



**GLOBAL SEALANTS & ADHESIVES**

# Facade - Low Modulus Hybrid SEALANT



# TOPICS

- GSA Facade features
- GSA Façade vs Polyurethane
- Technical specifications
- How to apply
- Demo Tests
- Accessories





## Description

# GSA Façade can be used for several sealing applications

The most common applications are

- Dilation and construction joints
- Perimeter joints around door and window frames
- Aluminium Composite panel sealing





# GSA FAÇADE

## . . . FEATURES & BENEFITS

| Feature               |                  | Benefit  |
|-----------------------|------------------|--|
| Technology            | SPUR             | Will not bubble in humid conditions, can be applied to damp substrate, temperature stable. |
| Solvent Content       | None             | Odourless and easier to work with. Less harmful to skin and lungs. Low VOC                 |
| Slump                 | None             | Application properties maintained up to 50mm width. Easier to tool and finish. Less mess.  |
| Tooling               | Dry, wet or soap | Unaffected by tooling method. Easier to tool. Faster to finish and clean.                  |
| Mechanical Resistance | Medium           | Suitable for pedestrian traffic such as walkways and stairways.                            |





# GSA FACADE

... OUR COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

No Bubbling

Unaffected by applications in low temperature

Adhesion to damp substrates

Smooth matt texture

No slump & easy to gun and tool

Non staining





# GSA FAÇADE VS PU

## ... BUBBLING



Traditional Polyurethane sealant might cause bubbling due to moisture and isocyanate



GSA Façade 100% bubble free formulation



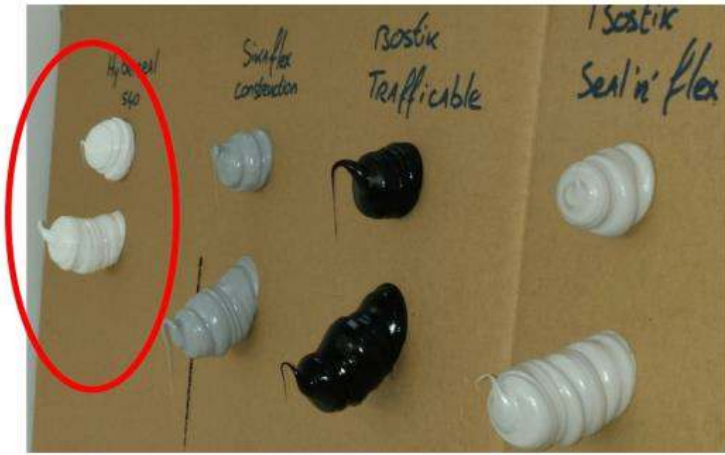
# SLUMP-TEST RESULTS

## The “horizontal Boeing” test:

- ▶ Dots of material applied to cardboard.
- ▶ After application board is turned 90 degrees.
- ▶ “slump” is measured in mm after XXX time
- ▶ GSA Facade showed **no “slump” at all!**

## The results:

- ▶ Bostik Seal'n'Flex (grey) 10 mm
- ▶ Bostik Trafficable (black) 30 mm
- ▶ Sika Sikaflex Construction (concrete-grey) 20 mm
- ▶ GSA Facade (white) **00 mm**





# GSA FACADE

## ... WHAT DOES THE APPLICATOR WANT

- Excellent non sag
- Minimum stringing
- Easy tooling
- Easy extrusion
- Matt finish
- Usability in all weather conditions
- Minimum dirt pick up









# GSA FAÇADE VS PU

## ... IMPACT

- Working efficiency + 15%
- Decrease overhead – 15%
- No claims
- Increase revenue
- Build brand reputation
- Increase brand reputation





# GSA FAÇADE VS PU

## ... UV BENCHMARK

### UV resistance: GSA FACADE vs competitors

Our french R&D department lead a battery of tests to compare our POLYFLEX 442 and HYBRISEAL FAÇADE sealants to competitors products.

#### Operation principle :

- Artificial weathering with a Suntest CPS machine
- Power 500 W/m<sup>2</sup>
- Temperature: around 50°C
- Test made with 500, 1000 and 2000 hours of exposure
- For each picture you can see:
  - On the left side, the original color protected by a masking tape
  - On the right side, the color affected by UV

| Product   | Brand      | After 500 hours | After 1000 hours | After 2000 hours |
|---|------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Masterseal NP1  | BASF       |                 |                  |                  |
| PU Flex 60  | Tambour    |                 |                  |                  |
| Sika Pro  | Sika       |                 |                  |                  |
| Sika Hyflex 250   | Sika       |                 |                  |                  |
| Soudaflex 40 FC   | Soudal     |                 |                  |                  |
| EMFI PU 40 FC   | 3M         |                 |                  |                  |
|  |            |                 |                  |                  |
| Polyflex 442  | Den Braven |                 |                  |                  |





# GSA FACADE

... HYBRIDS, POLYURETHANES, SILICONES

## Hybrids, Polyurethanes & Silicones

| Technical performance      |              |                    |                       |                 |   |                 |                  |                   |                  | Ease of application         |                              |                  |            |                |                                     |                                | Score (as %) |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Environmental friendliness | Non-bubbling | Weather resistance | Mechanical properties | Heat resistance | Mechanical stability based on application | Non-dirt pickup | Stain resistance | Storage stability | Hydrophilic bond | Low temperature gun ability | High temperature gun ability | Slump resistance | Quick cure | Body (tooling) | Paintability with water-based paint | Adhesion to various substrates |              |
| 10                         | 10           | 8                  | 10                    | 9               | 9   | 10              | 8                | 10                | 8                | 9                           | 8                            | 10               | 10         | 8              | 10                                  | 9                              | 92           |
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| 9                          | 10           | 10                 | 9                     | 10              | 10  | 5               | 5                | 9                 | 2                | 10                          | 10                           | 10               | 10         | 10             | 3                                   | 5                              | 81           |



Polyurethanes in general

Silicones in general

\* polyurethanes have the ability to bond to dampened surfaces but can accelerate the bubbling effect in the skin of the joint sealant





# GSA FACADE

## ... TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| ▶ 100% modulus                | 0.45 MPa (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )             |
| ▶ Density                     | 1.34 g/ml                                 |
| ▶ Tensile strength            | 1.3 MPa (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )              |
| ▶ Elongation at break         | > 600%                                    |
| ▶ Joint movement              | +/- 25%                                   |
| ▶ Resistance to vertical flow | 0 mm (ISO 7390)                           |
| ▶ Shore A hardness            | 25 Shore A (DIN 53505)                    |
| ▶ Skin formation              | 90 minutes (@23°C/50% RH)                 |
| ▶ Curing time                 | 2,5mm/day (@23°C/50% RH)                  |
| ▶ Application temperature     | +5°C till +40°C (surface and ambient air) |
| ▶ Temperature resistance      | -30°C till +100°C                         |
| ▶ VOC content                 | < 10g/L                                   |





# GSA FACADE

## ... SUMMARY

- Low modulus
- Highly elastic
- Hydrophilic
- EN 15651-1: F-EXT-INT-CC 25LM
- Excellent adhesion to most substrates
- High resistance to ageing and weathering
- No bubbling
- Silicone & isocyanate free
- EN 15651-4 (PW) & ASTM C920 Class 25





# GSA FACADE

## ... PRODUCT RANGE

- White
- Off white
- Concrete grey
- Dark grey
- Black
- Limestone
- Redwood

**600 ml Sausages – 12 sausages per box**



# GSA FACADE

## ... HOW TO APPLY





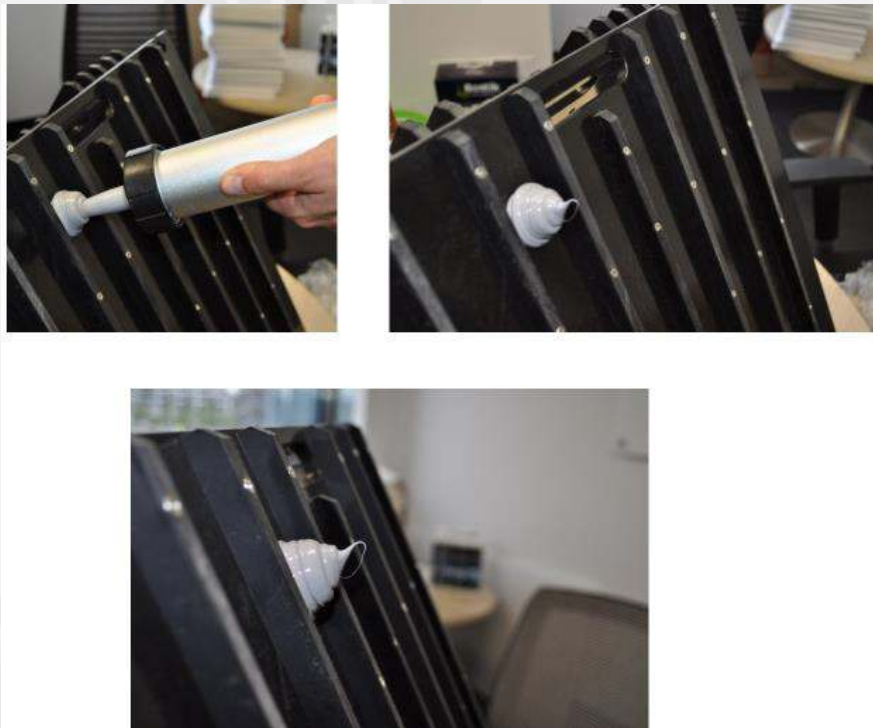
# GSA FACADE

## ... HOW TO APPLY (CONT.)



# GSA FACADE

## ... DEMO ONE – SLUMP TEST



Minimal slumping is crucial for users as it means the sealant will not fall from the joint and is easier to work with.

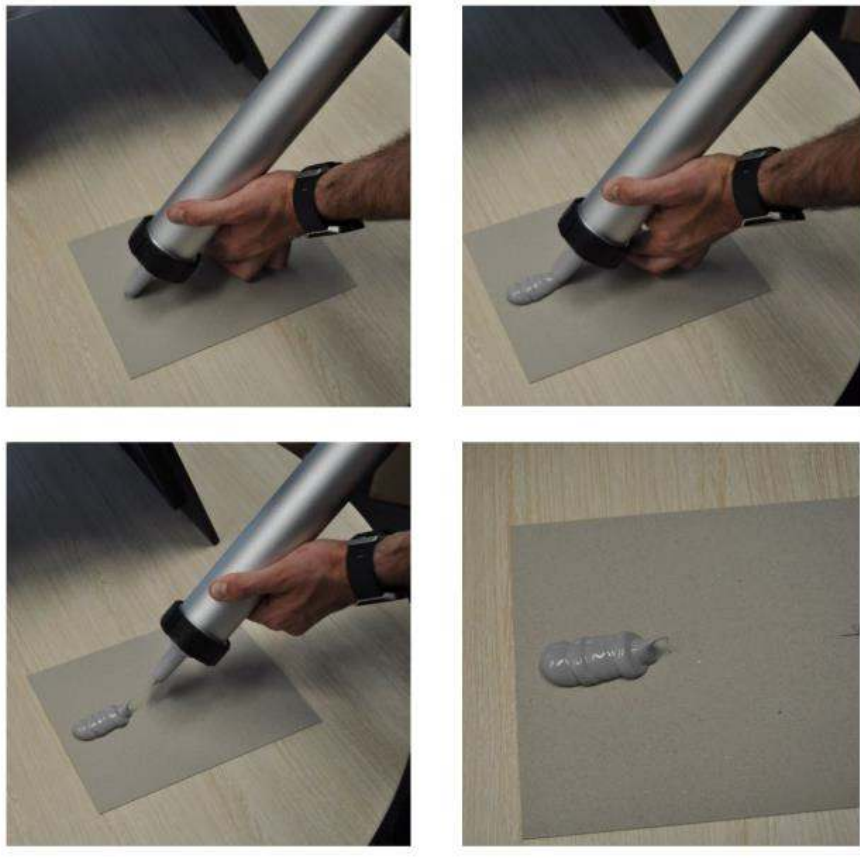
1. Gun a blob of sealant approx. 30mm wide and 40mm deep
2. Observe sealant holding form & not sliding from the board or drooping over
3. Repeat with competitor product to observe competitive advantage





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## ... DEMO TWO – STRING TEST



Minimal stringing assists with application ease and cleanliness of the finished seal thus making the product more workable

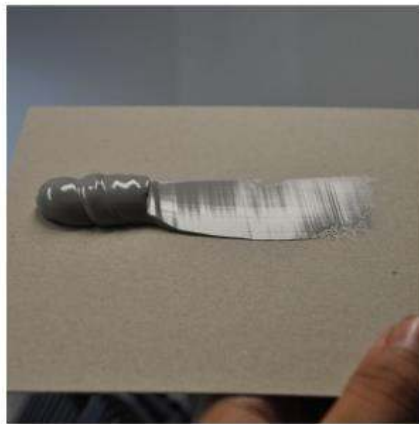
1. Gun a thick bead of sealant along a card or paper
2. After approx. 60mm release the pressure catch
3. Slowly drag away the nozzle observing the stringiness of the sealant.
4. Repeat with competitor product to show advantage





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## ... DEMO THREE – SMOOTHNESS TEST



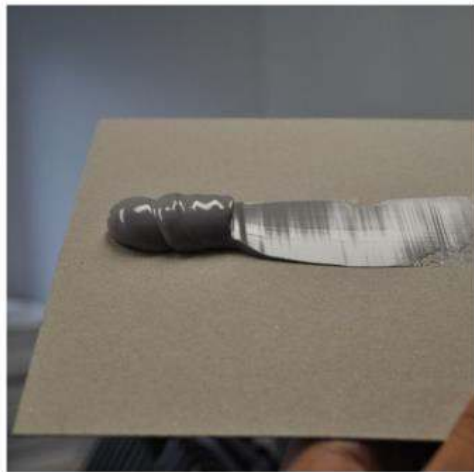
1. Use the same bead from the string test
2. Use a business card and scrape the bead to a thin, smooth finish
3. Observe the consistency of the sealant
4. Repeat with competitor product to show advantage. Poor quality sealants will often look grainy





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## ... DEMO FOUR – ODOUR TEST



1. Use the same card from the smoothness test
2. Examine the odour of the sealant
3. Compare with typical polyurethane
4. Solvent polyurethane sealants are harmful to the lungs and skin after prolonged use and can cause headaches, dry skin, etc.





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## ... DEMO FIVE - TOOLABILITY TEST



1. Insert a backing rod into the 20mm channel on the demo board
2. Fill the joint
3. Using a light soap solution and your finger. Model the joint to a clean finish
4. Repeat with competitor product to show the difference in ease of tooling





**. . . Do it once . . . do it right**