

# Spec Sheet: Caulks and Sealants

Manufacturer/Product Name	Type	Cure Time (Tack Free/Complete)	Paintable?	Clean Up	Comments
Ace Hardware/Clear Sealant	Not stated	10 mins/72+ hrs	Yes	Mineral spirits	Looks, smells, and feels like ordinary silicone.
BoatLife/Life Seal	Polyurethane/Silicone	10 mins/24 hrs	No	Acetone	Apparently a blend. Claims to stick to anything.
BoatLife/Teak Deck Sealant	Polysulfide	30 mins/24 hrs	Not Stated	Acetone	Not very sticky. Made primarily for teak decks.
BoatLife/Silicone Rubber	Silicone	30 mins/24 hrs	No	Acetone	Standard silicone; trims neatly when cured.
Elmer's/Squeeze N Caulk	Silicone/Acrylic Latex	2 hrs/Not Stated	Yes	Water	A blend; too thin and runny, with difficult cure time.
GE/Marine Silicone Rapid Cure	Silicone	30 mins/12+ hrs	No	Acetone	Not for gaps or joints greater than 1/2" x 1/2"
GE/Silicone II XST	Silicone	2 hrs/48 hrs	Yes	Water	Very stiff. Could barely squeeze from the tube.
Eclectic/Goop	'Contact Adhesive'	2-10 mins/24 hrs	Yes	Acetone	Much too runny. Website doesn't seem to exist.
Gloucester Co./Phenoseal	Vinyl Adhesive	1 hr/12-45 hrs	Yes	Water	Very stiff to handle. Does not adhere well.
RPM Inc./Dap	Acrylic Latex/Silicone	30 mins/24 hrs	Yes	Water	Nice container, but much too thin and runny.
RPM/Dap Kwik Seal	Acrylic Latex	2 hrs/24 hrs	Yes	Water	Another nice container, but too thin and runny.
Sashco/Lexel	Acrylic Latex	30 mins/1-2 weeks	Latex only	Acetone	Easy to handle, but looks and feels like silicone.
Sika/291	Polyurethane	Not Stated/1 week	Yes	Mineral spirits	Trouble with cartridge, but finally broke loose.
Sika/291 LOT	Polyurethane	Not Stated/1 week	Yes	Mineral spirits	As above, nice 'body' and easy to put in place.
Sika/295 UV	Polyurethane	Not Stated/12 hrs	Yes	Mineral spirits	Sika's very best caulk; so far worth every penny.
3M/101	Polysulfide	5 hrs/2-3 weeks	Yes	Alcohol	Handles well, but not equal to a polyurethane.
3M/5200	Polyurethane	48 hrs/5-7 days	Yes	Acetone	Much runnier than above. Too long to form skin.
3M/5200 Fast Cure	Polyurethane	1 hr/24 hrs.	Yes	Acetone	Seems superior to 3M's highly-regarded 5200.
3M/Silicone	Silicone	5-10 mins/24 hrs	No	Acetone	Like other silicones, useful above the waterline.
3M/4000 UV	Polyether	2 hrs/24+ hrs	Yes	Alcohol	3M's best. Same formulation as 4200 Fast Cure.
West Marine/Silicone	Silicone	1 hr/24 hrs	No	Acetone	West Marine's name brand for standard silicone.
West Marine/Quick Cure	Polyurethane	2 hrs/2-3 days	Yes	Acetone	Probably made by 3M or Sika for West Marine.
West Marine/Multi Caulk	Polyether	2 hrs/1 day	Yes	Acetone	Same as comment immediately above.