

Joint Preparation

Joint surfaces should be clean, dry and free from all contamination including: dirt, oils, grease, tar, wax, rust and any other substance that may inhibit the sealant's performance.

Joint Design

Install all joint applications per ASTM and SWRI recommendations and guidelines. Joints shall be designed with a depth to width ratio of 1:2 (joint depth one-half the width). Control the depth of the sealant by using a polyethylene backer rod that is 25% larger than the joint opening at standard temperature. To prevent three-point adhesion use a backer rod or bond breaker tape to ensure proper joint movement and a long lasting weatherproof seal. Where the joint configuration will not permit a backer rod, Chem Link recommends that an alternative bond breaker be used.

Joint Width Inches (mm)	Joint Depth Inches (mm)
1/4 - 1/2 (6-13)	1/4 (6)
1/2 - 3/4 (13-19)	1/4 - 3/8 (6-10)
3/4 - 1 (19-25)	3/8 - 1/2 (10-13)
1 - 2 (25-50)	1/2 (13)

Basic Uses
Expansion Joints
Pre-cast Concrete
Block and Masonry
Curtain Walls
Window and Door Frames
Siding
Parapets
Cove Joints
Transportation
Weather Sealing

Typical Uncured Properties	
Gun Grade	Zero Slump ASTM C 697
Viscosity	1,200,000+ cps Brookfield RVF, TF spindle, 4 RPM, 73° F
Tack Free Time	45 minutes - ASTM C-679
Odor	Mild Mint Smell

Typical Cured Properties		
Elongation at break	300 - 400%	ASTM D-412
Hardness Shore A	30 +/- 3	ASTM C-661
Shear strength	175 PSI	ASTM D-1002
Low temperature flex	Minus 10° F pass ¼ inch mandrel	ASTM D-816
Shrinkage	No measurable shrinkage after 14 days	
Service temperature	Minus 40° F to 200° F continuous service	
Shelf life	Cartridges: 1 year Sausages: 1 year Pails: 3 months	

Compatible Substrates*
Concrete
Block and Brick
Stone
Masonry
Aluminum and Galvanized Metal
Wood
Engineered Plastics, PVC
Glass
Fiberglass FRP
EPS Foam

***Test and evaluate to ensure adequate adhesion.**

Application Guidelines

Concrete

Prior to application remove any residual contamination by mechanical abrasion, sand blasting or power washing. On green concrete, remove all release agents and friable and loose concrete. Dry all visible and standing water prior to applying **NovaLink**. Install an appropriate backer rod to avoid three-point bonding.

Metal

Prepare all metal to ensure maximum adhesion. Remove all rust, scale and residue by wire brushing to a bright metal sheen. Remove films, loose or inappropriate coatings and oils with an appropriate solvent such as alcohol.*

**Chem Link recommends that coated substrates be tested for adhesion prior to starting a project. Please contact Technical Services for specific application guidelines and recommendations.*

Wood

Wood should be clean, sound and dry prior to sealant application. Allow treated wood to weather for six months prior to application. Remove all coatings and paint (or test for compatibility) to ensure proper bonding. Do not use on fire retardant lumber.

Priming

In most instances **NovaLink** will not require a primer. However, certain applications or substrates may require a primer to ensure a long lasting bond and weatherproof seal. It is the applicator's responsibility to determine the need for a primer. Chem Link recommends a primer be used for any application where prolonged immersion is anticipated.

Storage

Store original, unopened containers in a cool, dry area. Protect unopened containers from water, heat and direct sunlight. Elevated temperatures will reduce shelf life. **NovaLink** will not freeze.

Clean-Up

Wet sealant can be removed using a solvent such as alcohol. Cured **NovaLink** can be removed by abrading or scraping the substrate.

Shelf Life

One year from date of manufacture when stored in normal environments. High temperature and high relative humidity may significantly reduce shelf life. Pails and special orders have a shelf life of three months.

Application Instructions

Remove all dirt, oil, loose paint, frost and other contamination from all working surfaces with alcohol. DO NOT USE petroleum solvents such as mineral spirits or xylene. Maintain **NovaLink** at room temperature before applying to ensure easy gunning. Test and evaluate to ensure adequate adhesion. Apply with a quality caulk gun. Cut the cartridge nozzle at a 45° angle and to the desired gauge/length. Puncture inner seal and carefully gun the sealant with a smooth, continuous bead. If tooling is needed, do so within fifteen minutes. Do not use on Hypalon membranes. On TPO, use Chem Link TPO primer. On smooth APP, torch apply a granulated APP target piece around penetration(s) before installing **ChemCurbs**. Do not prime bonding surfaces with asphalt primer! Do not use asphalt cement as a "night sealant."

Caution

Avoid prolonged contact with skin. Uncured adhesive irritates eyes. In case of contact with eyes, immediately flush with water. Call a physician. Please refer to the MSDS for First Aid information. Most current MSDS can be found at www.chemlinkinc.com.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

Limitations

- Horizontal applications will require tooling.
- In areas where prolonged chemical exposure is anticipated, contact Technical Services for recommendations.
- Allow treated wood to "cure" for six months prior to application per APA guidelines.
- Do not use in areas subject to continuous immersion.
- Do not store in elevated temperatures.
- Allow asphalt to cure a minimum of six months before applying **NovaLink**.
- Remove all coatings and sealers before application.
- Test and evaluate all paints before application. Alkyd and oil based paints may dry slowly.
- Do not use on TPO without Chem Link TPO primer.



