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#### WINDOW, DOOR & SIDING SEALANT

# QUAD' INVISIBLE

ALL SEASON FORMULA

#### DESCRIPTION

LEPAGE® QUAD® Invisible Window, Door & Siding Sealant is an all-season formula designed for use on exterior window, door and siding applications. It offers all the great benefits of LePage QUAD in a crystal clear invisible formula, perfect for finishing work around stone, brick and other fine building materials. LePage QUAD Invisible resists dirt & dust collection, yellowing, water washout, and is paintable with either latex or oil-based paints once fully cured. Product is composed of elastomeric polymers and high quality synthetic resins that yields a tough, rubbery seal which resists outdoor weather-related elements like water, oxygen, ozone, heat and UV light. The formula skins over in a short time to resist dirt and dust pickup. It goes on smoothly. Tooling in generally not recommended. When cured, the surface displays a slight sheen similar to some silicone.

#### Available As:

ltem #	Size	Color
1880786	280 ml cartridge	Clear – 35% VOC

# **FEATURES & BENEFITS**

- All-Weather Application, -7°C to 38°C (20°F-100°F)
- Permanently Flexible: ± 25% Joint Movement Capability
- UV and Water Resistant will not crack or yellow
- Resists Dust & Dirt Collection
- Clear invisible formula is also paintable when cured\*

\*Cure time is dependent on temperature, humidity and depth of sealant applied

## **RECOMMENDED FOR**

LEPAGE QUAD Invisible is used to seal around exterior windows and doors, fiber-cement and vinyl siding, PVC trim, and gutters; and bonds without a primer to most common substrates like cedar, painted or stained woods, fiberglass, vinyl, coated aluminum, steel, metal, brick, masonry and concrete.

## LIMITATIONS

- Do not use for sealing expansion joints, including butt joints
- Do not use on joints immersed in water or applications requiring continuous water immersion
- Do not use as a traffic bearing sealant or on log homes
- Not compatible with polystyrene foams and polypropylene or polyethylene plastics
- Not compatible with bitumen-based products such as flashing tapes. Damage or color bleed through may occur
- Should not be used in applications less than 6mm (1/4") in depth or 6mm (1/4") wide in order to maintain the integrity of the sealant
- For joints deeper than 9.5mm (3/8"), a backing material should be used
- Tooling of the sealant is not necessary or recommended
- DO NOT TOOL, smear or feather on prefinished colored claddings (i.e., siding, trim) as this will reduce any sealants ability to withstand UV exposure and joint movement, causing premature joint failure and color fading
- DO NOT use as a nail hole filler or in touch-up applications. Follow prefinished cladding manufacturer's instructions for nail hole filling

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# COVERAGE

#### For a 280 ml cartridge:

• A (6mm) 1/4" bead extrudes approximately 8.9m (29.1 ft)

• A (9.5mm) 3/8" bead extrudes approximately 4m (13.3 ft)

# **TECHNICAL DATA**

Typical Uncured Physical Properties:				
Color:	Clear	VOC Content:	35% by weight	CARB
Appearance:	Non-slumping paste		340 g/l	SCAQMD rule 1168
Base:	Elastomeric polymers and synthetic resins	Shelf Life:	24 months from date of manufacture (unopened)	
Odor:	Solvent	Lot Code	YYDDD YY= Last two digits of year of manufacture DDD= Day of manufacture based on 365 days in a year	
Specific Gravity:	0.927	Explanation:		
Flashpoint:	26.7°C (80°F) *			
	* Uncured product is flammable	Example:	19061 = 61 <sup>st</sup> day of	2019 = March 2, 2019

Typical Application Properties:				
Application Temperature:	Can be applied between -7°C (20°F) and 38°C (100°F) For easier extrusion of sealant at lower temperatures, store cartridge at room temperature for at least 24 hours prior to use			
Skin Formation Time:	4-6 minutes*	At 22°C (72°F) and 70% relative humidity		
Tack-free Time:	10 hours	At 22°C (72°F) and 70% relative humidity		
Cure Time:	7-14 days or longer*			
Extrusion Rate:	42 ml/min	ASTM C1183 (Procedure A)		
Vertical Sag:	0 inches	ASTM C639		
*Cure time is dependent on temperature, humidity and depth of sealant applied				

Typical Cured Performance Properties:				
Color:	Clear	Shrinkage:	23%	
Service Temperature:	-29°C (-20°F) to 93°C (200°F)	Hardness:	22	ASTM C661
Water Resistant:	Yes	Joint Movement:	± 25%	ASTM C719
Paintable:	Yes, after sealant is fully	Tensile Strength:	~100 psi	ASTM D412 (21 days cure)
	cured, with latex paint or primer	Maximum Elongation:	550%	ASTM D412 Die C
Nail-Hole Filling:DO NOT use as a nail hole filler or in touch-up applications on prefinished building materials.Follow prefinished cladding manufacturer's instructions for nail hole filling.				
180° Peel Adhesion:	ASTM C794	Specifications:		
PVC Trim:	12.9 lb./in	Meets the performance requirements of:		
Fiber Cement: 19.8 lb./in Coated (Painted) Aluminum: 12.8 lb./in		<ul> <li>ASTM C920: Type S, Grade NS, Class 25, Use NT</li> <li>Federal Spec. TT-S-00230C, Type II</li> </ul>		
Mortar:	17.9 lb./in			



#### DIRECTIONS

<u>Tools Typically Required:</u> Utility knife and caulking gun. For best application results, LEPAGE recommends the use of a high-quality caulking gun such as the Albion® B12 Cartridge Gun.

Safety Precautions: Do not use inside occupied structures. Wear gloves and wash hands after use.

<u>Surface Preparation</u>: All surfaces should be clean, dry, and free of all old caulking, grease, dust, frost, ice, snow, surface water and other contaminants, or materials that can interfere with adhesion. Remove any ice, snow, or frost that may be present on substrates. For more information refer to cladding manufacturer's instructions for approved cleaning methods. Ensure proper drain plane design to avoid trapped water and or moisture. Ensure all cut ends of wood or fiber cement siding are properly sealed with primer or paint. The combination of trapped moisture and other variables will tend to create back pressure and cause sealant bubbling regardless of technology. While QUAD is generally considered a

non-priming sealant, special circumstances or substrates may require a primer. It is the user's responsibility to test substrate compatibility and the adhesion of the sealant on a test joint before applying to the entire project.

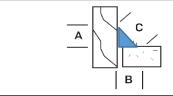
<u>Masonry:</u> Concrete, stone, stucco and other masonry must be cleaned where necessary by grinding or wire brushing to expose a sound surface free of contamination and laitance. Concrete must be fully cured and free of release agents.

<u>Wood and painted wood:</u> New and weathered wood must be clean and structurally sound. Cut back weathered surfaces and dry rot until clean, sound wood is reached. Scrape away paint to bare wood. Any coating that cannot be removed must be tested to verify adhesion of the sealant. QUAD will adhere to most new and old, dry, oil-free wood.

<u>Metal:</u> Remove scale, rust, and residue from metal to expose a bright metal sheen by wire brushing. Remove any chemical residue, film/oils, and loose or incompatible coatings using the appropriate solvent. Any coating that cannot be removed must be tested to verify adhesion of the sealant. Remove any other coatings or finishes that could interfere with adhesion. An adhesion test is recommended for anodized aluminum or any questionable substrates.

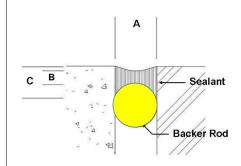
<u>Joint Preparation</u>: The depth of the sealant joint should be one-half the width of the joint. The maximum depth is 13mm ( $\frac{1}{2}$  inch) and the minimum is 6 mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$ "). The minimum recommended joint width is 6mm ( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch) and the maximum recommended joint width is 9.5mm ( $\frac{3}{8}$  inch). See table below.

Joint Width (mm)	Sealant Depth @ Midpoint (mm)	Joint Width (inches)	Sealant Depth @ Midpoint (inches)
6	6	1/4	1/4
13	6	1/2	1/4
10	13	3/8	1/2



#### **Fillet Joint Design**

- Dimension A and B must be a minimum of 1/4"
- Dimension C must be a minimum of <sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"



#### **Dynamic Joint Design**

- Dimension A can be a minimum of 1/4" but not greater 3/8" wide
- Dimension B must a minimum of ¼" in depth
- Dimension C can be a maximum depth of <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"

**NOTE**: Tooling is not necessary or recommended. DO NOT bridge the sealant or smear beyond the joint edges otherwise it may result in premature color fading on prefinished siding and trim materials. Sealant will form to a concave appearance when cured.

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**TECHNICAL DATA SHEET** 

# DIRECTIONS

If the depth of the joint exceeds 9.5mm (3/8") the use of a backer rod such as a Closed-Cell Backer-Rod is recommended. Where the joint depth does not permit the use of backer-rod, a bond breaker (polyethylene strip) is recommended to prevent three-sided adhesion. To maintain the recommended sealant depth, install backer-rod by compressing and rolling it into the joint channel without stretching it lengthwise. Closed-Cell Backer-Rod should be approximately 3mm (1/8") larger in diameter than the width of the joint to allow for compression. Do not prime or puncture the backer-rod as this may cause bubbling of the sealant to occur.

<u>General Preparation</u>: The temperature of the product, the surfaces and the working area should be between -7°C (20°F) and 38°C (100°F). However, for best overall performance surface temperatures and ambient temperatures should be between 5°C (40°F) and 21°C (70°F). It is recommended to store cartridge at room temperature at least 24 hours before use during extreme cold weather conditions. Dispense a 9.5mm (3/8") bead of sealant for optimal joint protection. For more information, refer to ASTM C1193 – Standard Guide for Use of Joint Sealants.

<u>Application:</u> Insert cartridge into caulking gun, apply moderate pressure in order to break the Break-A-Way Seal<sup>™</sup> inside the nozzle. Cut the tip off the cartridge at a 45° angle to desired bead size. A 9.5mm (3/8") size bead is recommended. Apply sealant between -7°C (20°F) and 38°C (100°F).

Apply sealant with steady pressure, forcing the sealant into the joint making sure the sealant "wets" the side surfaces of the joint. If the depth of the joint exceeds 9.5mm (3/8") the use of a backer rod is recommended. LEPAGE QUAD will not pop or splatter and will dispense smoothly on extrusion from the cartridge. Tooling of the sealant is not necessary or recommended. Always apply sealant in a bead form. Do not tool, feather or smear sealant. If masking tape is used along the sides of the joint to prevent surface smearing, ensure the tape is removed immediately by pulling the tape away.

In general, the ideal conditions for using sealants in exterior applications are during spring and fall seasons when outside temperatures are moderate. Maximum performance is achieved when adjoining substrates are at their equilibrium in terms of expansion/ contraction characteristics. Appling sealants when substrates are maximum expansion or contraction places extreme strain on the sealants ability to maintain a proper seal at all times during extreme weather changes.

#### **Tips on Terminating Sealant Beads:**

- Terminating Beads at the End of a Joint: When terminating a bead at the end of a joint, first release dispensing gun pressure to prevent run-on by pressing the release trigger, then use a twist and pinch motion at a sharp angle to sever the bead. In the event of excess string formation, guide onto existing bead. DO NOT pull or smear the bead onto adjacent surfaces like cladding or trim materials. DO NOT TOOL on prefinished cladding or trim materials.
- Terminating Beads that will be Continued: When terminating a bead that is to be continued (i.e. at the end of a tube), first release dispensing gun pressure to prevent run-on by pressing the release trigger. Next, pinch-off the bead by pressing the nozzle onto the joint surface to cut-off the bead. DO NOT smear bead onto adjacent surfaces. This action will create a slight smear inside the joint. Cover this smear with the start of the next bead.

**DO NOT TOOL:** Do not tool sealant after applying. The sealant when applied properly will cure to a concave look. Do not smear or feather sealant on prefinished colored cladding materials (i.e. siding, trim) as this will reduce any sealants ability to withstand UV exposure and joint movement, causing premature joint failure and color fading. If smearing/feathering of the sealant occurs, painting over the smeared areas will be the only corrective resolution.

**DO NOT USE AS NAIL HOLE FILLER:** Do not use as a nail hole filler or in touch-up applications on prefinished siding and trim materials. Doing so can result in premature color fading and an unsightly appearance. Follow prefinished cladding manufacturer's instructions for nail hole filling.

**BUTT / FIELD JOINT APPLICATIONS:** Not recommended for field joint/butt joint applications on pre-finished siding and trim materials. Sealant is not recommended for joints less than 6mm wide and 6mm in depth. The reason being that joints less than 6mm are too small to accommodate a sufficient amount of sealant in the joint to warrant long term durability. Joints smaller than 6mm will become "maintenance" situations that need to be inspected regularly for premature failure. If the sealant is showing signs of degradation, remove sealant and apply fresh sealant to the joint. What is important to know is that all sealants will require maintenance and sometimes replacement, because of the effects of aging, insufficient sealant used, or because of poor joint design. When using prefinished claddings (i.e., siding and trim) please refer to manufacturer's instructions for proper installation.

**DYNAMIC CONTROL JOINT APPLICATIONS:** Maximum joint width should not exceed 9.5mm ( $\frac{3}{0}$ "). For dynamic control joints apply sealant without tooling. During the curing time the sealant will form a concave shape (see Fig. 2) due to material shrinkage. Tooling is not recommended or necessary. Care must be taken to NOT allow or smear the sealant beyond the joint edges. Masking tape can be used to ensure a clean application and prevent smearing sealant on adjacent surfaces.

**<u>COMMERICAL APPLICATIONS</u>**: For all commercial applications or applications not mentioned herein contact Henkel Technical support for review of intended use. Commercial applications may require a different type of sealant to be used.



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# DIRECTIONS

**PAINTABILITY:** Sealant is paintable when fully cured. Full cure may take 7-14 days or longer depending on ambient conditions and volume of sealant used. Latex paint is recommended. If using oil based/alkyd paint, a latex primer should be used first. It is the responsibility of the applicator to conduct on-site testing to determine compatibility and adhesion. It is always recommended to use a color matched sealant where available. (**NOTE:** Paints are more rigid than sealants and may crack, wrinkle or lose adhesion during sealant movement in extreme conditions). Visit LEPAGETough.com for a complete color matchel listing.

<u>Clean-up:</u> Clean tools and uncured sealant residue immediately with mineral spirits or paint thinner following solvent manufacturers precautions. Cured sealant must be carefully cut away with a sharp-edged tool and may damage the surface. **NOTE:** Use of solvents may damage prefinished siding and trim materials. Always test a small area before proceeding. Painting affected areas may be only remedy.

# **STORAGE & DISPOSAL**

**NOT DAMAGED BY FREEZING.** Store away from heat, flame and spark in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area. Storing product in too hot or too cold of conditions will considerably reduce Shelf Life of unopened containers. Use an approved hazardous waste facility for disposal.

# LABEL PRECAUTIONS

#### DANGER / FLAMMABLE. POISON. IRRITANT.

**FUMES MAY CATCH FIRE AND MAY BE HARMFUL. MAY IRRITATE EYES AND SKIN.** Do not smoke. Use only in well ventilated areas. Keep away from flames, such as a pilot light, and any object that sparks, such as an electric motor. Do not get in eyes or on skin or clothing. Do not breathe fumes. Do not swallow. KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN. Wear an organic vapor respirator if using product in poorly ventilated area. **FIRST AID TREATMENT:** Contains xylene and mineral spirits. If swallowed, call a Poison Control Centre or doctor immediately. Do not induce vomiting. If in eyes or on skin, rinse well with water. If breathed in, move person to fresh air.

#### Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for further information

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