

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Caulks and Sealants

Is silicone paintable?

- No, none of our LePage® Silicone sealants are paintable. Ensure that the area around your project is painted prior to applying the silicone.

How do I know which sealant to choose?

- This is a very difficult question to answer. One must understand the nature of the sealing job that has to be done and determine the flexibility and performance characteristics that are required. In most cases, a sealant having high flexibility and elastomeric-like properties will most probably offer the best sealant choice especially for outdoor use. Generally, an exterior sealant requires greater flexibility in order to withstand the extreme conditions. Contact our Technical Service Help Line at 1-800-624-7767 [FREE 1-800-624-](tel:1-800-624-7767)

[7767](tel:1-800-624-7767) to discuss your current project and to receive a specific product recommendation.

Can I use LePage® Ultra Seal™ Kitchen & Bath Sealant outdoors?

- No, this sealant is designed for interior use only,

Are all the LePage® PL® Polyurethane sealants the same?

- All of our LePage® PL® Polyurethane sealants are similar in terms of performance and characteristics therefore it is possible to interchange them depending on the project requirements.

Can I use LePage® Quad® Advanced Formula Sealant indoors?

- No, our QUAD® Advanced Formula Sealant should be used for exterior applications only. It should never be used indoors especially in occupied structures as it has an extremely strong odour which lingers through the full curing process.

Can I use a Latex sealant outdoors?

- Yes, We have two possible Latex-based sealants in our LePage® Sealant line-up which can be used for both interior and exterior applications.
  1. LePage® GreenSeries™ All-Purpose Sealant is especially formulated for sealing gaps and cracks around doors and windows, indoor and out.
  2. LePage® Ultra Seal® Windows & Doors is a high performance sealant designed especially for exterior applications. It contains a patented Rain Guard™ Technology which allows uncured sealant to resist washout caused by early rain exposure.

Are all Latex sealants the same?

- Latex sealants are generally categorized into three performance groups - Low, Medium and High Performance. Each group has special characteristics. Low-end sealants have minimum flexibility but are excellent for repairs to drywall and filling cracks around baseboards. Medium-grade sealants offers good flexibility and fast skinning. The high-end sealants offer the best flexibility, strength and performance.

What is Rain Guard™ Technology?

- In general, Latex-based sealants have always been susceptible to washout due to early exposure to inclement weather especially soon after an application. The LePage® Ultra Seal™ Window & Doors Sealant contains a very special ingredient which helps to prevent this washout. It is the only sealant in the marketplace which has this characteristic

I bought LePage® Ultra Seal™ Kitchen & Bath Acrylic in clear but it is extruding white? Why is this?

- Clear latex-based sealants will always initially extrude white but will turn clear as it dries. Oftentimes if the clear sealant is exposed to water before it has fully dried it may temporarily turn white again. With time as it dries out, it will turn clear again.

I am recaulking around my bathtub, how do I ensure that there will be no more mold or mildew where I caulk?

- It's important that before caulking any joint, gap or crack that the area be cleaned thoroughly. All old caulk, dirt, oil, residues and most importantly any existing mold & mildew must be cleaned before any caulk or sealant can be applied. To remove the existing mold & mildew use a mixture of bleach and water with a non-abrasive scrub sponge on all surfaces where caulk is to be applied (Note: Do not use ammonia when using bleach. Bleach and ammonia combined produce dangerous gases. This can be harmful to your health. It is also recommended that when using bleach the area be well ventilated.). Once an area is caulked and has fully cured, the best way to prevent future mold & mildew is to wipe clean all areas after they get wet.