



Technical Data Sheet

DOWSIL™ HVAC/R Sealant

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Cures to 100% silicone rubber
- Resistant to sunlight and weather extremes
- Fast cure, high strength
- Meets the requirements of FDA Regulation No. 21 CFR 177.2600
- Meets requirements of NSF Standard 51
- Listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL Listed)
- Remains flexible; will not become brittle, crack, shrink or chalk
- Bonds to many common HVAC substrates
- Supplied in removable, reusable, resealable nozzle that saves time and sealant

COMPOSITION

- One-part, acetoxy-cure, RTV silicone

One-part, RTV, acetoxy-cure silicone sealant for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration applications

APPLICATIONS

- Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration applications
- On most glass, plastic, metal, painted surfaces, fiberglass and ceramic substrates
- Sealing refrigerator and air conditioner interiors, around electrical boxes and equipment, and joints in food, dairy and beverage/coolers/display units
- Forming watertight seals around outdoor vents, pipe openings and electrical penetrations when properly applied

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

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

Property	Unit	Result
Tooling Time ¹	minutes	5–10
Tack-Free Time ¹	minutes	15–20
Complete Set-Up Time ¹ , 1/8"	hours	24
Cure System		Acetoxy
Application Temperature Range	°F (°C)	-20 to 122 (-29 to 50)
VOC Content ²	g/L	33
As Cured – After 7 days		
Durometer Hardness Shore A	points	27
Tensile Strength	psi	325
Elongation	percent	600
Temperature Range (Continuous)	°F (°C)	-40 to 350 (-40 to 176)
Movement Capability	percent	±25

¹At 77°F (25°C) and 50% relative humidity

²Based on South Coast Air Quality Management District of California. Maximum VOC is listed, both inclusive and exclusive of water and exempt compounds.

DESCRIPTION

DOWSIL™ HVAC/R Sealant is a one-part, RTV (roomtemperature vulcanizing), acetoxy-cure silicone sealant for heating, ventilation, air conditioning

and refrigeration applications. The sealant provides flexible bonds that will not become brittle, crack, shrink, or chalk. It forms a long-lasting, water resistant seal with ±25% movement capability.

DOWSIL HVAC/R Sealant meets the requirements of:

- FDA Regulation No. 21 CFR 177.2600
- National Sanitation Foundation Standard 51
- UL Listed

HOW TO USE

1. **Refer** to product packaging for use-by date.
2. **Temperature:** Apply sealant at temperatures between -20°F and 122°F (-29°C and 50°C) for best results.
3. **Prepare surface:** Cut out and remove all old caulk for repair applications.
4. **Clean, Two-Step:** First, apply solvent to a lint-free cloth and vigorously wipe bonding surfaces to remove dirt and residues. Next, use a dry wipe to remove remaining solvent and residue for optimum cleaning. Repeat if necessary. Surfaces must be clean, dry, oil and frost-free for best results. (Recommended solvents include isopropyl alcohol, toluene, xylene, naphtha or similar solvent.) Always wear gloves and follow safety precautions and directions on solvent container. DO NOT USE gasoline or kerosene.
5. **Install:** Install back-up spacing material for better filling, especially if width exceeds 1/2" to maximize bonding results. Open-cell polyethylene foam backer rod can be used.
6. **Mask:** Apply masking tape to areas adjacent to the joint to ensure straight bead lines and easy cleanup. Remove masking tape immediately after the bead is completed and before a skin forms.
7. **Open cartridge:** Cut snub nose above threads, reattach and cut nozzle to desired size. Insert into a caulking gun.
8. **Apply:** Extrude sealant with a smooth, steady motion, and ensure complete fill of joint cavity before proceeding.

9. **Tool:** Tool the sealant immediately after application and before a skin forms. Remove masking immediately after tooling.
10. **Replace cartridge cap:** See "Storage" instructions.

Clean-up Instructions

1. Clean-up should start immediately after sealant has been applied/tooled and masking tape removed.
2. While wearing solvent-resistant gloves, wipe off excess sealant from surfaces and tools with a solvent-moistened cloth within 10 minutes of application.
3. If excess sealant is completely cured, carefully cut or scrape away.
4. Avoid contact of uncured sealant with skin and clothing. If contact does occur, wipe with clean rags and wash with water.

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 WWW.CONSUMER.DOW.COM, OR FROM YOUR DOW SALES APPLICATION ENGINEER, OR DISTRIBUTOR, OR BY CALLING DOW CUSTOMER SERVICE.

USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

Product should be stored at or below 32°C (90°F) in original, unopened containers.

To store short term, replace cap. To store long term, unscrew nozzle, screw cap in cartridge and store nozzle in cap.

LIMITATIONS

- Not for structural glazing
- Not paintable
- Not suited for prolonged submersion in water or below-grade applications
- May not adhere to oily woods or be compatible with substrates made of methylmethacrylate, polycarbonate, polypropylene, polyethylene, and polytetrafluoroethylene
- Not suitable for surfaces that might bleed oils, plasticizers or solvents, or porous surfaces such as cement-like materials, stone or surfaces prone to attack by weak acids
- May not cure properly if used in spaces confined from atmospheric moisture
- May cause corrosion on some brass, copper, zinc or zinc alloy-containing fixtures (galvanized)
- Not for use where abrasion and physical abuse are encountered

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

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