

# **EVO-STIK Decorators Caulk**

SOLVENT FREE, FILLED EMULSION SYSTEM

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# YOUR SMART ADVANTAGES

- Flexible fine crack filler
- Ideal for filling low movement gaps around window and door frames, skirting boards and general internal fixtures
- Overpaintable in 1 hour

# USES

EVO-STIK Trade Only Decorators Caulk is a fast drying paste that sets by evaporation of water when exposed to the atmosphere. It is ideal for filling low movement gaps around window and door frames, skirting boards, covings, gaps in plasterboard and fine cracks prior to decorating as well as general filling of internal fixtures. EVO-STIK Trade Only Decorators Caulk can be overpainted once set.

| PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS |   |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Colour                  | White   |  |  |  |
| Form                    | Ready to use paste, suitable for gun<br>or knife application  |  |  |  |
| Specific Gravity        | 1.7 approx.   |  |  |  |
| Composition             | A blend of acrylic polymers and selected fillers  |  |  |  |
| Product Codes           | 30812940 C30 cartridge x 12<br>30812941 C20 cartridge x 12  |  |  |  |
| Storage/Shelf Life      | Store for up to 24 months from date<br>of manufacture when stored in<br>original, unopened packaging under<br>cool, dry conditions within the<br>temperature range of +5°C to +25°C<br>and out of direct sunlight. Protect<br>from frost. |  |  |  |

| TYPICAL PERFORMANCE DATA (Approx.) |  |  |  |  |
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| Application<br>Temperature         | +5°C to +40°C  |  |  |  |
| Service Temperature                | -20°C to +70°C   |  |  |  |
| Service Life                       | When applied correctly the caulk will<br>perform satisfactorily for<br>approximately 15 years.   |  |  |  |
| Coverage                           | 10 linear metres of 6mm diameter<br>bead per C20 cartridge<br>13 linear metres of 6mm diameter<br>bead per C30 cartridge                                       |  |  |  |
| Drying Times                       | Skin Formation: 15 to 60 minutes<br>approx. depth of caulk, temperature<br>and humidity.<br>Through Dry: 1 to 24 hours approx.<br>depending on depth of caulk, |  |  |  |

temperature and humidity. Always tool caulk within 20 minutes of application.

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# **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

IMPORTANT: Before using EVO-STIK Trade Only Decorators Caulk refer to the relevant Health & Safety Data Sheet, available at www.bostik.co.uk.

#### PREPARATION

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



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#### APPLICATION

- 3. Unscrew the nozzle, and using a sharp knife, carefully cut off the dome of the cartridge, taking care not to damage the thread. Screw the nozzle onto the cartridge.
- 4. Cut off the tapered end of the nozzle at a 45° angle, to a width matching the gap to be filled.
- 5. 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 caulk appears.
- 6. Place the nozzle at the start of the gap, and gently squeeze the trigger. Push forward slowly, ensuring that contact is made by the caulk with both sides of the gap. At the end of the run, release the trigger and press the plunger release plate of the gun.
- 7. Excess caulk should be removed immediately with a flat blade to give a smooth finish.
- 8. When the product is used to fill gaps the temporary use of masking tape to define the edges of joints will often give a cleaner, neater looking joints. Always remove masking tape before the caulk skins, which usually takes between 15 to 60 minutes, but is dependent upon drying conditions.
- 9. EVO-STIK Trade Only Decorators Caulk cures by water evaporation.
- 10. Painting of the filler must be carried out when it has fully dried. Painting too early may lead to the paint cracking.
- 11. For fine filling and for applications less than 1mm, painting may be carried out in as little as 30 minutes.
- 12. When used for filling gaps around frames and skirtings' etc., where the filler may have a depth greater than 5mm, drying times will be much longer. Leave at least 24 hours before painting.

#### CLEANING

# Uncured Caulk:

13. Excess uncured caulk 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

#### Cured Caulk:

14. 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 any application not covered please contact Technical Services on +44 (0)1785 272625 or visit www.bostik.co.uk for advice.

Recommendations and suggestions are for guidance only, since conditions of use are completely beyond our control.

For health and safety instruction, first aid measures and spillage and disposal instructions, see separate Health and Safety Data sheet for EVO-STIK Trade Only Decorators Caulk, available at www.bostik.co.uk.





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