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Weather Restrictions: Water based caulking / Acrylic Latex

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Category: Sealants (Caulking) Product: Water based caulking / Acrylic Latex
Temperature Limitations: Above +5 C (+40 F) to +15 C (+60 F) depending on brand
Rain Limitations: No rain for 30 min.
Wind Limitations: n/a
Humidity Limitations: High humidity will slow curing
Continuous Conditions: 24 hours above +5 C (+40 F)

Comments: Water based caulking (properly called Sealant) must be applied to a warm, clean and dry surface. They must be kept dry until a thick skin is formed and kept freeze free until cured, 24 hours. Weather limitations on most renovation products can be located on the WEATHER tab above.

APPLICATION / INSTALLATION DETAILS

Acrylic Latex caulking is not usually used for outdoor applications, simply because it is not as robust as others and tends to harden more than many. Flexibility is important with the expansion and contraction that goes on between the sunshine of high noon and the cool overnight lows.

There is a lot of information on caulking and caulking techniques on this web site; this will get you to most of it. First, what is a Sealant and what is a Caulking? [Click here for Vocabulary](#). Then a brief overview might help with [Which Caulking Should I Use?](#) [Click here for the right technique in using a caulking gun](#). Here is more for caulking in cold weather and keeping the product warm. And [click here for more than you ever wanted to know about caulking](#).

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