

# *Dow Corning*<sup>®</sup> 550 Fluid

## **FEATURES & BENEFITS**

- Low volatility
- Serviceable temperature range of -40°C up to 230°C in open systems, and up to 315°C in closed systems
- Viscosity of 100-150mm<sup>2</sup>/sec at 25°C
- High flash point
- Excellent heat transfer characteristics
- High viscosity index
- Good compressibility
- Good oxidation and thermal stability

Polyphenylmethyldimethylsiloxane

## **APPLICATIONS**

### **As a lubricant:**

- Base oil for high temperature ball bearing greases.
- Lubricating oil for high temperature instruments.

### **As a heat transfer medium:**

- Heat-treating baths for speciality metals.
- Heat exchange fluid for research apparatus and instrument calibration baths.
- Heat transfer oil in capacitors, transformers and various electronics.

### **As a thermostat fluid:**

- Suitable for temperatures from -40°C to 315°C in thermostat systems, which should be kept clean.

## **TYPICAL PROPERTIES**

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Property	Unit	Result
Viscosity at +99°C	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	20
Viscosity at +38°C	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	84
Viscosity at +25°C	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	100-150
Viscosity at -29°C	mm <sup>2</sup> /s	22,000
Viscosity-temperature coefficient <sup>1</sup>		0.76
Viscosity stability <sup>2</sup>		<5%
Flash point - open cup	°C	>300
Freeze point	°C	-50
Refractive index at 25°C		1.4900-1.5000
Surface tension at 25°C	mN/m	24.5
Volatility 12 months/ 150°C	%	4
Volatility 12 months/ 200°C	%	15
Volatility 4 hours/ 250°C	%	1.2
Volatility 48 hours/ 250°C	%	5.5
Thermal gel time <sup>2</sup> - months at 200°C <sup>3</sup>		14
Thermal gel time <sup>2</sup> - hours at 250°C <sup>3</sup>		1200
Thermal gel time <sup>2</sup> - hours at 260°C <sup>3</sup>		200
Thermal conductivity at 25°C, W/m.K		0.13

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES (Continued)

Property	Unit	Result
Specific heat at 0°C	kJ/kg. K	1.418
Specific heat at 40°C	kJ/kg. K	1.498
Specific heat at 100°C	kJ/kg. K	1.615
Specific heat at 200°C	kJ/kg. K	1.812

<sup>1</sup>Viscosity-temperature coefficient equals (1 - viscosity at 99°C/viscosity at 38°C).

<sup>2</sup>% change after 16 hours at 250°C, viscosity measured at 25°C.

<sup>3</sup>As determined by heating a 35 to 40 gram sample in a 150 ml beaker (19.35 cm<sup>2</sup> bottom area). Air circulating oven used.

**Table 1: Vapour Pressure vs. Temperature**

Temperature, °C	Pressure, Pa
228	11
244	25
263	84
277	155
380	13332

(1mm Hg = 133.322 Pa)

**Table 2: Compressibility**

Pressure MPa	% Compressibility
7	0.5
20	1.4
35	2.3
50	3.0
75	4.2
100	5.2
150	6.8

### DESCRIPTION

Dow Corning<sup>®</sup> 550 Fluid is a trimethyl-terminated dimethyl, phenylmethyl siloxane fluid.

### HANDLING

#### PRECAUTIONS

#### PRODUCT SAFETY

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### USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

When stored at or below 60°C in the original unopened containers, this product has a usable life of 60 months from the date of production.

### PACKAGING INFORMATION

Dow Corning 550 Fluid is available in 500 ml and 1 kg. bottles as well as 18 Kg. pails, 220 kg. drums and 1275 kg. IBC's.

### LIMITATIONS

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

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