

# Product Information

## High Performance Building

DOW CORNING

# Dow Corning® DefendAir 200

## FEATURES & BENEFITS

- UV Resistant – Long term resistance
- Provides long-term air and water protection properties even when exposed to sunlight, rain, snow, or temperature extremes.
- Excellent weatherability – Temperature extremes of -15°F to 300°F
- Meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Class A Fire Rating
- NFPA 285 – Pass<sup>1</sup>
- Ease of Installation – One coat installation
- Air tight – Exceeds industry requirements
- Primerless adhesion on most substrates
- Solventless
- Elastomeric – Accommodates building movement
- Seamless – Cured membrane is continuous and does not form seams or laps
- Nail sealability
- Low VOC
- Compatibility – Compatible with *Dow Corning*® Sealants, *Dow Corning*® 123 Silicone Seal, *Dow Corning*® Transition Strips, and *Dow Corning*® Molded Corners

## Silicone Liquid Applied Air and Weather Barrier

### APPLICATIONS

- Permeable air barrier used for new construction and renovation applications on many substrates including concrete, OSB, exterior sheathing, preformed panels, plywood, wood or steel stud walls.

### DESCRIPTION

*Dow Corning*® DefendAir 200 is a 100% silicone liquid applied Air and Weather Barrier designed to protect against air infiltration and water penetration. The vapor permeable, one component, water-based coating cures to form a flexible membrane that is impervious to water but has the ability to “breathe,” allowing water vapor to escape from inside the substrate.

The coating provides long-term protection from air and water infiltration; normal movement imposed by seasonal thermal contraction and expansion; ultraviolet radiation; and the elements. The coating maintains its water protection properties even when exposed to sunlight, rain, snow, or temperature extremes. There is not a limit on exposure time before being covered by the exterior cladding.

*Dow Corning* DefendAir 200 can be applied between -6°C (20°F) and 38°C (100°F) to a clean, dry surface.

### HOW TO USE

When properly applied and cured, *Dow Corning* DefendAir 200 provides a fast, easy, and effective method of providing protection from air and water infiltration. This product may settle during prolonged storage, therefore, it is recommended to mix well before using. Do not dilute.

### Surface Preparation

All surfaces to be coated with *Dow Corning* DefendAir 200 must be prepared as described in the most recent *Dow Corning Air and Weather Barrier Application Guide* (Form No 62-1723). The following is a short reference guide for surface preparations.

All surfaces must be clean and free of dirt, frost, dust, oil, grease, mold, fungus, efflorescence, laitance, peeling coating, chalking coating, and any other foreign material. Green concrete must be allowed to cure 28 days before application of *Dow Corning* DefendAir 200 (see “Limitations”). Repair cracks larger than 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) with a material that is compatible with the substrate and *Dow Corning* DefendAir 200. *Dow Corning*® 790 Silicone Building Sealant, *Dow Corning*® 795 Silicone Building Sealant, *Dow Corning*® 791 Silicone Perimeter Sealant, *Dow Corning*® 756 SMS Building Sealant, and *Dow Corning*® 758 Silicone Weather Barrier Sealant can be used for crack repairs.

All joints between exterior grade sheathing which are greater than 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) must be sealed using one of the above silicone sealants and struck flush prior to installing the coating. In addition, any unused nail holes or screws that missed the stud must be sealed.

<sup>1</sup>NFPA 285, Standard Test Method for Evaluation of Fire Propagation Characteristics of Exterior Non-Loading Bearing Wall Assemblies Containing Combustible Components, 2012 Edition – Passed in assembly tested. Please contact Dow Corning for more details.

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Values are based on 15 mil dry film thickness. Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications. Please contact your local Dow Corning sales representative or your Global Dow Corning Connection before writing specifications on this product.

Test <sup>1</sup>	Property	Unit	Result
ASTM E2178	Air Permeance	cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> L/(s-m <sup>2</sup> )	< 0.0003 at 1.57 psf < 0.0016 at 75 Pa
CAN/ULC- S741	Air Permeance	L/(s-m <sup>2</sup> )	<0.0019 at 75 Pa after UV Exposure and conditioning (Pass)
ASTM E2357	Assembly Air Leakage	cfm/ft <sup>2</sup>	< 0.000007 at 1.57 psf
CAN/ULC- S742		L/(s-m <sup>2</sup> )	< 0.00003 at 75 Pa Class 1A
ASTM E283	Assembly Air Infiltration	cfm/ft <sup>2</sup>	< 0.01 at 1.57 psf
ASTM E331	Assembly Water Infiltration	Tested to 15 PSF	Pass - No leakage
ASTM E330	Assembly Structural Loading	Tested to 30 PSF and 45 PSF	Pass - No damage to air barrier
ASTM E96 Water Vapor Permeance			
	Desiccant (Method A)	US Perms (ng/(m <sup>2</sup> -Pa-s))	10.1 (578)
	Water (Method B)	US Perms (ng/(m <sup>2</sup> -Pa-s))	26.6 (1521)
ASTM D1970, Section 8.9	Nail Sealability (Head of Water Test)		Pass
ASTM 1970, Section 8.6	Low Temperature Flexibility		Pass
ASTM E 84	Flame Spread		5
ASTM E 84	Smoke Develop		115 NFPA Class A, UBC Class 1
ASTM C1305	Crack Bridging		Pass
ASTM D 2369	Solids Content	% by volume % by weight	50 59
EPA Method 24	Volatile Organic Content (VOC)	(g/L)	< 19
ASTM D4541 Pull Adhesion			
	Concrete	psi	> 120
	Fiberglass mat gypsum sheathing	psi	> 40 (substrate failure)
ASTM D 412	Tensile Strength	psi (MPa)	> 200 (1.38)
ASTM D 412	Elongation	%	650
ASTM D2243	Freeze-Thaw Resistance		No change
	UV Exposure/Resistance 5000 hour exposure: 8 hour UV at 60°C – 4 hour water at 50°C, UVA 340 bulbs		No change
	Color		White

<sup>1</sup>ASTM: American Society of Testing and Materials  
CAN/ULC: Canadian/Unlimited Liability Corporation  
EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

## Coating

Apply the coating in a 30-32 mils (0.76–0.81 mm) wet thickness (a job-specific mockup is recommended to determine actual usage which will result in the required 15-mil (0.38-mm) dry coating thickness. On occasion, a second coat may be necessary on porous or rough surfaces to achieve the minimum dry film thickness.

Apply using a ¾ to 1½ inch (19- to 38-mm) nap, polyester, or 50/50 polyester/wool blend roller cover, nylon bristle brush, or airless sprayer. When applying the coating with a roller, apply it in a fan pattern to achieve uniform thickness. When applying the coating with a sprayer, a minimum 0.019 inch tip must be used. Sufficient pump pressure should be used to obtain an even spray pattern. Back rolling is not required.

Allow the coating to dry (typically 2 to 4 hours) before applying additional coats if needed. After the additional coat has been applied, the average drying time is 4 to 12 hours, depending upon temperature, humidity, and wind conditions. If the temperature drops below -6°C (20°F) after the air barrier is applied, the average drying time will increase. *Dow Corning DefendAir 200* requires temperatures higher than -6°C (20°F) for a cumulative total of 24 hours to dry. *Dow Corning DefendAir 200* will attain full adhesion and physical properties in 7 to 14 days.

*Dow Corning DefendAir 200* was developed to obtain good adhesion to the substrate without the need of a primer. Refer to the *Dow Corning Air and Weather Barrier Application Guide* to determine if adhesion testing or a primer is required for your specific substrate.

## Low Temperature Application

If temperatures drop below 20°F, the coating will freeze on the surface until the temperature increases. This will not affect the cured properties of the air barrier but will extend the drying time.

Roller application of the air barrier at low temperature will require 2 coats. The air barrier should dry to touch, not simply freeze, between coats. Application equipment such as rollers and the tips of spraying equipment should be kept above 0°C (32°F) when not in use.

Allow the air barrier to fully dry prior to adhering other materials to the surface of the air barrier. For more information on cold temperature application, refer to the *Dow Corning Air and Weather Barrier Application Guide*.

**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  
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## USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

Protect *Dow Corning DefendAir 200* and *Dow Corning® DefendAir 200* Primer from freezing. Store in a cool, dry place out of the weather. When properly stored in its original, unopened container above below 32°C (90°F), *Dow Corning DefendAir 200* and *Dow Corning DefendAir 200* Primer have shelf lives from date of manufacture of 6 months and 18 months, respectively. Refer to product packaging for Use by Date.

If *Dow Corning DefendAir 200* is stored at temperatures below -6°C (20°F) for longer than 8 hours, the air barrier will start to freeze. Allow the *Dow Corning DefendAir 200* to sit at temperatures greater than 20°F for at least 8 hours or until the material thaws before application.

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

*Dow Corning DefendAir* is available in 4.5 gal (16.9 L) pails (44 lb [20 kg]) and 51.5 gal (195 L) drums (507 lb [230 kg]).

## LIMITATIONS

*Dow Corning DefendAir 200* should not be applied:

- When there is a threat of rain within the next 8 hours or the relative humidity is in excess of 90 percent (because conditions would not permit complete surface drying)
- On below-grade applications
- On newly applied or green cementitious materials; Industry guidelines recommend at least 28 days cure before painting or coating the substrates (see SSPC, 2010 Painting Manual, Chapter 3.1. Concrete Surface Preparation)

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.

**LIMITED WARRANTY  
INFORMATION – PLEASE  
READ CAREFULLY**

The information contained herein is offered in good faith and is believed to be accurate. However, because conditions and methods of use of our products are beyond our control, this information should not be used in substitution for customer's tests to ensure that our products are safe, effective, and fully satisfactory for the intended end use. Suggestions of use shall not be taken as inducements to infringe any patent.

Dow Corning's sole warranty is that our products will meet the sales specifications in effect at the time of shipment.

Your exclusive remedy for breach of such warranty is limited to refund of purchase price or replacement of any product shown to be other than as warranted.

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FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR  
PURPOSE OR  
MERCHANTABILITY.**

**DOW CORNING DISCLAIMS  
LIABILITY FOR ANY  
INCIDENTAL OR  
CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES.**

Dow Corning offers a project-specific 10-Year Limited Air Barrier Warranty when *Dow Corning* DefendAir 200 is applied in accordance with Dow Corning's published application guidelines. Contact your local Dow Corning representative for details or to apply for a project-specific warranty.

Under this Limited Warranty, for a period of ten years from the date of purchase, Dow Corning will be responsible for the cost of replacement coating for any areas in which *Dow Corning* DefendAir 200 fails to perform to specifications.

Dow Corning's warranty is subject to certain restrictions and does not cover faults attributable to workmanship or the appearance of the coating.

NOTE: *Dow Corning* DefendAir 200 is NOT for use on single-family residential dwellings.

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