



DOWSIL™ EIFS Silicone Weatherproofing Sealant

Neutral cure, one-part, silicone weatherproofing sealant

Features & Benefits

- Ease of application. Ready to use as supplied; one-component, moisture cure, no need for mixing.
- Weatherability; offers resistance to sunlight, rainwater, snow, ozone and extreme temperatures.
- Durability; the cured sealant can maintain its elasticity in temperatures of -50°C to 150°C without hardening, cracking or degrading.
- Reasonable operation time; allows operators greater control of application and tooling time.
- No slumping; can be used for the sealing of vertical and wide joints.
- Suitable for weatherproofing applications such as glass, aluminum extrusion and composite panels.
- Cures to a durable, flexible, elastic silicone rubber seal.

Applications

- DOWSIL™ EIFS Silicone Weatherproofing Sealant is a one-part, neutral curing construction sealant which can provide a long-term, elastic, water-proof rubber seal design for EIFS applications.

Typical Properties

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

Test	Property	Unit	Result
As supplied – Test at room temperature of 25°C and relative humidity of 50%			
GB13477 ¹	Flowing, sag (slump)		None
GB13477	Working time	minutes	Approx. 10
GB13477	Tack free time	minutes	Approx. 20
	Deep section curing ²	mm/day	1–2

1. GB13477: National standard of China test method for building sealants.
2. Curing speed and operation time can vary with atmospheric temperature and humidity levels. High temperature and humidity results in higher curing speeds, while low atmospheric temperature and humidity results in slower curing speeds.

Typical Properties (Cont.)

Test	Property	Unit	Result
As cured-- After 7 days at atmospheric temperature of 25°C and relative humidity of 50%			
GB13477	Hardness, Shore A		30
GB13477	Ultimate tensile strength	MPa	0.7
	Temperature durability	°C	-50 to +150
ASTM ³ C719	Movement capability	%	±25
GB23864 ⁴	Firestop resistance capability	hours	3(A3)

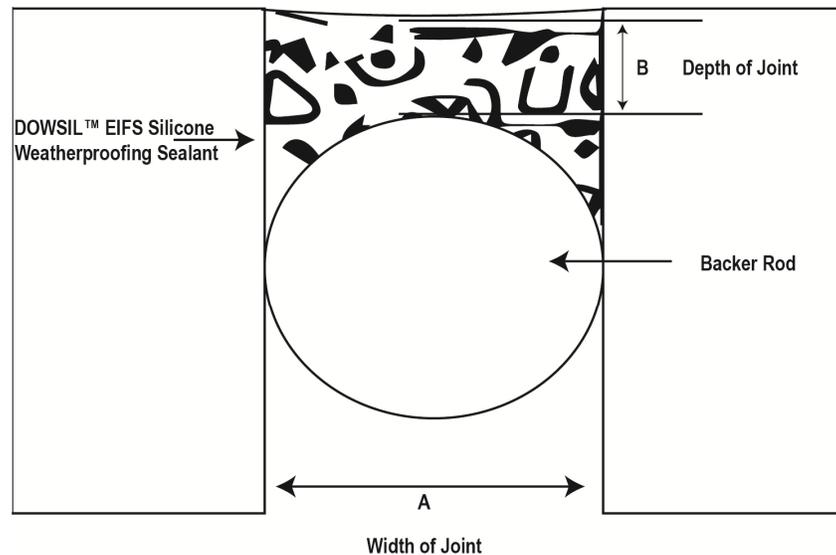
3. ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials.
4. GB23864: National standard of China Firestop Material.

Design of Weatherproof Joint

Proper joint design can reduce the stress on the sealant and help obtain optimal sealant movement capability, improve the ease of application, reduce cohesive failure, and minimize the effects of curing byproducts.

Design guidelines:

1. Minimum joint width: 6 mm.
2. Minimum joint depth: 6 mm.
3. For larger joints, the width of the joint shall be larger than the depth of sealant. (See Figure 1, and refer to guidelines 1 and 2 above.)
4. To avoid 3-sided adhesion, backer rod or non-adhesion tape should be used at the bottom of the joint to ensure that the sealant is only adhering to the edge of the joint and to ensure flexible movement in the joint. (See Figure 1.)



A:B must be approximately 2:1

Figure 1: Recommended joint design.

How to Use

Surface Cleaning

The surface of the substrate should be sufficiently clean, dry, flat and free of foreign matter. Completely remove any existing sealant.

For non porous surfaces such as glass and coated aluminum extrusion, remove any grease, oil or dust using a clean cotton cloth and a solvent such as ketone, ethyl carbinol or 75% alcohol. With a dry cloth, remove any residual solvent or dust.

For the selection of solvent, please refer to the Dow adhesion test report.

Use of Primer

Consult the Dow adhesion test report to determine if the use of a Dow primer is recommended. The Dow adhesion test report can be requested from Dow.

Backing Material

At the bottom of the joint, use backer rod (e.g. closed-cell type polyethylene or open-cell polyurethane foams) or equivalent material (e.g. low-viscosity polyethylene tape) to control the depth of sealant. Avoid 3-sided adhesion by preventing the sealant from adhering to the bottom of the joint.

Masking and Tooling

Masking tape can be used in the area adjacent to the joint to ensure a neat sealant line, preventing the surrounding surplus sealant from contaminating the substrate surface.

- Tool the joint surface as soon as the sealant is applied, keeping the surface smooth and flat, and ensuring that the edge of the joint is full of sealant.
- Complete the tooling before the sealant skin forms (e.g. in working time). Convex-surface tools are recommended for tooling to allow the joint to remain full of sealant.
- Tooling must be performed when sealing the horizontal joint to prevent any liquid (e.g. rainwater and cleaner) from staying on the sealant surface.
- Do not use soap or water as tooling assistants.
- After the tooling and before the sealant cures, remove masking tape.
- Do not touch the surface of the sealant within the 48 hours following its cure. Avoid sealant contact with cleaner or solvent (e.g. bleaching agent) during this period.
- When a flammable solvent is used, proper precautions should be applied. For porous material surfaces, allow the sealant to cure completely before removing the masking tape. Cured sealant can be removed with a knife.
- The sealant releases gas during curing; the odor disappears after it is cured. The completely cured sealant is harmless.

Sealant Filling

- Cut the nozzle at an angle of 45° depending on the shape and specification needed.
- Tighten the nozzle onto the sealant tube.
- Put the sealant tube into the cartridge gun. Use pneumatic or manual cartridge gun.
- Apply sealant to the bottom of the joint to fill the joint completely and to ensure adhesion to both sides of the joint. Do not apply the sealant simply on the surface as the sealant cannot fully fill the joint by gravity.

**Handling
Precautions**

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**Usable Life and
Storage**

When stored below 32°C in the original unopened containers, this product has a usable life of 12 months from the date of production.

**Packaging
Information**

DOWSIL™ EIFS Silicone Weatherproofing Sealant is available to customers in 590 ml foil sausage packages. Please contact your local Dow sales office to obtain the relevant information.

Limitations

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

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Environmental
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Considerations**

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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Stewardship**

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Table 1: Estimated sealant consumption¹ for joints of various dimensions.
 Application length per piece of (590 ml) DOWSIL™ EIFS Silicone Weatherproofing Sealant (m).

Joint Depth (mm)	Width of Joint (mm)						
	6	8	10	12	15	20	25
6	16.2 m	12.3 m	9.8 m	8.2 m	6.5 m	4.9 m	3.9 m
8	N/O	9.2 m	7.4 m	6.4 m	4.9 m	3.7 m	2.9 m
10	N/O	N/O	5.9 m	4.9 m	3.9 m	2.9 m	2.4 m
12	N/O	N/O	N/O	4.1 m	3.3 m	2.4 m	2.0 m

1. The actual consumption of sealant varies depending on the joint design, position of backing material, tooling technology and building site wastage.

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