




PS VALUE GUIDE CAULKS & SEALANTS

MANUFACTURER/ PRODUCT	CURE TIME (TACK FREE/ COMPLETE)	PRICE PER OZ.*	TAKES PAINT	CLEANUP	ELASTICITY	ADHESIVENESS	LOSS OF WATER	COMMENTS
ACE HARDWARE/CLEAR	10 mins./72+ hrs.	\$.81	Yes	Mineral spirits	Most	Excellent	None	Looks, smells, and feels like ordinary silicone.
BOATLIFE/LIFE SEAL	10 mins./24 hrs.	\$1.14	No	Acetone	Moderate	Fair	None	Apparently a blend. Claims to stick to anything.
BOATLIFE/TEAK DECK SEALANT	30 mins./24 hrs.	\$.93	Not stated	Acetone	A little	Poor	None	Not very sticky. Made primarily for teak decks.
BOATLIFE/SILICONE RUBBER	30 mins./24 hrs.	\$.86	No	Acetone	Most	Poor	Slight	Standard silicone. Trims neatly when cured.
ELMER'S/SQUEEZE N CAULK 	2 hrs./Not stated	\$.63	Yes	Water	Most	Good	None	A blend; too thin and runny, with difficult cure time.
GE/MARINE SILICONE RAPID CURE	30 mins./12+ hrs.	\$.63	No	Acetone	Moderate	Fair	Slight	Not for gaps or joints greater than 1/2" x 1/2"
GE/SILICONE II XST	2 hrs./48 hrs.	\$2.08	Yes	Water	A little	Fair	Slight	Very stiff. Could barely squeeze from the tube.
ECLECTIC/GOOP	2-10 mins./24 hrs.	\$2.55	Yes	Acetone	None	Best	Gone	Very runny.
GLOUCESTER CO./PHENOSEAL	1 hr./12-45 hrs.	\$.45	Yes	Water	Most	Poor	Slight	Very stiff to handle. Does not adhere well.
RPM INC./DAP	30 mins./24 hrs.	\$.65	Yes	Water	None	Fair	None	Nice container, but too thin and runny.
RPM/DAP KWIK SEAL	2 hrs./24 hrs.	\$.75	Yes	Water	Moderate	Fair	None	Another nice container, but too thin and runny.
SASHCO/LEXEL	30 mins./1-2 weeks.	\$1.15	Latex only	Acetone	Moderate	Fair	None	Easy to handle, but looks and feels like silicone.
SIKA/291	Not stated/1 week	\$.78	Yes	Mineral spirits	None	Excellent	None	Trouble with cartridge, but finally broke loose.
SIKA/291 LOT 	Not stated/1 week	\$.79	Yes	Mineral spirits	A little	Excellent	None	As above, nice "body" and easy to put in place.
SIKA/295 UV	Not stated/12 hrs.	\$1.11	Yes	Mineral spirits	None	Excellent	None	Sika's very best caulk; so far, worth every penny.
3M/101	5 hrs./2-3 weeks	\$1.99	Yes	Alcohol	None	Good	Slight	Handles well, but not equal to a polyurethane.
3M/5200	48 hrs./5-7 days	\$1.59	Yes	Acetone	A little	Poor	None	Too long to form skin.
3M/5200 FAST CURE	1 hr./24 hrs.	\$1.89	Yes	Acetone	None	Fair	None	Seems superior to 3M's highly regarded 5200.
3M/SILICONE	5-10 mins./24 hrs.	\$1.59	No	Acetone	Moderate	Poor	None	Like other silicones, useful above the waterline.
3M/4000 UV	2 hrs./24+ hrs.	\$1.79	Yes	Alcohol	None	Excellent	None	3M's best. Same formulation as 4200 Fast Cure.
WEST MARINE/SILICONE 	1 hr./24 hrs.	\$1.29	No	Acetone	A little	Good	Slight	West Marine's name brand for standard silicone.
WEST MARINE/QUICK CURE	2 hrs./2-3 days	\$1.39	Yes	Acetone	None	Poor	None	Probably made by 3M or Sika for West Marine.
WEST MARINE/MULTI CAULK	2 hrs./1 day	\$1.49	Yes	Acetone	A little	Poor	None	Probably made by 3M or Sika for West Marine.

 Recommended

*Price estimates reflect cost at test launch.