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Attention: Dow Silicones Corporation Customer

Re: **DOWSIL™ 888 Silicone Joint Sealant and DOWSIL™ 890-SL Silicone Joint Sealant/Topping Sealant Bead with Additional Sealant**

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the above referenced products.

It is frequently asked if DOWSIL™ 888 Silicone Joint Sealant and/or DOWSIL™ 890-SL Silicone Joint Sealant can be applied to the surface of an existing bead of the sealants to reduce recess dimension in the joint. Dow typically discourages this practice because it can be difficult to properly clean the existing sealant bead surface. Additionally, applying additional sealant may create a thicker sealant bead than is needed or recommended for proper movement performance.

Taking this into consideration, if necessary one can apply a thin layer of additional sealant to decrease the recess, but it is important to properly clean the sealant surface and exposed concrete on the joint wall prior to applying additional sealant. Listed below are some considerations for the cleaning process.

- The existing sealant in the joint must be fully cured.
- Blow out the joint using high pressure air. The compressed air must clean and free of oil or moisture.
- Wipe the surface of the existing sealant with DOWSIL™ 1200 OS Primer or a fast flashing solvent.
- Then wipe the surface with a clean cloth to help remove the solvent or excess primer.
- Do not use an alcohol-based solvent.
- Regardless of the solvent used, it is important to allow it to completely flash before applying additional sealant.
- Even when applying a self-leveling sealant, some tooling may be necessary for aesthetics.

On behalf of Dow, we appreciate your business and your commitment to silicone technology. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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