# **Product Information** Solar

# *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> PV-7326 Potting Agent

# **FEATURES & BENEFITS**

- Tailor made product for PV J-box potting
- Thermal conductivity >0.5 W/mk
- Good adhesion performance to J-box substrate
- Compatible with frame sealant and adhesive sealant
- Flame resistance V0 level
- Neutral alkoxy sealant
- Fast room temperature cure

# COMPOSITION

• Two-part, 4:1 (by volume) mix ratio silicone elastomer supplied as flowable liquid Potting material providing thermal management and protection from environmental elements

#### APPLICATIONS

• Potting of solar module junction boxes

## **TYPICAL PROPERTIES**

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CTM <sup>1</sup>	Properties	Unit	Result
	Catalyst		
0176	Color		Translucent
0050	Viscosity	centipoise	210
0097B	Specific Gravity		0.94
	Base		
0176	Color		White/Black
0050	Viscosity	centipoise	4842
0097B	Specific Gravity		1.48
	Mixed		
0176	Color		White/Black
0050	Viscosity Mixed	centipoise	3300
0099	Durometer, Shore A		37
0022	Density <sup>2</sup>	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.42
0055	Working Time <sup>3</sup>	minutes	7.6
0092	Non-flow Time	minutes	38
	Room Temperature Cure Time <sup>4</sup>	hours	72hours@25 °C
0114	Dielectric Strength	kV/mm	25.25
0249	Volume Resistance	$\Omega$ .cm	1.08E+15
	Thermal Conductivity	watts/meter K	0.54

<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>Cured.

<sup>3</sup>Pot life, time to double initial viscosity (initial mixed viscosity for two-part products) at room temperature.

<sup>4</sup>Cured at 25 °C and 50% RH.

### DESCRIPTION

*Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> PV-7326 Potting Agent is supplied as two-part liquid component kits comprised of base and catalyst to be mixed in a 4:1 ratio by volume. It is suitable for manual mixing or automated mixing and dispensing. When liquid components are thoroughly mixed, the mixture cures to a flexible elastomer.

# HOW TO USE

*Dow Corning* PV-7326 Potting Agent is supplied in two parts that are mixed in a 4:1 ratio (base and catalyst).

Both base and catalyst part are moisture sensitive. Please keep opened packaging away from moisture. Catalyst is especially very sensitive to moisture. Purging with dry N2 is suggested when reopening packaging.

*Dow Corning* PV-7326 Potting Agent can be dispensed manually or by using one of the available types of meter mix equipment. Typically, the components are readily mixed with static or dynamic mixers. Automated meter-mix equipment is normally used with high-volume processes. For lowvolume applications, manual weighing and simple hand mixing may be appropriate.

Inaccurate proportioning or inadequate mixing may cause localized or widespread problems affecting the pottant properties or cure characteristics. If possible, the potential for air entrapment should be considered during design of the part and selection of a process to mix and dispense the pottant. Subjecting the pottant part to >28 inches Hg vacuum may be necessary to ensure a voidfree, protective layer.

It is expected that some settling may occur in the base over time. Therefore, it is recommended that the base be mixed in a pail or drum roller before use and for automated line use, it is recommended that the base be applied from an agitated dispense tank.

It is recommended that the material be mixed, such as with a pail or drum

roller upon receipt. The material should then be applied from an agitated dispensing tank.

#### Working Time and Cure

Working time (or pot life) is the time required for the initial mixed viscosity to double at room temperature (RT). For two-part, condensation cure products, such as *Dow Corning* PV-7326 Potting Agent, the cure reaction begins when the catalyst and base are mixed. As the cure progresses, viscosity increases until the material cures. *Dow Corning* PV-7326 Potting Agent will cure at room temperature, 50% relative humidity and the result is 72 hours.

# USEFUL TEMPERATURE RANGES

For most uses, *Dow Corning* PV-7326 Potting Agent should be operational over a temperature range of -45 to  $150 \ \mathbb{C}$  (-49 to  $302 \ \mathbb{F}$ ) for long periods.

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# USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

When stored at or below  $35 \ \mbox{C} (95 \ \mbox{F})$  in the original unopened containers, *Dow Corning* PV-7326 Potting Agent has a usable life of 12 months from the date of manufacture.

Storage conditions and shelf life ("Use By" date) are indicated on the product label.

# PACKAGING INFORMATION

*Dow Corning* PV-7326 Potting Agent is available in standard pail and drum packaging. Detailed container size information may be obtained from your Dow Corning representative.

# LIMITATIONS

Use of this product must be based on the results of your product testing, manufacturing processes, and end applications. Full environmental exposure testing is recommended for all applications.

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

# HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

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