



Technical Data Sheet



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121 Decorators Caulk

One-part acrylic sealant

CHARACTERISTICS

UniBond 121 Decorators Caulk is a one-part joint sealant, based on an acrylic dispersion. UniBond 121 Decorators Caulk is a non-sag sealant for indoor and outdoor joints with low movements.

- Overpaintable (see notes on application)
- Easy to apply / very good application properties
- Good adhesion to many substrates without primer such as concrete, wood etc.
- Bonds to damp, absorbent substrates without primer
- Virtually odourless
- High durability
- Solvent-free

STANDARDS

- Conforms to EN 15651-1
 - EN 15301-1
- Product type F-EXT-INT: sealant for facade for interior and exterior application
Reaction to fire: Class E

APPLICATION FIELD

- Sealing of connection joints with low movements indoor and outdoor
- For connection joints around small to medium sized wooden window frames, interior door frames, roller blind boxes, window sills, PVC-pipes/conduits, drywalls, ceilings, plaster, connection joints between walls and skirting boards, etc.
- For sealing of indoor connection joints on substrates such as concrete, plaster, brick, plasterboard, aluminium, wood, PVC, etc.
- For connection joints sealed/filled during wallpapering and painting



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

UniBond 121 Decorators Caulk is supplied ready to use and can be applied from the cartridge using a standard air or hand operated gun, with no special pre-treatment.

The joint width must be designed to suit the movement capability of the sealant.

- a) In general the joint width should be > 10 mm and < 30 mm if movements are expected. A width to depth ratio of $\sim 1:0.5$ should be maintained.
- b) Recommended minimum joint width for joints around windows and doors: 10 mm
- c) For triangular joints the sides should be 6 mm minimum.

Joint preparation

The substrates to seal should be clean, dry and free of dust, oils, grease and loose particles. Porous substrates (e.g. concrete, plaster, wood...) should be wetted well before applying the sealant. Where necessary, completely remove old sealant and other residues. Surfaces can be degreased with the appropriate cleaner.

After joint and substrate preparation, insert backing rod (closed cell, PE-foam backing rods) to required depth if necessary.

Application

Cut off the top of cartridge cap above the thread, screw on the plastic nozzle and cut at an angle to match the required joint width. Insert the cartridge into a sealant gun and apply the sealant into the joint making sure that the sealant is in full contact with the sides of the joint and air voids are avoided.

Tooling

Directly after application, the product should be tooled to ensure good adhesion. The joint can be lightly sprayed with clean water before tooling. If using externally, protect the surface of the sealant from water (rain) until a skin has formed.

Cleaning tools

Fresh, uncured product can be removed with water. Clean tools and application equipment with water immediately after use. Cured sealant is insoluble in all solvents and can only be removed mechanically (e.g. with knife).

Notes on application/limitations

The product is suitable for many types of construction materials: concrete, brick, fibre-concrete, painted metals, lacquered aluminium, anodized aluminium, wood, PVC etc.

No adhesion to PE, PP, PTFE (Teflon®). Not recommended for natural stone (e.g. marble), tiling, ceramics.

On plastics and paints, the adhesion properties should be tested before use. In cases of unknown materials or critical applications, adhesions tests are recommended or contact our Technical Service.



Sealants may only be painted over if the coating is able to follow the movements of the sealant (in general if joint movements are <5%, depending on the coating) – otherwise cracks in the surface of the coating can occur. The product can be painted over using normal commercial paints, lacquers and varnishes. Pre-tests to ensure paint compatibility and overpaintability are recommended before use.

Do not apply when rain or frost is imminent. Protect from rain until sealant has fully cured. During curing, UniBond 121 Decorators Caulk must be protected from frost. After curing the product is waterproof and frost resistant.

Application during high temperature changes is not recommended as it may result in the sealant cracking

Do not use UniBond 121 Decorators Caulk as glazing sealant, in floor joints, movement joints in exterior walls, on marble/natural stone, on bituminous substrates, natural rubber, chloroprene, EPDM or on building materials which might bleed oils, plasticizers or solvents which could attack the sealant. Do not use on easy corroding substrates like blank steel, iron etc.

Not suitable for joints with water pressure or joints with permanent water immersion (underwater systems, sanitary installations, flooring joints, balconies and terraces). Do not use UniBond 121 Decorators Caulk in sanitary sealing applications

Colour deviations may occur e.g. due to exposure to chemicals or high temperatures. However a change in colour does not usually adversely affect the technical performance or the durability.

For further information and in case of application fields which are not mentioned in this data sheet please contact your local Henkel representative.

TECHNICAL DATA:

<u>Uncured product</u>		
Base:	Acrylate dispersion, waterbased	
Odour:	Characteristic	
Application temperature:	+5°C - +40°C (substrate and ambient)	
Consistency:	Non-slump paste	
Density:	~1,56 g/cm ³	(ISO 2811-1)
Resistance to flow:	~ 0 mm	(ISO 7390)
Skin formation time:	~ 25 minutes	(23°C, 50% r.h.)
Curing speed:	~ 10 days/5 mm	(23°C, 50% r.h., bead 20x10mm)
<u>Cured product</u>		
Odour:	Odourless	
Shore A hardness:	~ 40	(ISO 868)
100% Modulus :	~ 0,2 N/mm ²	(ISO 8339-A)
Elongation at break:	~ 200%	(ISO 8339-A)
Shrinkage:	~ -30%	(ISO 10563)
Movement capability:	12,5 %	
Recommended joint width:	max. 30 mm	
Service temperature:	-20°C - +80°C	



GENERAL INFORMATION

Storage

18 months from date of production if stored in unopened original cartridges, in dry conditions and protected from direct sunlight at temperatures between +10°C and 25°C.

Chemical resistance

The product is not recommended for applications with permanent contact with chemicals. Poor resistance to aromatic solvents, organic acids, concentrated alkalis and concentrated acids, chlorinated hydrocarbons, detergents.

For other chemicals, contact our Technical Services Department.

Packaging

PE-cartridge

Colours

white

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Before using the product please see related Material Safety Data Sheet that is available to download from mymds.henkel.com.

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