	NC	H	NC
Sesame Oil	C	NC	C	H	O	O
Sunflower Oil	C	H	C	NC	O	NC
<b>DOWSIL™ Materials</b>						
DOWSIL™ 2502 Cosmetic Fluid	NC	NC	H	NC	O	NC
DOWSIL™ 2503 Cosmetic Wax	O	O	H	NC	O	O
DOWSIL™ 556 Cosmetic Grade Fluid	C	C	C	C	H	H
DOWSIL™ 593 Fluid	H	NC	H	NC	H	H
DOWSIL™ 5562 Carbinol Fluid	C	C	C	H	H	C
DOWSIL™ FZ-3196 Fluid	C	H	C	C	H	H
<b>XIAMETER™ Materials</b>						
XIAMETER™ PMX-1501 Fluid	H	H	H	H	H	H
XIAMETER™ PMX-1503 Fluid	H	H	H	H	H	H
XIAMETER™ PMX-200 Silicone Fluid 1.5 cSt	C	H	C	H	H	H
XIAMETER™ PMX-200 Silicone Fluid 100 cSt	NC	NC	NC	NC	H	H
XIAMETER™ PMX-245 Cyclosiloxane	C	H	C	C	H	H

C = Clear to Slight Haze; H = Hazy; O = Cloudy to Opaque; NC = Not Compatible

## How to Use (Cont.)

### Processing

DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend is a viscous product that exhibits shear thinning behavior. The following information will aid in the selection of the proper equipment to use when processing DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend out of a drum.

### Pump Recommendation

GRACO BULLDOG 10:1 Pump with follower plate. For more information, contact GRACO at [www.graco.com](http://www.graco.com). Note: GRACO offers various models, and other pump manufacturers may offer similar equipment equally capable of processing the material efficiently. Users should work directly with the pump manufacturer to determine the best design for their needs.

Customer-specific pump design considerations:

#### 1. Pressure and Flow Requirements

- a. Air supply pressure: Will depend on plant's air supply capabilities.
- b. Discharge pressure: Will depend on total pressure required to move the silicone organic elastomer blend from point A to point B. Pressure drops due to elevation, frictional losses within the piping, fittings, valves, filters, etc., will need to be considered.
- c. Flow requirements: Will depend on how quickly the user wishes to transfer the silicone organic elastomer blend from a 208 liter (55 gallon) drum into a vessel.

#### 2. Material Viscosity in cP (mPa·s) at the Application Temperature

DOWSIL™ EL-7040 Hydro Elastomer Blend is shear thinning. It is the responsibility of the user to determine the effective viscosity based on the user's application. Once the material is pushed through the pump by the follower plate and processed in the pump, the product will shear thin and process as a lower viscosity fluid.

#### 3. Construction Material for Wetted Parts

Stainless steel is recommended but carbon steel may also be used.

#### 4. Construction Material for Seals and Gaskets

VITON or TEFLON materials are recommended. Please contact Dow for alternatives.

### Clean-up

Non-polar organic or silicone solvents are recommended for soaking or cleaning equipment.

## Handling Precautions

PRODUCT SAFETY INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SAFE USE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT. BEFORE HANDLING, READ PRODUCT AND SAFETY DATA SHEETS AND CONTAINER LABELS FOR SAFE USE, PHYSICAL AND HEALTH HAZARD INFORMATION. THE SAFETY DATA SHEET IS AVAILABLE ON THE DOW WEBSITE AT [DOW.COM](http://DOW.COM), OR FROM YOUR DOW SALES APPLICATION ENGINEER, OR DISTRIBUTOR, OR BY CALLING DOW CUSTOMER SERVICE.

## Usable Life and Storage

When stored at or below 60°C (104°F) in the original unopened containers, this product has a usable life of 24 months from the date of production.

## Packaging Information

This product is available in 14 kg pails and 150 kg drums.

Samples are available in 0.3 kg tubs.

**Limitations**

This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses.

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Dispose in accordance with all local, state (provincial) and federal regulations. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. This material and its container must be disposed in a safe and legal manner.

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