Technical Data Sheet

DOWSIL™ 3145 RTV MIL-A-46146 Adhesive Sealant - Clear

Clear, non-flowing adhesive with high tensile strength and elongation, MIL-A-46146 Group II tested

Features & Benefits

- Non-flowing
- Room temperature cure
- High tensile/tear strength and elongation
- MIL-A-46146 Group II, TY I
- No mixing required
- Room temperature cure, no ovens required
- Faster in-line processing with optional heat acceleration
- Can be considered for uses with Mil Spec requirements

Composition

- One part
- Polydimethylsiloxane adhesive

Applications

DOWSIL™ 3145 RTV MIL-A-46146 Adhesive Sealant – Clear is suitable for:

- Sealing openings in modules and housings
- Assembly of components on printed wiring board (PWB)
- Sealing in and around wired and electrical leads

Typical Properties

Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications.

Property	Unit	Result
One or Two-part		One
Color		Clear
Extrusion Rate	g/min	78.6
Flow Rate - Slump	in	0.092
Specific Gravity (Cured)		1.10
Tack-Free Time at 25°C	minutes	63.8
NVC (Non Volatile Content)	%	96.9
Tensile Strength	psi	864

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Typical Properties (Cont.)

Property	Unit	Result
Elongation	%	626
Tensile Modulus	psi	138
Tear Strength (Die B)	ppi	223
Durometer Shore A		45.6
Unprimed Adhesion - Lap Shear to Aluminum	Psi	336
	MPa	2.32
	N/cm^2	232
Dielectric Strength	volts/mil	485
Volume Resistivity	ohm*cm	4.4 E+14
Dielectric Constant at 100 Hz		2.83
Dielectric Constant at 100 kHz		2.83
Dissipation Factor at 100 Hz		0.0005
Dissipation Factor at 100 kHz		< 0.0002
Mil Specification	NA	MIL-A-46146[1] Group II TY I

1. MIL: Military Specification and Standards

Description

Dow one-part moisture cure adhesives are generally cured at room temperature and in an environment of 30 to 80 percent relative humidity eliminating the need for curing ovens and the associated costs of energy and capital. Greater than 90 percent of full physical properties should be attained within 24 to 72 hours and varies according to product. Faster manufacturing throughput can be achieved since the adhesive and component can be handled in much shorter times of about 10 to 120 minutes, depending on the adhesive selected and the amount applied. These adhesives are not typically used in highly confined spaces or where a deep section cure is required as they generally cure from the exposed surface inward at a rate of 0.25 inch per seven days. Cure progresses from the outer exposed surface and is dependent on the moisture in the air. Working time is generally a few minutes to an hour for these products until a surface skin begins to form. Mild heat below 60°C (140°F) may be used to increase through-put by accelerating the cure. Dow adhesives retain their original physical and electrical properties over a broad range of operating conditions which enhance the reliability of and service life of electronic devices.

Application Methods

- Automated or manual needle dispense

Preparing Surfaces

All surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned and/or degreased with Dow OS Fluids, naphtha, mineral spirits, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) or other suitable solvent. Solvents such as acetone or isopropyl alcohol (IPA) do not tend to remove oils well, and any oils remaining on the surface may interfere with adhesion. Light surface abrasion is recommended whenever possible, because it promotes good cleaning and increases the surface area for bonding. A final surface wipe with acetone or IPA is also useful. Some cleaning techniques may provide better results than others; users should determine the best techniques for their particular applications.

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Substrate Testing

Due to the wide variety of substrate types and differences in substrate surface conditions, general statements on adhesion and bond strength are impossible. To ensure maximum bond strength on a particular substrate, cohesive failure of the product in a lap shear or similar test is needed to ensure compatibility of the adhesive with the substrate being considered. Also, this test can be used to determine minimum cure time or to detect the presence of surface contaminants such as mold release agents, oils, greases and oxide films.

Adhesion

Dow adhesives are specially formulated to provide unprimed adhesion to many reactive metals, ceramics and glass, as well as to selected laminates, resins and plastics. However, good adhesion cannot be expected on non-reactive metal substrates or non-reactive plastic surfaces such as Teflon, polyethylene or polypropylene. Special surface treatments such as chemical etching or plasma treatment can sometimes provide a reactive surface and promote adhesion to these types of substrates. Dow primers can be used to increase the chemical activity on difficult substrates. Poor adhesion may be experienced on plastic or rubber substrates that are highly plasticized, because the mobile plasticizers act as release agents. Small-scale laboratory evaluation of all substrates is recommended before production trials are made.

Useful Temperature Ranges

For most uses, silicone adhesives should be operational over a temperature range of -45 to 200°C (-49 to 392°F) for long periods of time. However, at both the low- and high temperature ends of the spectrum, behavior of the materials and performance in particular applications can become more complex and require additional considerations. For low-temperature performance, thermal cycling to conditions such as -55°C (-67°F) may be possible, but performance should be verified for your parts or assemblies. Factors that may influence performance are configuration and stress sensitivity of components, cooling rates and hold times, and prior temperature history. At the high-temperature end, the durability of the cured silicone elastomer is time and temperature dependent. As expected, the higher the temperature, the shorter the time the material will remain useable.

Solvent Exposure

The silicone adhesive discussed in this literature is intended only to survive splash or intermittent exposures. It is not suited for continuous solvent or fuel exposure. Testing should be done to confirm performance of the adhesives under these conditions.

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 THE DOW WEBSITE AT DOW.COM, OR FROM YOUR DOW SALES APPLICATION ENGINEER, OR DISTRIBUTOR, OR BY CALLING DOW CUSTOMER SERVICE.

Usable Life and Storage

For best results, Dow adhesives should be stored at or below the storage temperature listed on the product label. Special precautions must be taken to prevent moisture from contacting these materials. Containers should be kept tightly closed with head or air space minimized. Partially filled containers should be purged with dry air or other gases, such as nitrogen. The product should be stored in its original packaging with the cover tightly attached to avoid any contamination. Store in accordance with any special instructions listed on the product label. The product should be used by its Use Before date as indicated on the product label.

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Packaging Information

Multiple packaging sizes are available for this product.

Limitations

This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses.

Health and Environmental Information

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For further information, please see our website, dow.com or consult your local Dow representative.

Disposal Considerations

Dispose in accordance with all local, state (provincial) and federal regulations. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. This material and its container must be disposed in a safe and legal manner.

It is the user's responsibility to verify that treatment and disposal procedures comply with local, state (provincial) and federal regulations. Contact your Dow Technical Representative for more information.

Product Stewardship

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