

RC 1800 SILICONE SPRAY GUIDE

This guide covers handling and airless spray application of RC 1800 Silicone single component elastomeric silicone coating. RC 1800 Silicone polymerizes through chemical reaction with air borne moisture yielding tough, waterproof, weather-resistant elastomeric films. Airless spray is an effective method of application particularly on large areas and irregular or vertical surfaces.

Roof coating contractors and all field application crews using this product should familiarize themselves with procedures for personal safety, workplace precautions and equipment operation. Refer to Product Data Sheet and Safety Data Sheet for product information. Refer to manufacturer's instructions for spray equipment operation, maintenance and safety.

1. SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND VENTILATION

RC 1800 Silicone is a moisture cure elastomeric coating. Spray application creates finely atomized particles and vapors which dictate specific procedures to minimize health and safety risks.

A. Protective Equipment

1. Atmospheric levels should be maintained below the exposure guidelines as stated on the SDS. When respiratory protection is required use an approved air-purifying or positive pressure supplied air respirator.
2. Industrial protective clothing.
3. Industrial protective gloves.

B. Outdoor Spraying Precautions

1. Rope off the area within the immediate spray area.
2. Seal off ventilation intakes within the work area.
3. Care should be taken to confine spray mist and avoid damage to nearby surfaces due to overspray.
4. Be sure to take proper precautions to not spray over unprotected energized lighting or electrical outlets.

2. STORAGE AND HANDLING

A. Storage

1. Keep containers closed. Store in a dry, cool place away from heat, sparks, open flame and moisture.
2. For cold weather application, keep material stored above 65°F (18°C).
3. Open pails or drums should be blanketed with a thin coat of RC 300 before resealing to prevent product from skinning.

B. Mixing

1. Settling or separation may occur from storage.
2. Mix material before using to assure uniform consistency. Use folding blade---type mixer for closed head drums.
3. Follow equipment manufacturer’s instructions for proper grounding.

C. Thinning

1. Thinning RC 1800 Silicone is not required when proper application conditions and ideal climatic conditions exist, and adequate equipment is used.
2. RC 300 is recommended to clean equipment. Other cleaners may contain alcohol or other contaminants, which will adversely affect coating characteristics, resulting in decreased coating physical properties and weather resistance or potential damage to spray equipment.

3. SPRAY EQUIPMENT

Airless spray equipment generates very high fluid pressure. Spray equipment must be properly maintained and operated. Any misuse of spray equipment or accessories (such as over-pressurizing, modified parts, or worn or damaged parts) can result in serious bodily injury, fire, explosion, or property damage. Read and follow the equipment manufacturer’s instructions and recommendations.

- A. Airless spray pump must have minimum 4,000 psi output pressure rating and adequate delivery volume to support the spray tip orifice gallons per minute (gpm) rating. High-pressure airless sprayers with a higher maximum pressure capability will allow spray application in cold weather or using spray hose lengths greater than 250 feet (76.20 meters).

GRACO GAS POWERED AIRLESS SPRAYERS

PART #	NAME	RATED PSI (MAX)	GPM
249617	GH 833	4,000	4
230975	GH 933	7,250	2.5



GRACO GH 833



GRACO GH 933

Airless sprayers not listed have not been evaluated. The preceding information can be used as a reference and for assembling an alternative equipment system. Refer to equipment manufacturer for more information.

B. Sprayer supply must be direct immersed pump, large diameter suction tube and hose, or drum transfer pump.

1. Direct immersion is practical for limited quantities supplied in 5 gallon (18.92 L) pails.
2. Suction supply directly from pails or drums is sufficient when 1½-inch (3.81 cm) diameter or larger tube and hose in short lengths are used. Limit hose length to 8 feet (2.44 meters) or less.
3. Transfer pump is preferred in some cases to assure positive supply of coating to the airless pump. A 2:1 or 5:1 fluid to air ratio transfer pump of divorced design will supply coating from drums without cavitation and resulting premature pump packing wear. Limit feed pressure to 400 psi.

C. Airless spray hose must be grounded. Use only electrically grounded hose designed for paint and solvent. Never exceed maximum working pressure of hose or fittings.

NOTE: To help prevent hose plugging problems, use only moisture resistant hose when spraying RC 1800 Silicone.

1. Maximum hose length can be as long as 250 feet (76.20 meters). Hose will consist of 150 feet of ¾ inch (45.72 cm of 1.90 cm hose) and the balance of ½-inch hose (30.48 cm of 1.27 cm hose).
2. A whip hose, 3 feet (0.91 meters), or 6 feet (1.82 meters) in length, and gun swivel are recommended to control spray and reduce operator fatigue. In some conditions the whip hose may cause unsatisfactory spray patterns. Conditions that may cause this are colder temperatures or too long of a spray hose.
3. Best performance can be achieved if any fittings that could restrict flow in the suction pipe, pump, or spray hose are replaced.
4. Spray gun is a pistol grip flow through gun.
5. Spray tip selection is based upon the material delivery volume and spray pattern desired. See table below.

TIP SIZES & FLOW RATES

		ORIFICE SIZE			
FAN WIDTH	INCH	MM	0.033	0.035	0.03
	6 – 8	152 – 203			
	8 – 10	203 – 254	433	435	439
	10 – 12	254 – 305	533	535	
	12 – 14	305 – 356	633	635	
		FLOW RATE (GPM)		1.17	1.31
	FLOW RATE (L/MIN.)		4.42	4.98	6.18

D. Spray application rate

1. RC 1800 Silicone is typically applied at 1.0 gallons per 100 square feet or 16 wet mils, per coat. A base coat and finish coat are typically required for 25-32 dry mil specification.
2. If the spray pattern has fingers, tails or pulsates, change spray tips to reduce the size of the spray orifice. This will decrease material delivery volume and increase pressure.
3. A filter screen may be used to reduce tip plugging especially when using smaller size tips. Clean filter screen on a regular basis.

4. APPLICATION

A. Climatic conditions

1. Rain, fog, dew and frost will react adversely, affecting adhesion and physical properties of coating. Do not apply if any of these conditions exist or will exist within five hours of application. The substrate must be clean, dry and free of any loose impediments or any other foreign matter at the time of application.
2. At ambient temperatures below 65° F (18° C) store and maintain material temperature above 65° F in the container prior to application. Spray application is not recommended when material temperatures are below 40° F (5°C).
3. At temperatures above 85° F (29° C) reduce the application rate on vertical or irregular surfaces to prevent sags or runs.

B. Spraying Technique

1. Hold the spray gun perpendicular to the surface at a distance of 18 to 24 inches (45.72 to 60.96 cm). While triggering the spray gun, move it at a rate to produce the desired coating wet mil thickness without thin spots or “holidays.” Spray technique should include a “half lap” technique where each spray pass is overlapped 50% for uniform coverage. Check applied film thickness using a wet mil gauge.
2. Use the lowest fluid pressure which will provide a uniform spray pattern without fingering. When greater material coverage is desired, use a larger spray tip orifice size instead of increasing pressure. Excessive pressure could cause excessive overspray.
3. Cure time of coating can vary greatly depending on ambient air temperature and humidity.

C. Clean-up

1. Clean airless spray equipment with RC 300. Recirculate cleaner through pump supply, airless spray pump and spray hose to remove residual coating. When using 250 feet (76.20 meters) of hose it can typically take 10 to 15 gallons (37.9 to 56.8 L) of RC 300 for the initial flush of the equipment. Flush with clean RC 300 15 minutes after initial flush.
2. Do not leave RC 1800 Silicone in airless spray system overnight. Due to the moisture cure nature of silicone, it is possible for these coatings to harden if left in the equipment too long. Contractor assumes responsibility for coating left in hoses or

equipment beyond these recommendations. Dedicated silicone hoses are also recommended.

3. For long-term storage, a final flush with mineral spirits is required. After flushing, spray lines should be capped with mineral spirits still in the lines. Do not blow lines clear with air, as doing so will cause clogging issues.
4. Troubleshooting information presented here is specifically for RC 1800 Silicone (product data sheets and equipment manufacturer's operation manual should be referred to for additional information):

CONDITION	AREAS TO CHECK	CORRECTIVE ACTION
POOR SPRAY PATTERN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too large or worn spray tip • Low fluid pressure • Cold material 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace with new or smaller tip • Increase pump pressure • Warm to above 65 F (18 C)
PULSATING SPRAY PATTERN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too large or worn spray tip • Inadequate material supply • Spray pump ball check obstructed • Inadequate compressed air 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace with new or smaller tip • Check suction hose/transfer pump • Check and clear • Provide more air or use smaller tip
SAGS/RUNS ON VERTICAL	Too much material per coat	Reduce application rate per coat (more coats may be required)
RUNS OFF HIGH ON SPRAY FOAM	Material or substrate too warm	Reduce application rate per coat (more coats may be required)
RUNS OFF HIGH ON SPRAY FOAM	Material or substrate too warm	Reduce application rate or wait for cooler conditions
FOAMY OR PIN-HOLED COATING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet substrate • High humidity • Rain/dew on uncured applied coat • Too hot substrate – above solvent boiling point 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wait for surface to dry • Wait for acceptable conditions