



THE BRITISH ADHESIVES AND SEALANTS ASSOCIATION

# CE marking for Sealants

This document provides some simple answers to questions you may have regarding CE marking of sealants



Sealants are going to be CE marked. What does this mean for me?

**WHAT IS CE MARKING?**

It is a unified way of presenting certain technical properties relating to safety and durability in a consistent format to show that it can be sold in all EU member states. CE marking is NOT a sign of quality or product performance. It will NOT provide any guidance on the correct choice of sealant or whether any product is suitable for your specific application needs. It is not possible to compare one type of sealant with another using CE marking.

**DO I NEED A CE MARKED SEALANT?**

Only if the end application is covered by a special sort of European Standard called a Harmonised Standard, which asks all European Manufacturers to declare, in a common language, a set of performance features related to safety and durability

**WHY IS CE MARKING NECESSARY?**

The European Construction Products Regulation has resulted in *some* construction products having a harmonized product standard and only these products need to carry a CE mark. This is a legal requirement. New harmonized standards will continue to be developed and introduced to the construction market.

This process commences 1st July 2013

**Should I only purchase CE marked sealants?**

No, because not all types of sealant can legally be CE marked, also remember that just because a product carries a CE mark it does not mean it is a 'better' product than one that doesn't

**When will I see a CE mark on sealants?**

**Some types of sealants can carry the CE mark from the 1st July 2013 others will have a longer timeframe, some may never require CE marking**

**How do I know which type of sealant should be CE marked?**

**As of the date of this document, sealants used in the following applications can be CE marked: Façade, Glazing, Sanitary, Pedestrian Walkways, Concrete Pavements, and Structural Glazing. Some types of sealants are not covered eg: oil based mastics; putties; and decorators caulks are only covered if they are also intended for use as an interior frame sealant for the perimeter seal**

**When I compare similar sealants why is the information on the CE marking different?**

**Manufacturers can choose which of the properties are recorded in the CE marking; therefore a comparison cannot exclusively be made based on this information. The sealant supplier should be consulted for specific advice.**

**If a sealant can be CE marked, will it have to be specified?**

**If it is possible to CE mark a certain type of sealant, this means it is mandatory to CE mark all sealants of this type, therefore this will probably carry forward to specifiers, but not as a generic 'use a CE marked sealant' requirement**

**How do I know if the sealant has a CE mark?**

**The product's packaging should carry a CE logo and the complete CE marking, an example is shown on the right. The size of the immediate packaging may not allow the full CE marking to be shown. In this case it can be provided by other means eg accompanying paperwork, outer packaging.**



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Easy Seal Elastic Glazing Sealant - ESSS-04  
CPR 2013 ESSS-04  
BS EN 15651-2:2012  
Reaction to Fire Class F  
Release of Chemicals None  
Resistance to Flow ≤3mm  
Loss of Volume ≤55%  
Adhesion/cohesion properties at maintained  
Extension after 28 days water immersion Pass  
Microbiological Growth 2  
Durability Pass  
Sanitary Sealant with up to 25% joint movement

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