



## DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding

Self-levelling two-part polyurethane for embedding of glass panels

### Features & Benefits

- Pure glass aesthetics with invisible fixing
- Excellent flowability for efficient application
- Lightweight container sizes for easy handling
- Efficient and fast application for enhanced productivity
- Very rigid to minimize panel deflection
- Long pot life
- Very fast cure, at room temperature
- Color match to profile possible

### Composition

- Two-part polyurethane: filled polyol and polymeric isocyanate

### Applications

- Embedding of glass panels in U-profiles for glass balustrades
- Suitable for indoor and outdoor applications

### Typical Properties

Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications.

Test	Property	Unit	Result
<b>DOWSIL™ 375 Construction &amp; Glass Embedding – part A – polyol as supplied</b>			
	Color		Cream
ASTM <sup>1</sup> D4889	Viscosity Brookfield, 25°C	mPa.s	17000
ISO <sup>2</sup> 2811	Specific gravity, 20°C	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.61
<b>DOWSIL™ 375 Construction &amp; Glass Embedding – part B – hardener as supplied</b>			
	Color		Brown
ASTM D4889	Viscosity Brookfield, 25°C	mPa.s	160–240
ISO 2811	Specific gravity, 20°C	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.23

1. ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials.
2. ISO: International Standardization Organization.

## Typical Properties (Cont.)

Test	Property	Unit	Result
<b>DOWSIL™ 375 Construction &amp; Glass Embedding - mixed</b>			
	Color		Cream (without color paste) Grey, black (with color paste addition)
	Mixing ratio (weight)		100:19
	Mixing ratio (volume)		100:25
ASTM D4878	Viscosity (mixed) at 23°C	mPa.s	5000
DOWM <sup>3</sup> 10159	Pot life	min	60
	Curing time at 20°C	hours	7
ISO 868	Shore D hardness		70
ISO 527	Tensile strength	MPa	17
ISO 527	Elongation at break	%	11

3. DOWM: Dow Method. Internal procedure. Can be provided upon request.

### Description

DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding has been specifically developed to securely mount and support flat and curved monolithic or laminated glass panels in the U-shaped profiles used in these system designs and in other interior and exterior embedding applications. It is a pourable, self-levelling, two-part polyurethane, designed for use as a supporting material for glass panels that are only retained at the base.

### Approvals / Specifications

Balustrade assemblies made with DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding have passed pendulum tests according to DIN 18008-4 at an independent test institute. The test report and certificate are available from Dow representatives upon request.

### How to Use

#### Surface Preparation

In balustrade designs where DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding is typically applied, adhesion between the product and the U-profile, as well as between the product and the glass should be avoided to avoid stress in the glass (and possible glass breakage) and make replacement of the glass panel easier if required. Therefore, after glass cleaning, the areas of the glass and U-profile that will be in direct contact with DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding should be pre-treated to prevent adhesion, for example, with a silicone spray. Important: prior to applying the release agent, protect with tape the area that will be sealed with a weather sealant later in the installation, to ensure that adhesion is not compromised. For further information, please read the DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding technical manual and contact Dow Technical Specialists for any remaining question.

## **How to Use (Cont.)**

### **Application of DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding**

If a color paste is used, first add the appropriate paste amount into part A. Stir the pail of part A thoroughly with a drill equipped with a mixing paddle. Pour the whole content of the pail of part B into the pail of part A. The part A pail will accommodate the contents of both pails. There is no need to weigh or measure. Stir the part A and part B materials together at constant speed until a homogeneous mixture is obtained, for at least 90 seconds. The glass panel can be installed into the U-Profile either before or immediately following installation of the material. Pour the mixture by tilting the pail or use a pump to inject into the casting cavity. Ensure all gaps are filled and allow the material to level and cure. For further advice, please contact Dow's Technical Specialists.

### **Finishing**

Remove the protection tape. (This can either be done right after the material has been applied into the cavity or after curing). Once the material is completely cured, clean the areas of the glass and U-profile above the cured material. Create a weather seal connecting the glass and the U-profile by applying DOWSIL™ 791 Weatherproofing Sealant on top of the embedding material for protection from water ingress and UV exposure.

## **Handling Precautions**

Always wear gloves and eye protection when handling the materials. We recommend wearing a respiratory mask of type AP2 (meeting standard EN 14387) during mixing and transferring the mixture.

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## **Usable Life and Storage**

DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding part A and B should be stored in a dry place at a temperature between 15 and 25°C. The shelf life is 12 months from date of manufacture. Refer to product packaging for "Use By" date.

## **Packaging Information**

DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding part A polyol comes in a 16 kg package. There is a large headspace between the surface of part A polyol and the rim of the pail. This eases the mixing process and avoids splashes. DOWSIL™ 375 Construction & Glass Embedding part B hardener comes in a 3 kg package. After opening of the packaging, the remaining content must be protected from humidity.

## **Limitations**

Compatibility tests with substrates of other materials used in the assembly have to be performed before application.

This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses.

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Dispose in accordance with all local, state (provincial) and federal regulations. Empty containers may contain hazardous residues. This material and its container must be disposed in a safe and legal manner.

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