



RTV566

*RTV566 - Silicone Rubber Compound
for Low Outgassing Applications*

Product Description

RTV566 silicone rubber compound is a two-part product processed and tested for applications where low outgassing is required. RTV566A base compound is supplied ready to use with RTV566B curing agent.

Key Performance Properties

- Provides low outgassing characteristics in a high vacuum environment
- Room temperature cure
- Excellent release properties
- Excellent adhesion capability with primer
- Retains elastomeric properties from -115 - C (-175 - F) up to 260 - C (500 - F) continuously and up to 316 - C (600 - F) for short periods of time

Typical Product Data

TYPICAL UNCURED PROPERTIES

	RTV566A	RTV566B
Color	Red	Yellow Brown
Viscosity, cps	42,700	N/A
Specific Gravity	1.49	1.15

TYPICAL CATALYZED PROPERTIES

(Mixture by weight of 100 parts RTV566A and 0.1 part RTV566B)

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Application Rate, gm/min (45 minutes after mixing) (0.125 in. orifice @ 90 psi)	180
Work Life, Hrs.	1.5
Tack Free Time, Hrs.	2.2

TYPICAL CURED PROPERTIES

(Cured 7 days @ 25C (77F) and 50% R.H.)

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Hardness, Shore A Durometer	61
Tensile Strength, kg/cm ² (psi)	56 (800)
Elongation, %	120
Lap Shear Strength, kg/cm ² (psi) (on primed Al)	33 (465)
Volatile Condensable Material, %*	0.02
Total Weight Loss, %*	0.14

* After 24 hrs. @ 125C (257F) and 1 x 10⁻⁶ Torr

Specifications

Typical product data values should not be used as specifications.

Technical and specification assistance is available by contacting GE Silicones at 800/255-8886.

Instructions for Use

Mixing

Select a mixing container 4 to 5 times larger than the volume of RTV silicone rubber compound to be used. Weigh out the RTV566A base compound and add the appropriate amount of RTV566B curing agent. The most commonly used amount of curing agent is 0.1% by weight (0.087 ml curing agent per 100 gm base compound). When measuring and dispensing small amounts of curing agent, the use of a microsyringe is recommended for accuracy.

Using clean tools, thoroughly mix the RTV base compound and the curing agent, scraping the sides and bottom of the container carefully to produce a homogeneous mixture. When using power mixers, avoid excessive speeds which could entrap large amounts of air or cause overheating of the mixture, resulting in shorter pot life.

Deaeration

Air entrapped during mixing should be removed to eliminate voids in the cured product. Expose the mixed material to a vacuum of 25 mm (29 inches) of mercury minimum. The material will expand, crest, and recede to about the original level as the bubbles break. Degassing is usually complete about two minutes after frothing ceases. When using RTV566 for potting, deaeration may be necessary after pouring to avoid capturing air in complex assemblies.

Curing

RTV566 silicone rubber compound, when properly mixed, will cure sufficiently in 24 hours at 25 - C (77 - F) and 50% relative humidity to allow gentle handling. For best results, especially with regard to outgassing and adhesion, cure for seven days at 25 - C (77 - F) and 50% relative humidity.

If this RTV silicone rubber compound is to be used at temperatures over 150 - C (302 - F), the cured product should be properly conditioned prior to service. Following full room temperature cure, a typical conditioning program would be eight hours at 100 - C (212 - F) and an additional eight hours at each 28 - C (80 - F) interval to the desired service temperature. Longer times at each temperature will be required for larger parts or very deep sections.

Bonding

If adhesion is an important application requirement, RTV566 silicone rubber compound requires a primer to bond to non-silicone surfaces. Thoroughly clean the substrate with a non-oily solvent such as naphtha or methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) and let dry. Then apply a uniform thin film of GE Silicones SS4155 silicone primer and allow the primer to air dry for one hour or more (a uniform chalky white haze should be visible). Finally, apply freshly catalyzed RTV silicone rubber to the primed surface and cure as recommended above. For more details on priming and adhesion, refer to GE Silicones data sheet CDS1873 on RTV primers.

Handling and Safety

Material Safety Data Sheets are available upon request from GE Silicones. Similar information for solvents and other chemicals used

with GE products should be obtained from your suppliers. When solvents are used, proper safety precautions must be observed.

**Storage and Warranty
Period**

This product may be shipped at ambient temperatures of up to 110 - F for 7 days maximum. The warranty period is 12 months from date of shipment from GE Silicones if stored in the original unopened container at -18 - C (0 - F) or below.

Availability

RTV566 silicone rubber compound may be ordered from GE Silicones, Waterford, NY, 12188, the GE Silicones sales office nearest you or an authorized GE silicone product distributor.

**Government
Requirement**

GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENT

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