

# Technical Data Sheet Vibra-Tite® 998 RTV Black Silicone

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## **Product Description**

Vibra-Tite 998 Black Silicone Sealant is a one-part acetoxy cure silicone sealant with high temperature resistance that cures in the presence of atmospheric moisture to produce a durable and flexible silicone rubber compound.

## **Typical Applications**

Vibra-Tite 998 Sealant provides a long-lasting flexible seal with excellent adhesion to most surfaces. This sealant is intended for a variety of general purpose and industrial applications and retains its elastomeric properties at temperatures from -65° to  $500^{\circ}$  F (-53° to  $260^{\circ}$  C.).

#### **Technical Features**

Specially designed for automotive applications such as sealing exhaust manifolds; turbo housings; oxygen sensors; adhering auto and appliance trim; providing form-in-place gaskets for gear boxes, compressors & pumps; sealing trailers and truck cabs; bonding and sealing appliance parts.

The consistency of Vibra-Tite 998 Sealant remains uniform over a wide range of temperatures. It may be applied in sub-zero weather without loss of extrusion or physical properties.

Vibra-Tite 998 Sealant retains its elastomeric properties at temperatures from -65° to 500° F and can be used for intermittent exposure at temperatures up to 600° F.

#### Limitations

Vibra-Tite 998 Sealant is not recommended for use in the following applications:

- Do not use silicone gasket maker only when replacing head gaskets.
- Do not use on parts continuously immersed in gasoline.
- Glazing or edge sealing of insulated glass.
- Structural glazing.

- Aquariums
- Copper or brass. The cure byproduct may discolor these surfaces.
- Totally confined spaces. Because the sealant needs atmospheric moisture to cure.
- Surfaces that require painting. Paint will not adhere to most silicone surfaces.

## **Properties**

Sag or Slump: Nil Color: Black

Specific Gravity: 1.3

Tack-free time: <1 hr (@ 77° F, 50% RH) Curing time: 24 hrs (@ 77° F, 50% RH, ¼" bead)

Durometer hardness, Shore A: 26-40 Meets GM Specification: 9985985

### **Procedure for Application**

- 1. Clean and dry surfaces. Surfaces should be free of dirt, grease, oil and old gasketing material.
- 2. Remove cap, puncture inner seal, screw on extension nozzle and cut nozzle to desired bead
- 3. Apply an approximate 1/8" unbroken bead to one surface, completely encircle all bolt holes.
- 4. Assemble parts while material is tacky (approx. 5 to 10 minutes). Do not over tighten bolts. Material skins within 15 minutes.
- 5. May be applied to both sides of gasket to use as a pre-cut gasket dressing.
- 6. Allow to cure for at least 15 minutes. Material normally fully cures in 24 hours.
- 7. Remove nozzle and replace cap after use.

## **Shelf Life**

When stored in original, unopened containers at or below 90° F (32° C) Vibra-Tite 998 Sealant has a minimum shelf life of 24 months from the date of manufacture.

#### **General Information**

Health & Safety in use

Because of solid content, use of gloves and goggles are recommended.