



HOW TO

Seal Exterior Windows, Doors & Trim

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS:

- DAP® 3.0™ Window, Door, Trim & Siding Sealant
- DAP® Silicone Plus™ Premium 100% Silicone Sealant
- DAP® DYNAFLEX 230® Premium Indoor/Outdoor Sealant

These products can be used to seal cracks and gaps up to 1/2" for energy savings and/or prior to painting for a professional-looking finish. For gaps above 1/2" in diameter, use a foam backer rod first, then apply the caulk over the backer rod.

PAINTABLE, CLEAN-UP, AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Generally, latex-based products are paintable and are soap and water clean-up. Silicone products are not paintable and must be cleaned up with solvent cleaners. Carefully read all label instructions before beginning your project. See the product attribute chart for select DAP products providing valuable information to aid in your product selection.

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Be sure to read the entire package to ensure you have all materials the job will require and to budget for dry times in your project. *Carefully review all safety precautions on the package.*
2. Clean and dry the surface you will be sealing to ensure it is free of all dirt, dust, grease, old caulk and debris. To remove old latex caulk, use **DAP® Caulk-Be-Gone®**. To remove silicone sealants, use a utility knife, caulk removal tool and/or a soft synthetic abrasive pad. Once completely removed, wipe away any debris. Use a rag to wipe the joint surface with rubbing alcohol or an over-the-counter disinfecting spray. Rinse thoroughly with water and dry.
3. Apply painter's tape to mask off areas around the joint where the sealant should not appear and to help give a straight sealant line.
4. There are many different nozzle designs on caulk cartridges. Read the instructions of your selected product for instructions on cutting the nozzle. Some nozzles have an inner-foil lining that needs to be punctured or a removable nozzle covering an inner plastic seal that also needs to be cut. If you have selected product in a squeeze tube, cut the nozzle at a 45° angle with scissors or a utility knife and squeeze the product into the joint.
6. Load the cartridge into the caulking gun. Applying steady pressure to the trigger, fill the joint with an even bead of sealant. It is best to push the caulk ahead of the nozzle to ensure that it gets into the joint for a proper seal. Follow using a finishing tool such as the **DAP® Pro Caulk™ Tool Kit** to smooth the bead for a professional-looking finish.
7. If you applied painter's tape, remove the tape prior to the sealant skinning over. To correctly remove tape, lift the edge up at a 45° angle away from you, and carefully place in a trash can.
8. Wipe away excess caulk or sealant according to manufacturer's instructions (either with water and a damp cloth or mineral spirits) before the caulk or sealant dries. Excess dried caulk or sealant will need to be cut or scraped away.
9. The **DAP CAP™** is ideal for storage if later use of a partially-used container is desired.

THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT TO:



- Reduce air flow, and therefore reduce heating & cooling bills
- Create a waterproof seal to prevent leaks and damages
- Eliminate openings for insects to enter your home

WHICH PRODUCT SHOULD I USE?



DAP® 3.0™ Window, Door, Trim & Siding Sealant

- Paintable: YES
- Clean-up: MINERAL SPIRITS
- Time before painting*: 30 MINUTES
- Colors: WHITE & CLEAR



DAP® Silicone Plus™ Premium 100% Silicone Sealant

- Paintable: NO
- Clean-up: MINERAL SPIRITS
- Time before painting*: N/A
- Colors: WHITE & CLEAR



DAP® DYNAFLEX 230® Premium Indoor/Outdoor Sealant

- Paintable: YES
- Clean-up: SOAP & WATER
- Time before painting*: 2 HOURS
- Colors: RANGE OF COLORS & CLEAR

*Depends on depth of fill, temperature and humidity. Clear latex-based sealants should dry clear (7-14 days) before painting with latex or oil-based paints.