

# *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> PV-8080 Neutral Sealant

## **FEATURES**

- Proven technology in PV industry
- Adhesion to typical PV substrates
- Protects against mechanical shock and thermal cycling stress
- UL 94 HB, HWI=2, CTI=0
- RTI 105°C (221°F)

## **COMPOSITION**

- One-part, neutral alkoxy-cure silicone sealant

High-performance silicone adhesive/sealant with high elasticity after cure

## **APPLICATIONS**

- Bonding and sealing photovoltaic module components
- Used for frame sealing

## **TYPICAL PROPERTIES**

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CTM <sup>1</sup>	ASTM <sup>2</sup>	Property	Unit	Result
<b>As Supplied</b>				
0176		Color		White or Bright white
		Consistency		Non-slump paste
0364	D2452	Extrusion Rate <sup>3</sup>	g/minute	197
0095		Tack-Free Time <sup>4</sup>	minute	25
<b>Physical Properties – Cured 7 days at 23°C (75°F) and 50% Relative Humidity</b>				
0022	D0792	Specific Gravity at 23°C (75°F)		1.51
0099	D2240	Durometer Hardness, Shore A		28
0137A	D412	Tensile Strength	MPa	1.69
0137A	D412	Elongation at Break	%	746
0137A	D412	Modulus (100%)	MPa	0.43
0159A	D624	Tear Strength – Die B	kN/m	9.8
<b>Electrical Properties – Cured 7 days at 23°C and 50% Relative Humidity</b>				
0114	D149	Dielectric Strength	kV/mm	13
0249	D257	Volume Resistivity	ohm-cm	2.4x10 <sup>15</sup>

<sup>1</sup>CTMs (Corporate Test Methods) correspond to standard ASTM tests in most instances. Copies of CTMs are available upon request.

<sup>2</sup>ASTM – American Society for Testing and Materials.

<sup>3</sup>Extrusion rate measured using 3.18mm diameter nozzle at 0.62 Mpa.

<sup>4</sup>Tack-free time is the time required for the product to develop a non-tacky surface based on adhesion to a polyethylene film.

## **DESCRIPTION**

*Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> PV-8080 Neutral Sealant is designed to provide long-term sealing and protection against moisture, environmental degradation, mechanical and thermal shock, and vibration where a room-temperature-curing product is preferred. It not only seals and protects, but its high elasticity after cure allows flexibility in harsh conditions, suitable for photovoltaic framing applications.

## **HOW TO USE**

### **Substrate Preparation**

Certain plastics may require specific surface treatment to obtain optimum adhesion. Contact your local Dow Corning Technical support for further information.

All surfaces must be clean and dry. Degrease and wash off any contaminants that could impair adhesion. Suitable solvents include isopropyl alcohol, acetone, or methyl ethyl ketone.

## How to Apply

Apply a bead of *Dow Corning* PV-8080 Neutral Sealant to one of the prepared surfaces, then cover with the other substrate to be bonded in 10-15 minutes.

On exposure to moisture, the freshly applied material will “skin over” in about 10 to 15 minutes at room temperature and 50% relative humidity. Any tooling should be completed before this skin forms. The surface is easily tooled with a spatula. *Dow Corning* PV-8080 Neutral Sealant will be tack free in about 25 minutes.

## Cure Time

After skin formation, cure continues inward from the surface. In 24 hours (at room temperature and 50% relative humidity), *Dow Corning* PV-8080 Neutral Sealant will cure to a depth of about 3 mm. Very deep sections, especially when access to atmospheric moisture is restricted, will take longer to cure completely. Cure time is also extended at lower humidity levels. Before handling and packaging bonded components, users are advised to wait a sufficiently long time to ensure that the integrity of the adhesive seal is not affected. Extended cure time with respect to bonded components depends on many factors and should be determined by the user for each specific application.

## 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, OR FROM YOUR DOW CORNING REPRESENTATIVE.

## USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

When stored at or below 30°C (86°F) in the original unopened containers, *Dow Corning* PV-8080 Neutral Sealant has a usable life of 12 months from the date of manufacture.

Because *Dow Corning* PV-8080 Neutral Sealant cures by reaction with moisture in air, keep the container tightly sealed when not in use. A plug of used material may form in the tip of a tube or cartridge during storage. This is easily removed and does not affect the remaining contents. In pails, a skin may form on the surface. This should be removed before placing in dispensing equipment.

## PACKAGING INFORMATION

*Dow Corning* PV-8080 Neutral Sealant is available in cartridges, sausages, pails, and drums. For further details, please refer to your *Dow Corning* contact.

## LIMITATIONS

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.

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