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EVO-STIK TRADE DECORATORS' CAULK

SOLVENT FREE, FILLED EMULSION SYSTEM

Evo-Stik Trade Decorators Caulk is a fast drying paste that sets by evaporation of water when exposed to the atmosphere. It is ideal for sealing low movement gaps around window, door frames, skirting boards and general sealing of internal fixtures. It may be painted when set. Before using this product refer to the relevant Health & Safety Data Sheet.

Uses

- Sealing gaps around window and door frames.
- Sealing gaps in skirting boards and covings.
- Sealing gaps in plasterboard, and fine cracks prior to decorating.
- General sealing of internal fixtures.

Product Characteristics

Colour White

Form Ready to use paste; suitable for gun or knife application

Specific Gravity 1.7 at 23°C and 50% relative humidity

Composition A blend of acrylic polymers and selected fillers

Product Code **635203** C30 X12
635227 C20 X12

Shelf life/storage One year from date of manufacture when stored unopened in a cool, dry place within the temperature range +5°C to +25°C and out of direct sunlight. PROTECT FROM FROST.

Typical Performance Data (approx.)

Skinning Time 15-60 minutes dependent upon ambient conditions. Always tool sealant within 20 minutes of application

Application

Temperature +10°C to +40°C

Service

Temperature -20°C to +70°C

Life Expectancy When applied correctly the sealants will perform satisfactorily for approximately 15 years

Coverage 10 linear metres of 6mm diameter bead per C20 cartridge
13 linear metres of 6mm diameter bead per C30 cartridge

Directions for use

IMPORTANT

Before using Evo-Stik Trade Decorators Caulk refer to the relevant Health & Safety Data Sheet. Available at www.bostik.co.uk named as the code above.

Preparation

1. Ensure that surfaces to which the product is to be applied are clean, dry, sound and free from dust and other contaminants that may impair adhesion.
2. Very porous surfaces only, may be primed using a diluted PVA (5 volumes of water to 1 volume of PVA), such as Evo-Bond PVA. The primer must be allowed to dry.

Application

1. Unscrew the nozzle, and using a sharp knife, cut off the dome of the cartridge, taking care not to damage the thread. Screw the nozzle on to the cartridge.
2. Cut off the tapered end of the nozzle at a 45 degree angle, to a width matching the gap to be sealed.
3. Fit the cartridge into the cartridge gun by pressing the release plate and pulling out the plunger. Insert cartridge and repeatedly squeeze the trigger until the filler appears.

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4. Excess filler should be removed immediately with a flat blade. This will give a smooth finish.
5. When the product is used to seal gaps the temporary use of masking tape to define the edges of the joint will often give a cleaner, neater looking seal. Always remove masking tape before the filler skins, which is 15 minutes to an hour, but is dependent upon the conditions.
6. Evo-Stik Trade Decorators Caulk cures by water evaporation.
7. Painting of the filler must only be carried out when it has fully dried.
8. For fine filling and for applications less than 1mm, painting may be carried out in as little as 30 minutes.
9. When used for sealing gaps around frames and skirtings etc. where the sealant may have a depth greater than 5mm drying times will be very much longer. Leave at least 24 hours before painting.

10. Painting before the product is dry will prolong through-drying and the paint film may crack.

Cleaning

1. Uncured filler

The bulk should be removed carefully using a soft scraper. The remainder can be removed using a cloth just moistened with white spirit. Repeat using another clean cloth moistened with white spirit.

2. Cured filler

There is no adequate solvent; carefully cut away excess with a very sharp knife. Do not use solvent to remove product from skin – use soap and water.

Precautions in Use

For health and safety instruction, first aid measures and spillage and disposal instructions, see separate Health and Safety Data sheet for Evo-Stik Trade Decorators Caulk.

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