


GE Silicones
SS4004P, SS4044P, SS4120, SS4155, and SS4179
Silicone Primers for use with One and Two Component RTV
Silicone Adhesive Sealants
Product Description

SS4004P, SS4044P, SS4120, SS4155, and SS4179 primers are formulated for use with GE Silicones RTV silicone rubber adhesive sealants. GE Silicones one-component products offer primerless adhesion to many substrates. Primers are used to help promote adhesion to difficult-to-bond substrates. For most GE Silicones two-component products, a primer is required when an adhesive bond is needed between the silicone rubber compound and a non-silicone surface (see table below). All primers are one-component products requiring no mixing and are supplied ready-to-use as easily pourable solvent solutions.

SS4004P and SS4044P primers help promote adhesion to metals (such as aluminum, copper, steel, stainless steel, brass, and galvanized metals), porous materials, unglazed ceramics and wood. SS4004P primer is bright pink, providing easy visual determination of uniform coating. SS4044P primer is virtually identical to SS4004P primer, but is designed for applications where discoloration of the substrate is undesirable.

SS4120 primer helps promote adhesion of GE Silicones addition cure RTV's and is used where clarity is needed. SS4155 is a general purpose primer for use with any RTV.

SS4179 primer helps promote adhesion of GE Silicones sealant to difficult-to-bond plastic substrates including:

- acrylics
- acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene (ABS)
- cellulose (cellulose acetate)
- high-impact styrene
- polyphenylene oxide resins (PPO®)
- polysulfones
- polyesters
- rigid polyvinylchloride (PVC)
- thermoplastic resins (Noryl®)

Key Performance Properties

- One-component - no mixing
- Simple handling procedures and equipment for easy use and low processing cost.
- Dry at room temperature and ambient humidity conditions
- Helps promote adhesion to many substrates
- SS4044P, SS4120 and SS4179 primers are transparent to preserve visibility of colorless products.
- Pink color of SS4004P and blue color of SS4155 primer permit easy visual determination of uniform application.

Typical Properties Data

Property	SS4004P	SS4044P	SS4120	SS4155	SS4179
Color	Pink	Light Yellow	Clear, Colorless	Blue	Clear, Colorless
Specific Gravity	0.85	0.85	0.82	0.82	0.98
Solids Content, %	15	15	3	10	6
	Acetone	Acetone			Ethyl

Solvent(s)	Isopropanol Xylene N- butanol	Isopropanol Xylene N- butanol	Ethanol Methanol	Mineral Spirits	Acetate Toluene Methanol
Flash Point, (Pensky-Martin Closed Cup)	-12C (10F)	-12C (10F)	-0.5C (31F)	37C (98F)	-3C (27F)
Dry Time, Minutes	30	30	30	30	15
D.O.T. Label	Flammable	Flammable	Flammable	Flammable	Flammable
Recommended RTVs	1 & 2 Part Condensation	1 & 2 Part Condensation	1 & 2 Part Addition	All	1 Part Condensation

PRIMER RECOMMENDATION TABLE FOR RTV TWO COMPONENTS

TV Silicone Rubber Compound	Primers Recommended	
	Primary	Alternates
RTV11 thru 88	SS4004	SS4044, SS4155
RTV500 series	SS4004	SS4044, SS4155
RTV615, 655	SS4120	SS4155
RTV627	SS4155	SS4120
RTV630	SS4155	SS4120
RTV61X6 Series	SS4120	SS4155
RTV8000 Series	SS4004	SS4044

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

All surfaces to be bonded should first be thoroughly cleaned. A cloth or industrial tissue saturated with naphtha or methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) may be used to remove dirt, oil or grease from non-plastic surfaces. Isopropanol is a commonly used solvent for preparation of plastic surfaces to avoid crazing of the substrate. When practical, surfaces should be wiped dry before applying the primer coating. Abrasion of the surface will also often improve adhesion.

When solvents are used as described, proper safety precautions must be observed.

Priming Procedure

Primers may be applied by brushing, wiping or dipping. (Spraying may sometimes produce erratic results.) A thin uniform primer coating of approximately 0.01 to 0.02 mm (0.5mil) thickness usually provides the strongest bond. Care should be taken with plastic substrates such as polystyrene or polycarbonates (LEXAN®) which may tend to craze or become sticky when primer is applied. Crazing can be minimized if the primer is applied with a single, continuous stroke.

For most primers, a drying time of at least 30 minutes at room temperature is suggested prior to application of the RTV silicone rubber adhesive sealant. On porous surfaces, a second coat of primer may be required. Allow at least 30 minutes drying time between coats.

SS4179 primer must be allowed to air dry for at least 15 minutes at room temperature before applying the RTV silicone rubber adhesive sealant.

For all of these silicone primers sufficient humidity must be available for proper drying. A minimum of 25% relative humidity is suggested for all but SS4155 primer for which a minimum of 40% is suggested. Formation of a chalky white haze indicates adequate

drying of the S4155 primer. Do not remove or contaminate such film prior to application of the RTV silicone rubber compound.

Primers may be left to dry for up to 24 hours before application of the sealant without loss of bonding effects. However, the primed surface must be covered to prevent dirt or contaminant pick-up.

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 & Warranty Period

The warranty period for all primers, except SS4179, is 12 months from date of shipment from GE Silicones if stored in the original unopened container below 140F(60 C). The warranty period for SS4179 is 6 months from date of shipment from GE Silicones if stored in the original unopened container below 140F(60 C). Containers must be kept tightly closed when not in use.

A slight white precipitate may form in storage. This should not impair performance of the primer. Do not shake the container prior to use, but carefully decant the clear primer from the top of the container as needed. A laboratory check of adhesion is suggested prior to product use.

FDA STATUS

SS4120, SS4179 and SS4044Pprimers can be used in food contact applications where [FDA](#) regulations apply. Reference GE bulletin (4319) "Food Contact Applications Silicone Rubber Compounds", for specific regulations, limitations and conditions of use.

Availability

Products 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

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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