

# Dow Corning® 983 Structural Glazing Sealant

## FEATURES

- Approved for structural and weatherseal applications<sup>1</sup>
- Meets ASTM C719 Class 25 (G, A, O)
- Meets ASTM C1184 Structural Glazing Specification
- Low VOC formula (less than 18 g/L when mixed properly)

## COMPOSITION

- Two-part, neutral-cure, RTV silicone sealant

## APPLICATIONS

- Dow Corning® 983 Structural Glazing Sealant is designed for specialized use where dual structural and weatherseal applications are desired for factory glazing and curtainwall production. Once cured, this structural sealant forms a durable, flexible, watertight bond that can be warranted for 20 years and used in ±25% movement weatherseal applications. It has excellent unprimed adhesion to glass, alodine, and anodized aluminum<sup>2</sup>, although Dow Corning® Primer C is recommended for fast and consistent adhesion, especially to Kynar™ and other high-performance substrates approved for architectural structural glazing applications.

## 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	Property	Unit	Result
<b>As Supplied – Dow Corning® 983 Glazing Sealant Base</b>			
	Color		White
	Physical Form		Paste
ASTM D1475	Specific Gravity		1.36
<b>As Supplied – Dow Corning® 983 Structural Glazing Sealant, Curing Catalyst</b>			
	Color		<u>Black</u> <u>Gray</u>
	Physical Form		Paste   Paste
ASTM D1475	Specific Gravity		1.055   1.00
<b>As Catalyzed – Mixed at 9:1 Base to Catalyst by Volume</b>			
	Working Time	minutes	10-25
	Unit Handling Time, 24°C (75°F), minimum <sup>1</sup>	Hours <sup>2</sup>	4-24
	VOC Content, mixed black or gray <sup>3,4</sup>	g/L	<18
ASTM D 2202	Flow/Sag (slump)	inches(mm)	<0.2 (<5)
<b>As Cured – 1 Day at Room Temperature (77°F and 50% RH)</b>			
ASTM C 661	Durometer Hardness, Typ A	points	30-40
<b>As Cured – 7 Days at Room Temperature (77°F and 50% RH)</b>			
ASTM C 661	Durometer Hardness, Typ A	points	35-45
ASTM D 412	Tensile Strength, Ultimate	psi (MPa)	300 (2.0)
ASTM C 1135	Tensile Strength at 25%	psi (MPa)	50 (0.35)
ASTM C 1135	Tensile Strength, Ultimate	psi (MPa)	160 (1.1)
ASTM C 1135	Elongation, Ultimate	%	120
Specifications			
ASTM C719	Movement Capability	%	±25
ASTM C1184	Structural Silicone Sealant Specification		Passes

<sup>1</sup>All structural applications MUST be reviewed by the technical staff, Dow Corning Corporation. If their recommendations are followed, Dow Corning will issue a structural adhesive warranty for a specific job.

<sup>2</sup>Certain sealing materials used in the anodizing process may increase the potential for use for primer to gain adhesion within a 24 hour period.

<sup>1</sup>Adhesion must be confirmed prior to shipping to job site.

<sup>2</sup>Timeframe depends on how units are moved and verified for performance by deglazing for adhesion and fill.

<sup>3</sup>Based on South Coast Air Quality Management District of California. Maximum VOC is listed both inclusive and exclusive of water and exempt compounds.

<sup>4</sup>Depending on mixing ratio.

## DESCRIPTION

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant is a two-part silicone formulation. As supplied, the base is a smooth, white paste and the curing agent is available in black or gray. Once catalyzed, the material cures to a high-modulus, flexible silicone rubber that is flexible for use in structural and/or weatherseal applications.

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant features:

- Unprimed adhesion to most common construction materials
- A physical property profile that is more than sufficient for structural adhesive and weatherseal applications
- A noncorrosive by-product
- Excellent weatherability, durability and recovery after repeated extension and compression up to 25%

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant is compatible with reflective glass, laminated glass, and most insulating glass. It can be used in deep, narrow joints to obtain a full and complete cure.

## HOW TO USE

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant, when used in structural applications, **MUST** be reviewed by the technical staff, Dow Corning Corporation, attention Construction Sealants Technical Service and Development.

Complete design and installation guidelines are contained in the Dow Corning Americas Technical Manual, found at [dowcorning.com](http://dowcorning.com), available from Dow Corning, and must be followed for warrantable applications when using this product.

## METHOD OF APPLICATION

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant curing agent must be thoroughly mixed into the base using an airless mixing system.

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant is compatible with existing commercial two-part silicone dispensing equipment. Neither hand mixing nor mechanical mixing is satisfactory due to incorporation of air, resulting in altered physical properties.

Lot matching of *Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant curing agent and base is **NOT** required. *Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant curing agent should be lightly stirred if any separation is seen prior to use. Because of its reactivity with atmospheric moisture, curing agent should not be exposed to air for prolonged periods.

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant is supplied as two separate components. As a custom feature, the cure rate may be adjusted by changing the base-to-curing-agent ratio from 8:1 to 10:1 by volume. Sealant physical properties are not significantly changed over this range. Changes in the temperature and humidity of the environment and material temperatures in the package will affect snap time and cure properties. Colder temperatures will slow cure and adhesion development. To obtain optimum adhesion, joints should be tooled immediately after sealant application to ensure complete substrate contact.

Questions about the use of *Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant can be answered by calling your local Dow Corning Application Sales Engineer. Our laboratory personnel and technical service staff are also available for assistance.

## HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

PRODUCT SAFETY INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR SAFE USE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT. BEFORE HANDLING, READ PRODUCT AND MATERIAL 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 WEB SITE AT [DOWCORNING.COM](http://DOWCORNING.COM), OR FROM YOUR DOW CORNING SALES APPLICATION ENGINEER, OR DISTRIBUTOR, OR BY CALLING DOW CORNING CUSTOMER SERVICE.

## USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant should be stored in airtight, closed containers. When stored at or below 79°F (26°C) for gray and 86°F (30°C) for black, both the base and curing agent have a shelf life of 12 months from date of manufacture. Refer to product packaging for "Use By" date.

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant curing agent and *Dow Corning* 983 Silicone Glazing and Curtainwall Adhesive/Sealant base are packaged separately.

*Dow Corning* 983 Silicone Glazing and Curtainwall Adhesive/Sealant base is available in 48.5-gal (183.8-L) lined, straight-sided drums or fiber packs.

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant curing agent is available in 39.6-lb (18-kg) pails for black or 37.5-lb (17-kg) for gray.

**Table I: Typical Weight Equivalents of Volumetric Mixing Ratios**

Volume Ratio	Equivalent Weight Ratio (Black Curing Agent)	Equivalent Weight Ratio (Gray Curing Agent)
8:1 to 10:1	10.3:1 to 13:1	11:1 to 13.5:1

Standard volumetric pump ratios are normally set at 9:1; check with pump manufacturer.

## LIMITATIONS

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant should not be applied:

- To building materials that bleed oils, plasticizers, or solvents – materials such as impregnated wood, oil-based caulks, green or partially vulcanized rubber gaskets and tapes
- Where painting of sealant is required
- To surfaces in direct contact with food
- In below-grade or continuous-immersion applications
- In horizontal joints where abrasion and physical abuse are likely to be encountered

Because of a potential for incompatibility, *Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant should not come in contact with, or be exposed to, sealants that liberate acetic acid.

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 Web site, [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.

## DOW CORNING SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY OTHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR MERCHANTABILITY.

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

**Limited Weatherseal Warranty:** *Dow Corning* Corporation produces and sells a full line of silicone construction sealants and adhesives. These products offer a variety of physical characteristics and adhesion properties.

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant is part of that line and, when used with compatible substrates and when applied within the stated shelf life and according to manufacturer's recommendations for application and joint design, *Dow Corning* warrants that it will perform as a watertight weatherseal for a period of 20 years from the date of purchase. In addition to maintaining the integrity of the weatherseal, the sealant will not change color when used with backup materials and substrates that have been approved for compatibility by *Dow Corning*, either after specific testing or as noted in a current *Dow Corning* publication.

## Limitations: This warranty specifically excludes failure of the sealant due to:

- Natural causes such as lightning, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, fire, flooding, etc., or
- Movement of the structure resulting in stresses on the sealant that exceed *Dow Corning's* published specifications for elongation and/or compression for the sealant, whether due to structural settlement, design error or construction error, or
- Disintegration of the underlying substrates, or
- Mechanical damage to the sealant caused by individuals, tools or other outside agents, or
- Changes in the appearance of the sealant from the accumulation of dirt or other contaminants deposited on the sealant from the atmosphere

**Structural Adhesion Warranty:**

*Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant may be used as a structural adhesive under certain conditions, but Dow Corning Corporation disclaims any general adhesion warranty. Dow Corning will issue project-specific Structural Adhesion Warranties on a case-by-case basis. No Structural Adhesion Warranty will be issued until Dow Corning has reviewed the pertinent building prints and specifications and has completed adhesion and compatibility testing of the various materials to be used with *Dow Corning* 983 Structural Glazing Sealant. For details on how to obtain the Structural Warranty, please contact your Dow Corning Sales Application Engineer.

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