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**Neutral curing, premium quality silicone sealant formulated for wet areas.**

**DESCRIPTION:**

RLA Wet Area Silicone is an anti-fungal, non-diluted, high performance, UV resistant, neutral-cure, silicone sealant. It is specially formulated to seal joints or seams in ceramics, plaster, metal and timber (natural or painted) in kitchens, bathrooms, laundries, toilets or wherever fungal growth might occur.

**AREAS OF APPLICATION:**

- Perimeter sealing of baths, basins, shower basins, spas and sinks
- Ceramic and other tiles (note: natural stone must be pre-tested to ensure the product does not stain).
- Window frames.
- Exhaust fans.
- Metal fixtures including shower frames.

**FEATURES & BENEFITS**

- Manufactured to the highest Australian Standards and Quality Assurance so the RLA Roof & Gutter Silicone comes with a 10 year manufacturer's warranty.
- AS/NZS 4020 approved, which means it is suitable for use in contact with drinking water.
- 100% Silicone so it does not shrink when curing and customers do not pay for solvents or fillers.
- Excellent adhesion properties so it adheres to most surfaces, included painted surfaces, and the job only needs to be done once.
- Neutral (Non-Acetic) Cure is non-corrosive and so does not react with metals and other surfaces.
- Permanently flexible so it resists cracking, shrinking and vibration.
- Suitable for interior and exterior applications so the product is very versatile.
- Unaffected by extreme temperature (hot or cold) so suited to any environment.
- Waterproof so it provides a flexible watertight seal.
- Low VOC which means low vapour, low odour and a safer work environment for the plumber or trades person.
- UV resistant so it is not affected significantly by sunlight, making it more durable.
- Proven product performance in millions of applications around Australia and overseas.

**APPLICATION****Surface preparation**

Surfaces to be sealed must be clean and dry. Ensure there is no foreign matter including grease, wax, flaking paint etc. Complete all painting before applying Silicone.

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### MAKING THE JOINT

- Use masking tape on each side of the joint to protect surfaces and to ensure a neat job.
- Insert a backing rod if depth of the joint is excessive.
- Cut nozzle at 45°C angle to desired thickness.
- Cut nub on cartridge. Insert cartridge into a caulking gun.
- Hold gun at 45° angle with nozzle in contact with both sides of joint.
- Apply by pushing **RLA Wet Area Silicone** ahead of nozzle, thus ensuring it is pushed firmly into place.
- Smooth off before skin forms
- Remove excess **RLA Wet Area Silicone** immediately with a cloth dampened with mineral turpentine.
- Remove any masking tape immediately sealant tooling is complete.
- **RLA Wet Area Silicone** skins in 5 minutes and is touch dry in 30 minutes.

### CLEAN UP

Cured **RLA Wet Area Silicone** can be removed by trimming with a sharp blade

### PACKAGING & SHELF LIFE:

Shelf Life is 12 months if stored in a cool (below 25°C), dry, well ventilated place and out of direct sunlight.

### HANDY TIPS:

- Do not apply to wet surfaces. Ensure surfaces are clean and dry.
- All applications should be pre-tested to ensure the finished results with **RLA Wet Area Silicone** meet the expectations of the user.
- Adhesion of **RLA Wet Area Silicone** to substrates should be pre-tested to ensure there is adequate adhesion.
- Pre-test **RLA Wet Area Silicone** on substrates for any potential staining. This is especially relevant for natural stone like marble.
- Also refer to SAFETY DIRECTIONS below.
- Not to be used for structural glazing.
- Not paintable.
- Not to be used on extruded type polycarbonates or polyacrylates as cracking may occur
- Not recommended for use in trafficable applications or continually submersed conditions
- Not recommended for below water line applications.
- Not recommended for applications in which it will be in constant contact with chlorinated water.

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### SAFETY INFORMATION

On contact, uncured sealant causes irritation. Gloves and protective goggles must be worn during application and use. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and avoid breathing in vapour. Wear protective gloves when mixing or using. If poisoning occurs contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre. Phone: Australia 131 126 NZ: 0800 764 766 or a doctor immediately. If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Give a glass of water. If skin contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and wash skin thoroughly for a minimum of 15 minutes and see a doctor. **For more detailed information refer to the Safety Data Sheet.**

### PRODUCT DATA

Appearance	Paste
Specific Gravity @ 20°C	1:1
Viscosity @ 20 C, cPs	1000-1300
VOC	54 g/L
Tooling/Skin Time @20°C	3-5 minutes
Tack Free Time @20°C	10 minutes
Cure Time	24 hours @ 2 mm depth or 5 days for full cure @ 10mm depth
Application Range	10°C to +50°C
Performance Range	-60°C to +175°C
Coverage	13 lineal metres @5 mm x 5mm
Hardness Shore A	28
Tensile Strength	200 psi (15 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )
Sag, Slump	Nil
UV and Ozone Resistance	Excellent
Joint Movement	+/- 25% Min

### AVAILABILITY:

**RLA Wet Area Silicone** is available Australia wide through the RLA Group distributor network. Please contact RLA Group 1800 242 931 to find out where your nearest stockist will be.

### TECHNICAL SUPPORT:

RLA Polymers manufactures a comprehensive range of high quality, high performance construction products. In addition, RLA Polymers offers technical support and on-site advice to specifiers, end users and contractors. Please contact your RLA Polymers sales representative or RLA Head Office for this service

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