Technical Data Sheet

SYLGARD™ 160 Silicone Elastomer

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Good flowability
- Room temperature or heat accelerated cure
- Moderate thermal conductivity
- UL 94 V-0
- Rapid, versatile cure processing controlled by temperature
- Can be considered for uses requiring added flame resistance

COMPOSITION

- Gray
- 1 to 1 Mix Ratio
- Polydimethylsiloxane

Two-part, 1 to 1 mix, dark gray, general purpose encapsulant with good flowability and flame resistance

APPLICATIONS

- SYLGARD™160 Silicone Elastomer is suitable for general potting material for power supplies, connectors, sensors, industrial controls and transformers.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

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

Property	Unit	Result
One or Two-Part	-	Two
Color	-	Dark Gray to Black
Viscosity (Part A)	cP Pa-sec	6,000 6
Viscosity (Part B)	cP Pa-sec	3,730 3.7
Viscosity (Mixed)	cP Pa-sec	4,865 4.8
Specific Gravity (Uncured Part A)	-	1.61
Specific Gravity (Uncured Part B)	-	1.60
Thermal Conductivity	BTU/hr ft °F W/m °K	0.36 0.62
Working Time at 25°C (Pot Life - minutes)	minutes	20
Cure Time at 25°C	hours	24
Heat Cure Time at 100°C	minutes	4
Durometer Shore A	-	56
Dielectric Strength	volts/mil kV/mm	475 19
Volume Resistivity	ohm *cm	5.6 E+14
Dielectric Constant at 100 Hz	-	3.51
Dielectric Constant at 100 kHz	-	3.45
Dissipation Factor at 100 Hz	-	0.0047
Dissipation Factor at 100 kHz	-	0.00118
Linear CTE (by DMA)	µm/m- °C or ppm	200
UL RTI Rating	°C	150

DESCRIPTION

Dow silicone encapsulants are supplied as two-part liquid component kits with a mix ratio of 1 to 1. When liquid components are thoroughly mixed, the mixture cures to a flexible elastomer, which is well suited for the protection of electrical/ PCB system assembly applications. Dow silicone encapsulants cure without exotherm at a constant rate regardless of sectional thickness or degree of confinement. Dow silicone encapsulant requires no post cure and can be placed in service immediately following the completion of the cure schedule. Standard silicone encapsulants require a surface treatment with a primer in addition to good cleaning for adhesion while primerless silicone encapsulants require only good cleaning.

This material has a UL 94 –V-0 flame rating. Please review UL file QMFZ2.E40195 for more specific information on the thickness ranges tested.

APPLICATION METHODS

- Automated metered mixing and dispensing
- Manual mixing

MIXING AND DE-AIRING

These products are supplied in a 1 to 1 mix ratio, which is very robust in manufacturing environments and allows for some process and dispense equipment variation. In most cases de-airing is not required.

PREPARING SURFACES

In applications requiring adhesion, priming will be required for many of the silicone encapsulants. For best results, the primer should be applied in a very thin, uniform coating and then wiped off after application. After application, it should be thoroughly cured prior to application of the silicone encapsulant. Additional instructions for primer usage can be found in the information sheets specific to the individual primers.

PROCESSING/CURING

Thoroughly mixed Dow silicone encapsulants may be poured/dispensed directly into the container in which it is to be cured. Care should be taken to minimize air entrapment. When practical, pouring/dispensing should be done under vacuum, particularly if the component being potted or encapsulated has many small voids. If this technique cannot be used, the unit should be evacuated after the silicone encapsulant has been poured/ dispensed. Dow silicone encapsulants may be either room temperature (25°C/77°F) or heat cured. Room temperature cure encapsulants may also be heat accelerated for faster cure. Ideal cure conditions for each product are given in the product selection table.

POT LIFE AND CURE RATE

Cure reaction begins with the mixing process. Initially, cure is evidenced by a gradual increase in viscosity, followed by gelation and conversion to a solid elastomer. Pot life is defined as the time required for viscosity to double after Parts A and B (base and curing agent) are mixed and is highly temperature and application dependent. Please refer to the data table.

USEFUL TEMPERATURE RANGES

For most uses, silicone encapsulants 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 and should be adequately tested for the particular end use environment.

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.

COMPATIBILITY

Certain materials, chemicals, curing agents and plasticizers can inhibit the cure of addition cure gels. Most notable of these include: organotin and other organometallic compounds, silicone rubber containing organotin catalyst, sulfur, polysulfides, polysulfones or other sulfur containing materials, unsaturated hydrocarbon plasticizers, and some solder flux residues. If a substrate or material is questionable with respect to potentially causing inhibition of cure, it is recommended that a small scale compatibility test be run to ascertain suitability in a given application. The presence of liquid or uncured product at the interface between the questionable substrate and the cured gel indicates incompatibility and inhibition of cure.

REPAIRABILITY

In the manufacture of electrical/ PCB system assemblies it is often desirable to salvage or reclaim damaged or defective units. With most non-silicone rigid potting/encapsulating materials, removal or entry is difficult or impossible without causing excessive damage to internal circuitry. Dow silicone encapsulants can be selectively removed with relative ease, depending on the chosen remove method and technique and repairs or changes accomplished, and the repaired area repotted in place with additional product.

To remove silicone elastomers, simply cut with a sharp blade or knife and tear and remove unwanted material from the area to be repaired. Sections of the adhered elastomer are best removed from substrates and circuitry by mechanical action such as scraping or rubbing and can be assisted by applying Dow OS fluids to swell the elastomer. Before applying additional encapsulant to a repaired device, roughen the exposed surfaces of the cured encapsulant with an abrasive paper and rinse with a suitable solvent and dry. This will enhance adhesion and permit the repaired material to become an integral matrix with the existing encapsulant. Silicone prime coats are not recommended for adhering products to themselves.

PACKAGING INFORMATION

Multiple packaging sizes are available for this product.

USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

Shelf life is indicated by the "Use Before" date found on the product label. Refer to the product label for storage temperature requirements. Special precautions must be taken to prevent moisture from contacting these materials. Containers should be kept tightly closed and head or air space minimized. Partially filled containers should be purged with dry air or other gases, such as nitrogen. Exposure to moisture could reduce adhesion and cause bubbles to form. Encapsulant materials which contain higher levels of fillers that have been stored for long periods of time should typically be agitated or rolled prior to mixing to prevent separation and settle-out.

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

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LIMITATIONS

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

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