### **Product Information** Solar

# *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> PV-8301 Fast Cure Sealant

#### FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Adhesion to typical PV substrates
- Fast cure allowing increased production rates
- Two part product providing customized cure rate
- UL 94 HB; HWI=3; HAI=0; CTI=0; RTI 105°C (221°F), Outdoor UV/H2O pending

#### **COMPOSITION**

• Two-part, fast cure silicone sealant

Fast cure silicone adhesive sealant

#### APPLICATIONS

- Bonding and sealing photovoltaic module components
- Used for rail bonding, frame sealing and junction box adhesion

#### **TYPICAL PROPERTIES**

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Property	Unit	Result
Dow Corning <sup>®</sup> PV-8301 Catalyst		
Color		Black
Viscosity	mPas or cP	76000
Specific gravity		1.0
Dow Corning <sup>®</sup> PV-8300 Base		
Color		White
Extrusion Rate	Grams/ m	190
Specific Gravity		1.31
Dow Corning PV-8300 Base with Dow Corning PV-8301 Catalyst		
Color		Black and White
Snap time (working time)	minutes	20 - 25
Cure time @ 25°C	hours	8
Specific gravity		1.31
Properties after full cure – 7 day at 23°C measured on 2 mm cured sheets		
Durometer hardness	Shore A	38 - 44
Tensile strength (H-Bar Test) <sup>1</sup>	Psi	174
	MPa	1.2
Elongation to break (H-Bar Test) <sup>1</sup>	%	80
Tensile strength (Sheet material test) <sup>2</sup>	Psi	300 - 350
	MPa	2.1 - 2.4
Elongation to break (Sheet material test) <sup>2</sup>	%	220
Adhesion via Peel Test – 7 day cure at 23°C		
Cohesive Failure	%	Pli
PPO, Anodized Al, Glass and Tedlar®	100	15 - 24

<sup>1</sup> Test per external reference NFP 85-405, DTU 39.4

<sup>2</sup> Test per external reference ASTM D 412 (ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials.)

#### DESCRIPTION

*Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> PV-8301 Fast Cure Sealant is designed to provide longterm bonding and protection against moisture, environmental degradation, mechanical and thermal shock where cure speed is critical. It is recommended specifically for structural bonding to attach typical PV substrates.

#### HOW TO USE Mixing

The *Dow Corning* PV-8301 Catalyst is designed to be used with *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> PV-8300 Base in a mix ratio of 10 parts base to 1 part catalyst by weight. Suitable meter/mix equipment should be equipped with gear or piston metering pumps for base and catalyst, and a static mixer.

#### **Curing Conditions**

*Dow Corning* PV-8301 Fast Cure Sealant cures at room temperature and develops adhesion rapidly to metals, glass and plastic substrates. Adhesion is normally good to most substrates (see Note) without the use of primer, or of surface activation methods. If enhanced adhesion properties are needed, contact your local Dow Corning technical support for primer and surface treatment recommendations.

#### Note

Adhesion to low energy surfaces like polypropylene can be achieved via use of primer or plasma treatment.

#### HUMIDITY RESISTANCE

*Dow Corning* PV-8301 Fast Cure Sealant shows good adhesive resistance to hot and humid conditions.

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## USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

When stored between 5°C to 100°C (41°F to 212°F) in the original unopened containers, the usable life from the date of manufacture is listed below:

• *Dow Corning* PV-8300 Base - 14 months

When stored at or below 25°C (77°F) in the original unopened containers, the usable life from the date of manufacture is listed below:

• *Dow Corning* PV-8301 Catalyst Black - 14 months

#### PACKAGING INFORMATION

*Dow Corning* PV-8301 Fast Cure Sealant is available in standard pails and drums. Detailed container size information may be obtained from your Dow Corning representative.

#### LIMITATIONS

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

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