



## DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant

Low-modulus silicone joint sealant

### Features & Benefits

- Excellent weatherproofing performance in building joints that experience extreme movement
- Excellent adhesion to concrete and masonry
- Low VOC content
- Easy application over a wide temperature range
- Extension/compression capability of ±50 percent

### Composition

- Low-modulus, one-part, neutral-cure, 100% silicone sealant

### Applications

- Sealing joints between tilt-up concrete walls, joints surrounding window and door openings in tilt-up concrete walls, Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems (EIFS) joints and many other construction joints
- On most building materials in any combination: concrete, masonry, stone, ceramics, finished steel and aluminum

### Typical Properties

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

Test	Property	Unit	Result
	Colors		White, antique white, precast white, gray, charcoal, black, sandstone, limestone, bronze, window bronze and aluminum
ASTM C 679	Tack-free time, 50% RH	hours	1
	Curing time, 50% RH, at 25°C (77°F)	days	7–14
	Full adhesion	days	14–21
	Flow, sag or slump		None
	Working time	minutes	10–20
	VOC content	g/L	22

1. ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials.

## Typical Properties (Cont.)

Test	Property	Unit	Result
<b>As cured – after 7 days at 25°C (77°F) and 50% RH</b>			
ASTM C 661	Durometer hardness, Shore A	points	15
ASTM D 412	Ultimate tensile strength, maximum elongation	psi (kg/mm <sup>2</sup> )	100 (0.070)
ASTM D 412	Elongation, maximum	percent	1600
ASTM C 794	Peel strength	lb/in (kg/cm)	25 (4.46)
ASTM C 719	Joint movement capabilities, extension/compression	percent	±50
ASTM C 510	Staining		None

## Description

DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant is a one-part, moisture-cure silicone sealant that provides durable, flexible, watertight joint seals and offers outstanding unprimed adhesion to masonry.

The low-modulus material places only a low stress on the sealant/substrate bond line and exhibits good recovery from extension and compression, enabling superior performance in joints that experience movement extremes. The high joint movement ability of DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant typically allows the repair of failed joints, with no joint widening – saving time and labor costs – due to the increased movement capability of this product compared to organic products used previously.

DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant is available in 11 standard stocked colors (white, antique white, precast white, gray, charcoal, black, sandstone, limestone, bronze, window bronze and aluminum). Custom colors are also available.



## Approvals/ Specifications

DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant meets or exceeds the requirements of:

- ASTM Specification C 920, Type S, Grade NS, Class 50

## How to Use

Refer to the Dow Americas Technical Manual, Form No. 62-1112, for detailed information on joint design, preparatory work, priming, masking and application techniques.

## How to Use (Cont.)

### Surface Preparation

Clean all concrete, masonry and stone joints of all contaminants and impurities. Porous substrates should be cleaned where necessary by grinding, saw cutting, blast cleaning (sand or water), mechanical abrading or a combination of these methods as required to provide a sound, clean, dry surface for sealant application. Dust, loose particles, etc., should be blown out of joints with oil-free compressed air or be vacuum cleaned. Metal and glass surfaces adjacent to masonry should be cleaned by wiping with an oil-free absorbent cloth saturated with solvent such as xylene or toluene.<sup>1</sup> *Do not use alcohols as they inhibit the cure.*

### Priming

Primer should be applied before installing the backer rod. Applying a bead of silicone sealant to the substrate material to test adhesion prior to general use is always recommended.

Primer is not required with concrete, masonry, most glass and most porous surfaces. Most aluminum substrates (painted, mill, anodized, etc.) and other nonporous surfaces require use of a primer. Consult Dow for priming recommendations on other materials.

In all cases, a sample should be tested and/or test joints should be installed on the project.

### Masking

Areas adjacent to joints may be masked to ensure neat sealant lines. Do not allow masking tape to touch clean surfaces to which the silicone sealant is to adhere. Tooling should be completed in one continuous stroke immediately after sealant application and before a skin forms. Masking should be removed immediately after tooling.

### Application

DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant should be applied in a continuous operation. A positive pressure adequate to properly fill and seal the joint width should be employed.

The sealant can be applied at outdoor temperatures as low as -29°C (-20°F), provided that surfaces are clean, dry and frost-free. As a general rule, condensation or frost should not be a problem above 4.4°C (40°F).

### Tooling

Tool or strike DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant with light pressure to spread the material against the back-up material and the joint surfaces. *Do not use soaps, oil or alcohols as tooling aids as they inhibit the cure.*

Use a tool with a concave profile to keep DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant within the joint.

### Cleaning

Do not allow uncured silicone sealants to contact non-abradable surfaces such as polished granites, metal or glass. Uncured sealant will leave a film that may change the aesthetic surface characteristics of these substrates. Inadvertently applied sealant should be cleaned from nonporous surfaces using solvent before cure.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Follow the solvent manufacturer's safe handling recommendations and local, state and federal regulations regarding solvent usage.

**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, OR FROM YOUR DOW SALES APPLICATION ENGINEER, OR DISTRIBUTOR, OR BY CALLING DOW CUSTOMER SERVICE.

**Usable Life and  
Storage**

When stored at or below 32°C (90°F), DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant has a shelf life of 12 months from date of manufacture. Refer to product packaging for “Use By” date.

**Packaging  
Information**

DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant is packaged in 10.3 fl oz (305 mL) cartridges, 20 fl oz (590 mL) sausages that fit caulking guns, and in 2.0 gal (7.5 L) bulk pails. It can be dispensed by many air-operated guns and most types of bulk dispensing equipment.

**Limitations**

DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant should be applied to concrete that is cured for 28 days. Green concrete (less than 7 days old) will cause adhesion loss of the sealant. Concrete 7 to 28 days old may require priming to obtain proper adhesion. Additional field quality control adhesion testing is necessary if project requirements dictate sealing to concrete less than 28 days old.

DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant should not be applied:

- Below grade
- To epoxy-based materials as inhibition will occur

DOWSIL™ Contractors Concrete Sealant will yellow when in contact with bitumen- or EPDM-based products.

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

**Shipping  
Limitations**

None.

**Health and  
Environmental  
Information**

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**Disposal  
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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