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NOTE: This guide specification covers the requirements for sealants for normal building construction.

Adhere to [UFC 1-300-02](#) Unified Facilities Guide Specifications (UFGS) Format Standard when editing this guide specification or preparing new project specification sections. Edit this guide specification for project specific requirements by adding, deleting, or revising text. For bracketed items, choose applicable items(s) or insert appropriate information.

Remove information and requirements not required in respective project, whether or not brackets are present.

Comments, suggestions and recommended changes for this guide specification are welcome and should be submitted as a [Criteria Change Request \(CCR\)](#).

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NOTE: This guide specification must be carefully modified if resealing or sealing of an addition to an existing building is required or if conditions require use of special sealing materials and designs such as high-rise curtain wall systems.

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NOTE: On the drawings, show:

1. Joints in which each type of sealant will be used.

2. Typical scale or full-size details of sealant joints, indicating joint symbol or designation.

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PART 1 GENERAL

1.1 REFERENCES

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NOTE: This paragraph is used to list the publications cited in the text of the guide specification. The publications are referred to in the text by basic designation only and listed in this paragraph by organization, designation, date, and title.

Use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature when you add a RID outside of the Section's Reference Article to automatically place the reference in the Reference Article. Also use the Reference Wizard's Check Reference feature to update the issue dates.

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The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced. The publications are referred to within the text by the basic designation only.

ASTM INTERNATIONAL (ASTM)

ASTM C1311	(2010) Standard Specification for Solvent Release Agents
ASTM C509	(2006; R 2011) Elastomeric Cellular Preformed Gasket and Sealing Material
ASTM C734	(2006) Low-Temperature Flexibility of Latex Sealants After Artificial Weathering
ASTM C834	(2010) Latex Sealants
ASTM C919	(2008) Use of Sealants in Acoustical Applications
ASTM C920	(2011) Standard Specification for Elastomeric Joint Sealants
ASTM D1056	(2007) Standard Specification for Flexible Cellular Materials - Sponge or Expanded Rubber
ASTM D1667	(2005; R 2011) Flexible Cellular Materials - Poly (Vinyl Chloride) Foam (Closed-Cell)
ASTM D217	(2010) Cone Penetration of Lubricating Grease
ASTM D2452	(2003; R 2009) Standard Test Method for

Extrudability of Oil- and Resin-Base  
Caulking Compounds

ASTM D2453

(2003; R 2009) Standard Test Method for  
Shrinkage and Tenacity of Oil- and  
Resin-Base Caulking Compounds

ASTM E84

(2012) Standard Test Method for Surface  
Burning Characteristics of Building  
Materials

## 1.2 SUBMITTALS

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NOTE: Review Submittal Description (SD) definitions  
in Section 01 33 00 SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES and edit  
the following list to reflect only the submittals  
required for the project.

The Guide Specification technical editors have  
designated those items that require Government  
approval, due to their complexity or criticality,  
with a "G". Generally, other submittal items can be  
reviewed by the Contractor's Quality Control  
System. Only add a "G" to an item, if the  
submittal is sufficiently important or complex in  
context of the project.

For submittals requiring Government approval on Army  
projects, a code of up to three characters within  
the submittal tags may be used following the "G"  
designation to indicate the approving authority.  
Codes for Army projects using the Resident  
Management System (RMS) are: "AE" for  
Architect-Engineer; "DO" for District Office  
(Engineering Division or other organization in the  
District Office); "AO" for Area Office; "RO" for  
Resident Office; and "PO" for Project Office. Codes  
following the "G" typically are not used for Navy,  
Air Force, and NASA projects.

Choose the first bracketed item for Navy, Air Force  
and NASA projects, or choose the second bracketed  
item for Army projects.

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Government approval is required for submittals with a "G" designation;  
submittals not having a "G" designation are [for Contractor Quality Control  
approval.] [for information only. When used, a designation following the  
"G" designation identifies the office that will review the submittal for  
the Government.] Submit the following in accordance with Section 01 33 00  
SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES:

SD-03 Product Data

Sealants

Primers

## Bond breakers

## Backstops

Manufacturer's descriptive data including storage requirements, shelf life, curing time, instructions for mixing and application, and primer data (if required). Provide a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet for each solvent, primer or sealant material.

## SD-07 Certificates

## Sealant

Certificates of compliance stating that the materials conform to the specified requirements.

### 1.3 ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Apply sealant when the ambient temperature is between 4 and 32 degrees C 40 and 90 degrees F.

### 1.4 DELIVERY AND STORAGE

Deliver materials to the job site in unopened manufacturers' external shipping containers, with brand names, date of manufacture, [color,] and material designation clearly marked thereon. Label elastomeric sealant containers to identify type, class, grade, and use. Carefully handle and store materials to prevent inclusion of foreign materials or subjection to sustained temperatures exceeding 32 degrees C 90 degrees F or less than 4 degrees C 0 degrees F.

### 1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

#### 1.5.1 Compatibility with Substrate

Verify that each of the sealants are compatible for use with joint substrates.

#### 1.5.2 Joint Tolerance

Provide joint tolerances in accordance with manufacturer's printed instructions.

#### 1.5.3 Mock-Up

Project personnel is responsible for installing sealants in mock-up [prepared by other trades], using materials and techniques approved for use on the project.

### 1.6 SPECIAL WARRANTY

Guarantee sealant joint against failure of sealant and against water penetration through each sealed joint for [five] [\_\_\_\_\_] years.

## PART 2 PRODUCTS

### 2.1 SEALANTS

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NOTE: Use Latex Sealant (ASTM C834) for temporary, low budget construction; interior sealing of joints in wood or masonry, or in short joints between masonry, wood, or metal surfaces where maximum movement is anticipated not to exceed 15 percent of joint width.

Use elastomeric Sealants (ASTM C920) for interior and exterior applications where maximum joint movement is anticipated to be between 25 and 50 percent of joint width.

Chemically curing sealants should not be used adjacent to or above membrane surfaces of asphaltic or bituminous materials; a sealant based on asphalt or bituminous materials similar to those in the membrane should be used.

Since all sealants meeting this specification are not suitable for all applications and substrates, specify applicable type, grade, class, and use(s) for each intended purpose:

Type S: Single-component

Type M: Multicomponent

Grade P: Pourable or self-leveling sealant for horizontal applications

Grade NS: Nonsag for vertical applications

Class 25: Withstands increase and decrease of at least 25 percent of joint width

Class 12.5: Withstands increase and decrease of at least 12.5 percent of joint width

Use T: Pedestrian and vehicular traffic areas such as walkways, plazas, decks, and parking garages

Use NT: Nontraffic areas, horizontal and vertical surfaces

Use M: Meets this specification when tested on mortar

Use G: Meets this specification when tested on glass

Use A: Meets this specification when tested on aluminum

Use O: Meets this specification when tested on substrates other than above. Specify substrate types in project specification.

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Provide sealant that has been tested and found suitable for the substrates to which it will be applied.

### 2.1.1.1 Interior Sealant

Provide [ASTM C834] [ASTM C920, Type S or M, Grade NS, Class 12.5, Use NT]. Location(s) and color(s) of sealant for the following:

LOCATION	COLOR
a. Small voids between walls or partitions and adjacent lockers, casework, shelving, door frames, built-in or surface-mounted equipment and fixtures, and similar items.	[As selected] [Gray] [White] [_____]
b. Perimeter of frames at doors, windows, and access panels which adjoin exposed interior concrete and masonry surfaces.	[_____]
c. Joints of interior masonry walls and partitions which adjoin columns, pilasters, concrete walls, and exterior walls unless otherwise detailed.	[_____]
d. Joints between edge members for acoustical tile and adjoining vertical surfaces.	[_____]
e. Interior locations, not otherwise indicated or specified, where small voids exist between materials specified to be painted.	[_____]
f. Joints between bathtubs and ceramic tile; joints between shower receptors and ceramic tile; joints formed where nonplaner tile surfaces meet.	[_____]
g. Joints formed between tile floors and tile base cove; joints between tile and dissimilar materials; joints occurring where substrates change.	[_____]
h. Behind escutcheon plates at valve pipe penetrations and showerheads in showers.	[_____]
i. [_____]	[_____]

### 2.1.1.2 Exterior Sealant

For joints in vertical surfaces, provide ASTM C920, Type S or M, Grade NS, Class 25, Use NT. For joints in horizontal surfaces, provide ASTM C920, Type S or M, Grade P, Class 25, Use T. Provide location(s) and color(s) of sealant as follows:



LOCATION	COLOR
a. Joints and recesses formed where frames and subsills of windows, doors, louvers, and vents adjoin masonry, concrete, or metal frames. Use sealant at both exterior and interior surfaces of exterior wall penetrations.	[Match adjacent surface color] [As selected] [Gray] [White] [_____]
b. Joints between new and existing exterior masonry walls.	[_____]
c. Masonry joints where shelf angles occur.	[_____]
d. Joints in wash surfaces of stonework.	[_____]
e. Expansion and control joints.	[_____]
f. Interior face of expansion joints in exterior concrete or masonry walls where metal expansion joint covers are not required.	[_____]
g. Voids where items pass through exterior walls.	[_____]
h. Metal reglets, where flashing is inserted into masonry joints, and where flashing is penetrated by coping dowels.	[_____]
i. Metal-to-metal joints where sealant is indicated or specified.	[_____]
j. Joints between ends of gravel stops, fascias, copings, and adjacent walls.	[_____]
k. [_____]	[_____]

### 2.1.3 Floor Joint Sealant

**ASTM C920**, Type S or M, Grade P, Class 25, Use T. Provide location(s) and color(s) of sealant as follows:

LOCATION	COLOR
a. Seats of metal thresholds for exterior doors.	[As selected] [Gray] [White] [_____]

LOCATION	COLOR
b. Control and expansion joints in floors, slabs, ceramic tile, and walkways.	[_____]

#### 2.1.4 Acoustical Sealant

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**NOTE: See ASTM C919 for use of acoustical sealant.**  
**The acoustical sealant described here is to be used**  
**only in non-moving joints protected from abuse.**  
**Other specified sealants may be used in acoustical**  
**applications when appropriate.**  
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[\_\_\_\_\_] Rubber or polymer-based acoustical sealant conforming to **ASTM C919** must have a flame spread of 25 or less and a smoke developed rating of 50 or less when tested in accordance with **ASTM E84**. Acoustical sealant must have a consistency of 250 to 310 when tested in accordance with **ASTM D217**, and must remain flexible and adhesive after 500 hours of accelerated weathering as specified in **ASTM C734**, and must be non-staining.

#### 2.1.5 Preformed Sealant

Provide preformed sealant of polybutylene or isoprene-butylene based pressure sensitive weather resistant tape or bead sealant capable of sealing out moisture, air and dust when installed as recommended by the manufacturer. At temperatures from minus **34 to plus 71 degrees C** **30 to plus 160 degrees F**, the sealant must be non-bleeding and no loss of adhesion.

##### 2.1.5.1 Tape

[\_\_\_\_\_] Tape sealant: Provide cross-section dimensions of [\_\_\_\_\_].

##### 2.1.5.2 Bead

[\_\_\_\_\_] Bead sealant: Provide cross-section dimensions of [\_\_\_\_\_].

##### 2.1.5.3 Foam Strip

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**NOTE: Untreated polyurethane foam can be used where**  
**exposed to view or where staining of adjacent**  
**surfaces is not acceptable.**  
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Provide [\_\_\_\_\_] foam strip of polyurethane foam; with cross-section dimensions of [\_\_\_\_\_]. Provide foam strip capable of sealing out moisture, air, and dust when installed and compressed as recommended by the manufacturer. Service temperature must be **minus 40 to plus 135 degrees C** **minus 40 to plus 275 degrees F**. Furnish untreated strips with adhesive to hold them in place. Do not allow adhesive to stain or bleed into adjacent finishes. Saturate treated strips with butylene waterproofing or impregnated with asphalt.

## 2.2 PRIMERS

Provide a nonstaining, quick-drying type and consistency recommended by the sealant manufacturer for the particular application.

## 2.3 BOND BREAKERS

Provide the type and consistency recommended by the sealant manufacturer to prevent adhesion of the sealant to backing or to bottom of the joint.

## 2.4 BACKSTOPS

Provide glass fiber roving or neoprene, butyl, polyurethane, or polyethylene foams free from oil or other staining elements as recommended by sealant manufacturer. Provide 25 to 33 percent oversized backing for closed cell and 40 to 50 percent oversized backing for open cell material, unless otherwise indicated. Make backstop material compatible with sealant. Do not use oakum [, [\_\_\_\_]] and other types of absorptive materials as backstops.

### 2.4.1 Rubber

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NOTE: Class A is adequate for most applications.  
Select Class B for petroleum oil or fuel resistance.  
Select Class D for temperatures of **minus 75 to 175**  
**degrees C minus 103 to 347 degrees F** with no oil  
exposure.

Specify Type 2 closed cell when moisture may migrate  
to the backing.

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Conform to **ASTM D1056**, [Type 1, open cell,] [or] [Type 2, closed cell,]  
Class [A] [B] [D], Grade [\_\_\_\_], [round] [\_\_\_\_] cross section for [\_\_\_\_]  
cellular rubber sponge backing.

### 2.4.2 PVC

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NOTE: Do not use open cell vinyl foam in moist  
areas or below grade.

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Conform to **ASTM D1667**, Grade [VO 12] [\_\_\_\_], open-cell foam, [round]  
[\_\_\_\_] cross section for [\_\_\_\_] Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) backing.

### 2.4.3 Synthetic Rubber

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NOTE: Use Option I and Type I for most  
applications. Select Option II only if flame  
resistance is NOT required. Type II provides the  
highest ozone resistance.

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Conform to **ASTM C509**, Option [I] [II], Type [I] [II] preformed [rods] [or]  
[tubes] for [\_\_\_\_] Synthetic rubber backing.

#### 2.4.4 Neoprene

Conform to **ASTM D1056**, [closed cell expanded neoprene cord Type 2, Class C, Grade [2C2] [\_\_\_\_]] [open cell neoprene sponge Type 1, Class C, Grade [1C3] [\_\_\_\_]] for [\_\_\_\_] Neoprene backing.

#### 2.4.5 Butyl Rubber Based

Provide Butyl Rubber Based Sealants of single component, solvent release, color [as selected] [\_\_\_\_], conforming to **ASTM C1311**.

#### 2.4.6 Silicon Rubber Base

Provide Silicon Rubber Based Sealants of single component, solvent release, color [as selected] [\_\_\_\_], conforming to **ASTM C920**, Non-sag, Type [\_\_\_\_], Grade [\_\_\_\_], Class [25] [\_\_\_\_].

### 2.5 CAULKING

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NOTE: The term "caulking" is limited herein to oil-  
and resin-based caulking which should be used only  
indoors and where there is little or no anticipated  
joint movement. Use a sealant where joints may move.  
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Conform to **ASTM D2452** and **ASTM D2453**, Type [\_\_\_\_], for [\_\_\_\_] Oil- and resin-based caulking.

### 2.6 CLEANING SOLVENTS

Provide type(s) recommended by the sealant manufacturer [except for aluminum and bronze surfaces that will be in contact with sealant].

## PART 3 EXECUTION

### 3.1 SURFACE PREPARATION

Clean surfaces from dirt frost, moisture, grease, oil, wax, lacquer, paint, or other foreign matter that would tend to destroy or impair adhesion. Remove oil and grease with solvent. Surfaces must be wiped dry with clean cloths. When resealing an existing joint, remove existing caulk or sealant prior to applying new sealant. For surface types not listed below, contact sealant manufacturer for specific recommendations.

#### 3.1.1 Steel Surfaces

Remove loose mill scale by sandblasting or, if sandblasting is impractical or would damage finish work, scraping and wire brushing. Remove protective coatings by sandblasting or using a residue-free solvent.

#### 3.1.2 Aluminum or Bronze Surfaces

Remove temporary protective coatings from surfaces that will be in contact with sealant. When masking tape is used as a protective coating, remove tape and any residual adhesive just prior to sealant application. For removing protective coatings and final cleaning, use nonstaining solvents recommended by the manufacturer of the item(s) containing aluminum or bronze surfaces.

### 3.1.3 Concrete and Masonry Surfaces

Where surfaces have been treated with curing compounds, oil, or other such materials, remove materials by sandblasting or wire brushing. Remove laitance, efflorescence and loose mortar from the joint cavity.

### 3.1.4 Wood Surfaces

Keep wood surfaces to be in contact with sealants free of splinters and sawdust or other loose particles.

## 3.2 SEALANT PREPARATION

Do not add liquids, solvents, or powders to the sealant. Mix multicomponent elastomeric sealants in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

## 3.3 APPLICATION

### 3.3.1 Joint Width-To-Depth Ratios

#### a. Acceptable Ratios:

<u>JOINT WIDTH</u>	<u>JOINT DEPTH</u>	
	Minimum	Maximum
For metal, glass, or other nonporous surfaces:		
6 mm (minimum)	6 mm	6 mm
over 6 mm	1/2 of width	Equal to width
For wood, concrete, masonry, stone, or [____]:		
6 mm (minimum)	6 mm	6 mm
over 6 mm to 13 mm	6 mm	Equal to width
over 13 mm to 50 mm	50 mm	16 mm
Over 50 mm	As recommended by sealant manufacturer	

<u>JOINT WIDTH</u>	<u>JOINT DEPTH</u>	
	Minimum	Maximum
For metal, glass, or other nonporous surfaces:		
1/4 inch (minimum)	1/4 inch	1/4 inch
over 1/4 inch	1/2 of width	Equal to width

<u>JOINT WIDTH</u>	<u>JOINT DEPTH</u>	
	Minimum	Maximum
For wood, concrete, masonry, stone, or [____]:		
1/4 inch (minimum)	1/4 inch	1/4 inch
over 1/4 inch to 1/2 inch	1/4 inch	Equal to width
over 1/2 inch to 2 inch	1/2 inch	5/8 inch
Over 2 inch	As recommended by sealant manufacturer	

- b. Unacceptable Ratios: Where joints of acceptable width-to-depth ratios have not been provided, clean out joints to acceptable depths and grind or cut to acceptable widths without damage to the adjoining work. Grinding is not required on metal surfaces.

#### 3.3.2 Masking Tape

Place masking tape on the finish surface on one or both sides of a joint cavity to protect adjacent finish surfaces from primer or sealant smears. Remove masking tape within 10 minutes after joint has been filled and tooled.

#### 3.3.3 Backstops

Install backstops dry and free of tears or holes. Tightly pack the back or bottom of joint cavities with backstop material to provide a joint of the depth specified. Install backstops in the following locations:

- a. Where indicated.
- b. Where backstop is not indicated but joint cavities exceed the acceptable maximum depths specified in paragraph entitled, "Joint Width-to-Depth Ratios".

#### 3.3.4 Primer

Immediately prior to application of the sealant, clean out loose particles from joints. Where recommended by sealant manufacturer, apply primer to joints in concrete masonry units, wood, and other porous surfaces in accordance with sealant manufacturer's instructions. Do not apply primer to exposed finish surfaces.

#### 3.3.5 Bond Breaker

Provide bond breakers to the back or bottom of joint cavities, as recommended by the sealant manufacturer for each type of joint and sealant used, to prevent sealant from adhering to these surfaces. Carefully apply the bond breaker to avoid contamination of adjoining surfaces or breaking bond with surfaces other than those covered by the bond breaker.

#### 3.3.6 Sealants

Provide a sealant compatible with the material(s) to which it is applied. Do not use a sealant that has exceeded shelf life or has jelled and can not

be discharged in a continuous flow from the gun. Apply the sealant in accordance with the manufacturer's printed instructions with a gun having a nozzle that fits the joint width. Force sealant into joints to fill the joints solidly without air pockets. Tool sealant after application to ensure adhesion. Make sealant uniformly smooth and free of wrinkles. Upon completion of sealant application, roughen partially filled or unfilled joints, apply sealant, and tool smooth as specified. Apply sealer over the sealant when and as specified by the sealant manufacturer.

### 3.4 PROTECTION AND CLEANING

#### 3.4.1 Protection

Protect areas adjacent to joints from sealant smears. Masking tape may be used for this purpose if removed 5 to 10 minutes after the joint is filled.

#### 3.4.2 Final Cleaning

Upon completion of sealant application, remove remaining smears and stains and leave the work in a clean and neat condition.

- a. Masonry and Other Porous Surfaces: Immediately scrape off fresh sealant that has been smeared on masonry and rub clean with a solvent as recommended by the sealant manufacturer. Allow excess sealant to cure for 24 hour then remove by wire brushing or sanding.
- b. Metal and Other Non-Porous Surfaces: Remove excess sealant with a solvent-moistened cloth.

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