

Primers

Dow Corning[®] 1200 OS Primer Clear

FEATURES

- Useful for both moisture curing RTV and heat curing silicones
- Diluted in low molecular weight silicone fluid
- Meets many international regulations for low VOC content (including European Union)
- Similar to P5200 Primer

BENEFITS

- Useful on most metals, glass, ceramics, masonry, wood, fabric and some plastics (including FR-4)

POTENTIAL USES

- Enhances bonding/adhesion of RTV and heat cure silicones to many:
- Metals
- Ceramics
- Glass
- Wood
- Masonry
- Structural plastics

APPLICATION METHODS

- Apply in a very light, even coat by:
- Wiping
- Dipping
- Spraying
- Excess material should be wiped off to avoid over-application
- Diluting by a factor of 2 to 4 with additional solvent may avoid excessive build-up

Versatile, adhesion enhancing, clear primer dispersed in low molecular weight silicone fluid

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

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Property	Unit	Value
Flash Point	°F	81
	°C	27
Volatile Organic Content (OS Fluid exempt)	grams/liter	76
Volatile Organic Content (OS Fluid non-exempt)	grams/liter	508
Shelf Life at 25°C	months	18

DESCRIPTION

Dow Corning® brand primers, prime coats and adhesion promoters are dilute solutions of silane coupling agents and other active ingredients. The surface reactive components typically must be applied in a very thin layer for best bonding. The solvents used in these products serve to deliver the active ingredients in a thin, uniform coating, enhance surface cleaning, and in some cases, aid in the penetration of the active ingredients into the bonding surface. Primers can be used to increase design flexibility, reduce total costs or increase performance reliability of electronic systems. They do this by enabling adhesion to lower-cost substrates or lower temperature processes which reduce energy budgets, among other possibilities.

HOW TO USE

These products should be applied in a very light, even coat by wiping, dipping or spraying. Excess material should be wiped off to avoid over-application, which generally appears as a white, chalky surface. When dip or spray coating, diluting by a factor of 2 to 4 with additional solvent may avoid excessive build-up. Apply additional cleaner/primer to the cloth every 3 to 5 minutes to ensure fresh material can react with the substrate.

PREPARING SURFACES

The active ingredients must thoroughly wet-out and coat the bonding surfaces. Mild abrasion, solvent cleaning, plasma, corona discharge and other pre-treatments have been used to clean and enhance surface reactivity to bonding. In general, light surface abrasion is recommended whenever possible, because it promotes good cleaning and increases the surface area for bonding. Surfaces should be cleaned and/or degreased with Dow Corning® brand OS Fluids, naphtha, mineral spirits, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) or other suitable solvents that will remove oils and other contaminants that may be present. A final surface wipe with acetone or IPA may also be

helpful. Different cleaning techniques may give better results than others. Users should determine the best technique for their applications. For especially difficult-to-bond-to surfaces, it may be necessary to increase the surface reactivity by chemical etchants or oxidizers, or by exposing the surface to UV, corona, plasma or flame sources. Allow solvents to completely evaporate before applying the primer.

PROCESSING/CURING

These products require moisture in the air to cure, and are generally cured at room temperature and in a range of 20 to 90 percent relative humidity for 1 to 2 hours. Low humidity and/or low temperature conditions require longer cure times. Mild heat acceleration of the cure rate may be possible but temperatures above 60°C (140°F) are not recommended. During application, the carrier solvent typically evaporates off quickly, allowing the active ingredients to begin to react with atmospheric moisture and bonding surfaces. For optimal bonding, different cure times may be required for different temperature and humidity conditions. Users should determine the best cure schedule and conditions for their applications. The desired silicone elastomer should be applied after the primer, prime coat or adhesion promoter has fully cured.

PACKAGING

In general, Dow Corning primers, prime coats and adhesion promoters are supplied in nominal 1-gallon (3.8-L) and 13.5-fl oz (400-mL) or 1-pint (473-mL) containers, net volume. Not all products may be available in all packages and some additional packages may be available for certain products.

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Shelf life is indicated by the "Use Before" date found on the product label. For best results, Dow Corning primers, prime coats and adhesion promoters should be stored below

32°C (90°F). Special precautions must be taken to prevent moisture from contacting these materials before use. 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 to maximize shelf life. Small amounts for immediate use should be poured into clean, dry containers and discarded when finished. Material should not be used once it takes on a milky appearance or a large amount of white precipitate is observed, indicating moisture contamination. Repeated opening of the container can cause a small amount of white precipitate to form inside the container cap area, which does not affect the bulk material.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

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