



## RTV6700 Series

### *RTV6700 Series One-Component, Modified Alkoxy Adhesive Sealants*

#### **Product Description**

RTV6700 Series sealants are neutral cure, one-component, ready to use silicone adhesive sealants that cure to tough resilient silicone rubber on exposure to atmospheric moisture at room temperature.

These sealants are standard curing paste consistency products which can be applied to horizontal, vertical and overhead surfaces. They have a long work life which allows for tooling of finished assemblies.

#### **Key Performance Properties**

- Primerless adhesion to many metals and plastics
- Non-corrosive to most substrates
- Low odor cure
- One-component product - No mixing required
- Retain elastomeric properties at temperatures of -60C (-75F) to 204C (400F) for long periods and to 260C (500F) for short periods
- Room temperature cure
- Excellent electrical insulation properties
- Excellent UV, chemical and weather resistance

#### **Applications**

The cure properties of these adhesive sealants make them ideally suited for applications in confined spaces. These paste-consistency silicone sealants can be used in thickness up to 6mm (1/4 in.) for bonding and sealing, joining metals and plastics, and electrical insulation.

For applications requiring sealant thickness greater than 6mm (1/4 in.), GE Silicones one-component, addition cure or two component silicone rubber compounds are recommended.

#### **Typical Product Data**

Typical Uncured Properties	RTV6700 Series
Color	
RTV6702	White
RTV6703	Black
RTV6708	Translucent
Consistency	Paste
Specific Gravity	1.04
Application Rate, gm/min.	175
Tack Free Time, minutes	25
Cure Through Time, hours	24
Typical Cured Properties <sup>(1)</sup>	RTV6700 Series

<b>Mechanical:</b>	
Hardness, Shore A	18
Tensile Strength, kg/cm <sup>2</sup> (lb/in <sup>2</sup> )	15.8 (225)
Elongation, %	450
Tear Strength, kg/cm (lb/in)	5 (26)
Peel Strength, kg/cm (lb/in)	
Glass	6.3 (35)
Aluminum	6.3 (35)
Lexan Polycarbonate®	6.6 (37)
PVC	5.9 (33)
<b>Electrical:(2)</b>	
Dielectric Strength, kV/mm(V/mil)	16 (409)
Dielectric Constant @ 100 Hz	2.9
Dissipation Factor @ 100 Hz	.0002
Volume Resistivity, ohm-cm	2x10 <sup>15</sup>
<b>Thermal:(2)</b>	
Brittle Point, °C (°F)	-60 (-75)
Thermal Conductivity, Btu ft/ft <sup>2</sup> h °F (W/m K)	0.11 (0.19)
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion, mm/mm/°C	3.0 x 10 <sup>-4</sup>

(1) Cured 7 days at 25°C (77°F) and 50% relative humidity.

(2) Information is provided for customer convenience. These properties are not tested on a routine basis. Lexan is a Registered Trademark of General Electric.

#### Specifications

Typical product data values should not be used as specifications. Assistance and specifications are available by contacting GE Silicones at 800/255-8886.

#### Instructions for Use

##### Surface Preparation

RTV6700 series sealants will bond to many clean surfaces without the aid of primers. These surfaces include many metals, glass, ceramic, silicone rubber and some rigid plastics.

Surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned with a suitable solvent to remove dirt, oil, grease and surface contaminants. The surface should be wiped dry before applying the adhesive sealant.

Due to substrate variability, an evaluation should be made to determine whether acceptable bond strength develops for each specific application. For difficult to bond substrates, use of a primer is suggested. SS4004, SS4044 and SS4179 primers from GE Silicones are recommended for use with these sealants. Complete information and usage instructions for these primers are contained in a separate product data sheet (#1532).

## **APPLICATION AND CURE TIME CYCLE**

These adhesive sealants may be applied directly to clean or primed substrates. Where broad surfaces are to be mated, the sealant should be applied in a thin, less than 6mm (1/4 in.) diameter bead or ribbon around the edge of the surface to be bonded.

The cure process begins with the formation of a skin on the exposed surface of the sealant and progresses inward through the material. At 25C (77F) and 50% relative humidity, RTV6700 will form a surface skin that is tack free to the touch in 20-25 minutes. Once the tack free skin has begun to form, further tooling of the adhesive sealant is not recommended.

As the adhesive sealant cures, methyl alcohol and residual ammonia vapors are released from the sealant surface.

Because these adhesive sealants cure by reacting with atmospheric moisture, higher temperatures and humidity will accelerate the cure process lower temperatures and humidity will slow the cure rate.

Exact cure time will depend on temperature, humidity, sample thickness and sealant configuration. Since cure time increases with thickness, use of these adhesive sealants should be limited to section thickness of 6mm (1/4 in.).

## **PHYSICAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT**

In addition to the effects of temperature and relative humidity, development of maximum bond strength will depend on joint configuration, degree of confinement, sealant thickness and substrate porosity. Normally, sufficient bond strength will develop in 12-24 hours for RTV6700 and permit handling of parts. Stress should not be applied to the bonded joint until full adhesive strength has developed. Eventually the adhesive strength of the bond will exceed the cohesive strength of the silicone rubber adhesive sealant itself. Always allow maximum cure time available for best results.

## **NON-CORROSIVE PROPERTIES**

RTV6700 series adhesive sealants comply with the non-corrosive requirements of MIL-A-46146B on aluminum and steel.

When allowed to cure in enclosed conditions, these sealants will discolor sensitive metals such as copper and brass. When allowed to cure in non-enclosed conditions, these sealants may discolor sensitive metals such as copper and brass but only when in direct contact.

## PACKAGING AND DISPENSING

RTV6700 series adhesive sealants are supplied ready-to-use in 10.1 fl. oz. caulking cartridges, 5 gallon (40 lb.) pails and 55 gallon (450 lb. drums).

These sealants may be dispensed from caulking cartridges by using hand operated caulking guns or air operated guns. Air operated guns will allow greater control and application speed. Cartridges are easy-to-use, can be put into production quickly and require minimal capital investment.

**NOTE:** Do not exceed 45 psig when using air powered caulking guns. Bulk containers require a larger initial investment in dispensing equipment, but offer economical packaging for volume production. Bulk dispensing systems are air-operated extrusion pumps coupled to hand or automated dispensing units. Pumps which are specifically designed for pumping one-component RTV silicone rubber have Teflon® seals, packages and Teflon lined hoses to prevent moisture permeation and pump cure problems. Specific details on dispensing systems and manufacturers are available in a separate GE RTV Silicone Rubber Equipment Guide (#1541).

## CLEANUP AND REMOVAL

Before cure, solvent systems such as naphtha or methly ethyl ketone (MEK) are most effective.

After cure, selected chemical strippers which will remove the silicone rubber are available from other manufacturers. Specific product information may be obtained on request.

### 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

The warranty period for RTV6700 series in 5 gallon pails or 55 gallon drums is 12 months and in 10.1 fl. oz. caulking cartridges is 6 months from the date of shipment from GE Silicones if stored in the original unopened container at or below 27C (80F).

### Availability

GE Silicone products may be ordered from GE Silicones, Waterford, N.Y. 12188, the GE Silicones sales office nearest you, or where appropriate, an authorized GE Silicone product distributor.

### Government Requirement

Prior to considering use of a GE Silicones product in fulfilling any Government requirement, please contact the Government and Trade Compliance Office at 413-448-4624.

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