

DOW CORNING® 96-083

Silicone Adhesive

FEATURES

- Two-part, 10:1 mixing ratio
- Flowable
- Rapid heat cure
- Addition cure system: no cure by-products
- Translucent
- Self-priming
- High bond strength
- Flexible rubber - protects against mechanical shock and thermal cycling stress at components
- Stable and flexible from -50°C (-58°F) to +200°C (392°F)
- Excellent dielectric properties

Low viscosity adhesive

APPLICATIONS

- Designed to provide long term bonding and to protect against moisture, environmental attack, mechanical and thermal shock as well as vibration, especially where a low viscosity product is needed.
- Typical applications include: bonding of ceramic integrated circuit modules to aluminum base plates, components in power equipment, glass to plastics, glass structural components together or to a metal frame, permanent magnets to frame structures, silicone rubber in electric heaters.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Specification writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications. Please contact your local Dow Corning sales representative prior to writing specifications on this product.

CTM*	ASTM*	Property	Unit	Value
As supplied				
0176		Colour - Base/Curing Agent	0176	Translucent/ Clear
0050	D1084	Viscosity at 23°C (Base/Curing Agent) ¹	mPa.s	10,000/500
Mixed 10:1 (Base:Curing Agent)				
0050	D1084	Viscosity at 23°C	mPa.s	9500
		Pot life	hours	2
Physical properties, cured 30 minutes at 150°C				
		Colour		Translucent
0022	D792	Specific gravity		1.08
0099	D2240	Durometer hardness, Shore A		56
0137A	D412	Tensile strength	MPa	5.8
0137A	D412	Elongation at break	%	125
0159A	D624	Tear strength - die B	kN/m	5.4
		Volume coefficient of thermal expansion	1/K	8.6x10 ⁻⁶
Electrical properties, cured 1 hour at 150°C				
0114	D149	Dielectric strength	kV/mm	20
0249	D257	Volume resistivity	Ohm.cm	1.7x10 ¹⁴

1. Brookfield HAF, spindle #3 at 10rpm (for Base), Brookfield LVT, spindle #2 at 60rpm

* CTM: Corporate Test Method, copies of CTMs are available on request.

ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials.

HOW TO USE

Substrate preparation

All surfaces should be cleaned and degreased with a suitable solvent. Care should be taken to ensure that all solvent is removed.

DOW CORNING 96-083 Silicone Adhesive has been specially formulated to provide excellent unprimed adhesion to most metals, ceramics, glass, laminates, resins and plastics. Good adhesion cannot be

expected on low surface energy substrates such as polytetrafluoroethylene, polyethylene and polypropylene. Special surface treatments such as chemical etching, corona discharge or plasma treatment are required to give a reactive surface and promote adhesion to these types of substrates. In general, it has been shown that for difficult substrates, adhesion is improved using the maximum cure temperature.

Substrates which melt at or below the cure temperature of DOW CORNING 96-083 Silicone Adhesive should not be used.

Mixing

DOW CORNING 96-083 Silicone Adhesive is supplied in matched kits consisting of the base and curing agent in separate containers. During long periods of storage, some of the filler may settle at the bottom of these containers. The two parts should be individually homogenised prior to use.

The two components should be thoroughly mixed using a weight ratio of 10:1. The mixture has a pot life of 2 hours at room temperature.

Vacuum de-airing is recommended. A residual pressure of 10-20mm mercury applied for 10 minutes will sufficiently de-air the material.

How to apply

Apply DOW CORNING 96-083 Silicone Adhesive and bond the surfaces together.

For information on appropriate dispensing equipment for your application, please contact Dow Corning.

Curing

For complete cure and, more importantly, for optimal adhesion, DOW CORNING 96-083 Silicone Adhesive should be cured using one of the following recommended schedules:

30 minutes at 150°C, or
60 minutes at 120°C

Large components and assemblies

may require longer times in order to reach the curing temperature.

COMPATIBILITY

In some cases, DOW CORNING 96-083 Silicone Adhesive may fail to cure to optimum properties when in contact with certain plastics or rubbers. Cleaning the substrate with solvent or baking slightly above the cure temperature of DOW CORNING 96-083 Silicone Adhesive will normally eliminate the problem.

Certain chemicals, curing agents and plasticisers can inhibit cure. These include:

- Organo-tin compounds
- Silicone rubber containing organo-tin catalysts
- Sulphur, polysulphides, polysulphones and other sulphur containing materials
- Amines, urethanes, amides and azides.

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

PRODUCT SAFETY INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SAFE USE IS NOT INCLUDED. 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 FROM YOUR LOCAL DOW CORNING SALES REPRESENTATIVE.

USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

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

PACKAGING

This product is available in standard industrial container sizes. For details please refer to your Dow Corning sales office.

LIMITATIONS

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

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

To support customers in their product safety needs, Dow Corning has an extensive Product Stewardship organization and a team of Health, Environment and Regulatory Affairs specialists available in each area.

For further information, please consult your local Dow Corning representative.

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