

# *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> 785 Sanitary Silicone Sealant

## **FEATURES**

- Fungus and mildew resistant
- Bacteriostatic sealant
- Gloss finish
- Conforms to ISO 11600-F-20LM
- Resistant to ozone, ultra-violet radiation and temperature extremes

Medium/high modulus acetoxy silicone sealant

## **APPLICATIONS**

- *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> 785 Sanitary Silicone Sealant is a one-part, silicone sealant specifically designed for the sealing of sanitary fittings, including baths, showers, sinks, urinals and ceramic tile joints. This product is mildew, fungus resistant and bacteriostatic. It is better protected against bacterial growth.

## **TYPICAL PROPERTIES**

Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications. Please contact your local Dow Corning sales office or your Global Dow Corning Connection before writing specifications on this product.

Test Method <sup>1</sup>	Property	Unit	Value
	Cure system		Acetoxy
	Application temperature	°C	+5 to +40
		°F	+41 to +104
CTM 97B	Specific gravity		1.02
CTM 364C	Extrusion rate	g/minute	220
CTM 98B	Skin-over time (23°C or 73°F, 50% R.H.)	minutes	14
CTM 663A	Cure rate (23°C or 73°F, 50% R.H.)		
	1 day	mm	3
	3 days	mm	5
	<b>2mm thickness S2 dumb-bells (ISO 37)</b>		
CTM 137A	E-Modulus 100%	MPa	0.40
CTM 137A	Tensile strength	MPa	1.8
CTM 137A	Elongation at break	%	520
	<b>12x12x50mm size T.A. joint (ISO 8339/DIN 2-8339)</b>		
CTM 677	E-Modulus 100%	MPa	0.4
CTM 677	E-Modulus 60%	MPa	0.35
CTM 677	Tensile strength	MPa	0.59
CTM 677	Elongation at break	%	190
CTM 99E	Hardness (Shore A)		22
ISO 9047	Joint movement capability	%	20

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

DIN: Deutsche Industrie Norm.

ISO: International Standardisation Organisation.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS

*Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> 785 Sanitary Silicone Sealant conforms to ISO 11600-F-20LM. Performance related to mildew and fungus resistance has been tested in accordance with the ISO-Norm 846. Bacteriostatic performance has been tested to ISO 22196:2007 for MRSA, E.Coli and Salmonella.

## HOW TO USE

### Surface preparation

Ensure that surfaces to be sealed are clean, dry, sound and grease-free. Clean non-porous surfaces with *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> R40 Universal Cleaner or methylated spirits, and dry thoroughly with a clean, oil and lint-free cloth before application of sealant.

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 on most glazed surfaces, including vitreous enamel, ceramics, porcelain, glazed tiles, etc. For acrylic baths, it is recommended that an adhesion test is carried out. Adhesion to plastic and metal surfaces can be improved by using a *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> Brand Primer. For specific advice, please refer to the *Dow Corning* Primers' Guide or contact one of *Dow Corning's* Regional Service Centers for technical assistance.

### Back-up materials

When back-up material is required, a closed cell polyethylene backer rod is recommended. Low tack

polyethylene tape should be used in joints too shallow to allow the use of a backer rod. Back-up materials provide back pressure and prevent three sided adhesion that limits sealant movement capability.

### 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 with *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> R40 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.

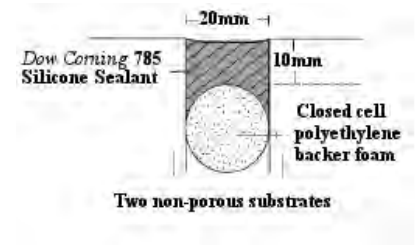
### Joint design

The sealant joint width should be designed to accommodate the movement capability of the sealant. When designing joints using with *Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant, the minimum width should be 6mm. For joints between 6-12mm wide, a seal depth of 6mm is required. For joints above 12mm wide, a width to depth ratio of 2:1 should be used. In situations where fillet joints are needed, a minimum of 6mm sealant bite to each substrate is recommended.

**Figure 1: Fillet Joint.**



**Figure 2: Deep Joint.**



## 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 material safety data sheet is available on the *Dow Corning* website at [dowcorning.com](http://dowcorning.com). You can also obtain a copy from your local *Dow Corning* sales representative or Distributor or by calling your local *Dow Corning* Global Connection.

## USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

When stored in cool, dry conditions below 30°C (86°F) in the original unopened containers, *Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant has a usable life of 27 months from the date of production.

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

*Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant is supplied in 310ml cartridges packed in boxes of 12 and in 600ml sausages packed in boxes of 20.

## LIMITATIONS

*Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant is not recommended for use on porous substrates such as concrete, stone, marble or granite.

Do not use *Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant on bituminous substrates, substrates based on natural rubber, chloroprene or EPDM, or on building materials and flexible plastics which might bleed oils, plasticizers, or solvents. Do not use *Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant in a totally confined space because the sealant requires atmospheric moisture to cure. Because acetic acid is released during curing, it can corrode mirror silver and sensitive metals such as copper, brass and lead. *Dow Corning*® 817 Mirror Adhesive should be used for this application. *Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant is not recommended for use on submerged joints, or in joints where physical abuse or abrasion is likely to occur.

*Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant is not suitable for areas where food contact is likely.

*Dow Corning* 785 Silicone Sealant has not been designed for use as an aquarium sealant.

*Dow Corning*® 781 Silicone Sealant is not recommended for structural glazing or insulated glazing applications.

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 Product Safety and Regulatory Compliance (PS&RC) specialists available in each area.

For further information, please see our website, [dowcorning.com](http://dowcorning.com) or consult your local Dow Corning representative.

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