



DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone

Neutral silicone sealant

Features & Benefits

- Good unprimed adhesion to a variety of substrates
- Low modulus, high elasticity
- 100% silicone sealant
- Neutral cure
- Low odor
- Conforms to ISO 11600-F&G-25LM
- Resistant to ozone, ultra-violet radiation and temperature extremes

Applications

- DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone is a one-part, low modulus, neutral curing silicone sealant specifically developed for the sealing of PVC-U, glass, glazed surfaces and brickwork. It is very popular for perimeter sealing applications of windows and doors.

Typical Properties

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

| Test ¹ | Property | Unit | Result |
|---|---|----------|--------------------------|
| | Cure system | | Alkoxy |
| | Application temperature | °C °F | +5 to +40 +41 to +104 |
| CTM 97B | Specific gravity | | 1.52 |
| CTM 364C | Extrusion rate | g/minute | 210 |
| CTM 98B | Skin-over time (23°C or 73°F, 50% R.H.) | minutes | 15 |
| CTM 95A | Tack-free time (23°C or 73°F, 50% R.H.) | minutes | 35 |
| CTM 663A | Cure rate (23°C or 73°F, 50% R.H.) | | |
| | 1 day | mm | 2.0 |
| | 3 days | mm | 3.5 |
| 2 mm thickness S2 dumb-bells (ISO² 37/DIN³ 53 504) | | | |
| CTM 137A | E-modulus 100% | MPa | 0.45 |
| CTM 137A | Tensile strength | MPa | 1.8 |
| CTM 137A | Elongation at break | % | 700 |

1. CTM: Corporate Test Method, copies of CTMs are available on request.
2. ISO: International Standardisation Organisation
3. DIN: Deutsche Industrie Norm

Typical Properties (Cont.)

| Test | Property | Unit | Result |
|--|---------------------------|------|--------|
| 12 x 12 x 50 mm size T.A. joint (ISO 8339/DIN 2-8339) | | | |
| CTM 677 | E-modulus 100% | MPa | 0.35 |
| CTM 677 | Tensile strength | MPa | 0.75 |
| CTM 677 | Elongation at break | % | 380 |
| CTM 99E | Hardness (Shore A) | | 30 |
| ISO 7389 | Elastic recovery | % | > 90 |
| ISO 9047 | Joint movement capability | % | ± 25 |

Technical Specifications and Standards

- Conforms to SNJF Vitrage et Façade Category 1
- ISO 11600-F&G-25LM
- EN 15651 - CE MARK



| Regulation or protocol | Conclusion | Version of regulation or protocol |
|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| French VOC régulations | A+ | Regulation of March and May 2011 (DEVL1101903D and DEVL1104875A) |
| French CMR components | Pass | Regulation of April and May 2009 (DEVP0908633A and DEVP0910046A) |
| Italian CAM Edilizia | Pass | Decree 11 January 2017 (GU n.23 del 28-1-2017) |
| AgBB/ABG | Pass | Anforderungen an bauliche Anlagen bezoglich des Gesundheitsschutzes (ABG), Entwurf 31.08.2017/August 2018 (AgBB) |
| Belgian Regulation | Pass | Royal decree of May 2014 (C-2014/24239) |
| EMICODE | EC1 Plus | April 2019 |
| Indoor Air Comfort | Pass | Indoor Air Comfort 6.0 of February 2017 |
| Indoor Air Comfort GOLD | Pass | Indoor Air Comfort GOLD 6.0 of February 2017 |
| Blue Angel (DE-UZ 123) | Pass | DE-UZ 123 for "Low-Emission Sealants for Interior Use", (January 2019) |
| BREEAM International | Exemplary lvl | BREEAM International New Construction v2.0 (2016) |
| BREEAM Norway | Pass | BREEAM-NOR New Construction v1.2 (2019) |
| CDPH | Pass | |
| M1 | Pass | |
| Byggarubedomningen | Accepted | |

How to Use

Surface Preparation

Ensure that surfaces to be sealed are clean, dry, sound and free from frost. Clean all joints of release agents, water repellents, laitance, dust, dirt, old sealants and other contaminants which could impair adhesion. Non-porous surfaces should be cleaned and degreased by wiping with a suitable solvent such as DOWSIL™ R-40 Universal Cleaner on an oil and lint-free cloth before application of sealant. Porous substrates should be mechanically cleaned using a steel brush, sanding disc or any similar means.

Note: When using any solvent, always provide adequate ventilation. Avoid heat, sparks and open flames. Use solvent resistant gloves. Observe and follow all precautions listed on solvent container label.

Masking

Areas adjacent to the joints should be masked with tape to prevent contamination of the substrates and to ensure a neat sealant line. Masking tape should be removed immediately after tooling.

Priming

No primer is required for PVC-U and for most common construction substrates including brick. However, a test placement prior to general use is always recommended.

Back-up Materials

Closed cell polyethylene backer rod is recommended as a back-up material to provide back pressure and avoid three sided adhesion that limits sealant movement capability. Low tack polyethylene tape should be used in joints too shallow to allow the use of backer rod.

Finishing

The joint should be tooled within 5 minutes of application to ensure good contact between the sealant and the substrate. Tooling of the sealant also gives a smooth, professional finish.

Clean-up

Excess sealant may be cleaned off tools and non-porous surfaces whilst in an uncured state using DOWSIL™ R-40 Universal Cleaner. If sealant is misapplied to porous substrates, it should be left until it is just cured and then removed by peeling, cutting or other mechanical means. Care should be taken not to damage plastic or coated surfaces.

Joint Design

The sealant joint width should be designed to accommodate the movement capability of the sealant. When designing joints using DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone, the minimum width should be 6 mm. For joints between 6–12 mm wide, a seal depth of 6 mm is required. For joints above 12 mm wide, a width to depth ratio of 2:1 should be used. For joint dimensions greater than 25 mm, please contact your regional service center for technical assistance. In situations where fillet joints are needed, a minimum of 6 mm sealant bite to each substrate is recommended.

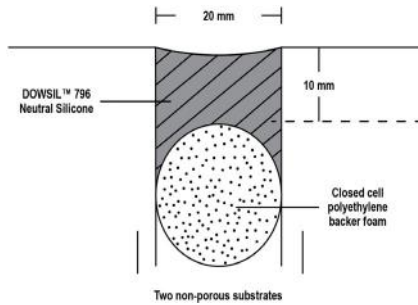


Figure 1: Deep joint.

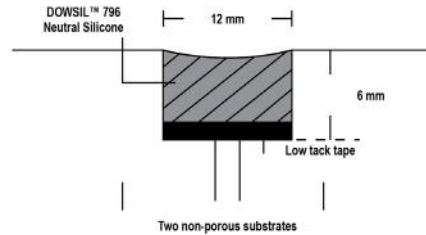


Figure 2: Shallow joint.

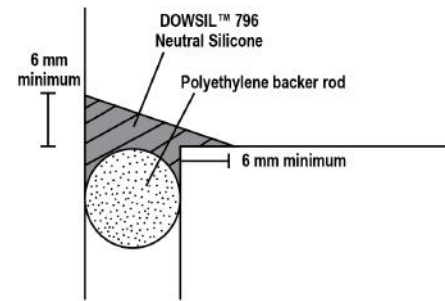


Figure 3: Fillet joint.

Handling Precautions

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Usable Life and Storage

When stored at or below 30°C (86°F) in the original unopened containers, DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone has a usable life of 12 months from the date of production.

Limitations

DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone is not recommended for structural glazing or insulated glazing applications. Do not use DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone on bituminous substrates, substrates based on natural rubber, chloroprene or EPDM or on building materials which might bleed oils, plasticisers or solvents. Do not use DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone in a totally confined space because the sealant requires atmospheric moisture to cure. It is not recommended for use on submerged joints, or in joints where physical abuse or abrasion are likely to occur. Bleeding can occur on porous substrates, such as concrete, marbles, granites and other natural stones. Specific testing should be carried out on sensitive substrates.

DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone is not suitable for food contact applications.

It is recommended that DOWSIL™ 796 Neutral Silicone is not applied to surfaces that are below 5°C (41°F) as it is impossible to guarantee a dry surface at these temperatures.

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

Health and Environmental Information

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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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