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Dirko™ gray | the permanently-elastic, temperature-resistant sealing compound



Description and field of application

Dirko™ gray is a high-temperature sealing compound on a silicone base. Dirko™ gray cures by reacting with the humidity in the air. The cured sealing compound is permanently resilient. The product is characterized by a very large range of applications.

1. General product information

Chemical basis	Oxime silicone
Curing	Room temperature vulcanized (RTV)
Components	One component
Color	Gray
Consistency	Pasty, stable, in the cured state permanently resilient
Temperature range	-60°C to +280°C (briefly +300°C)
Maximum sealing gap	2.0 mm
pH	Neutral
Electrical conductivity	Insulating
Resistant to	Oil, grease, coolant, UV radiation, cold and hot water, salt water, detergents, weak acids and lyes, etc.
Possible applications	Valve cover, oil pan, water and oil pump, differential housing, gearbox, gear oil sump, thermostat housing, control housing, shaft cover, flanged connection, headlamp, tail light, battery compartment, etc.

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2. Technical data

2.1 General features

Measurable variables	Value	Test standard
Shore A hardness	35-45 Shore	DIN 53505
Density	1.16 g/ml	DIN 53479
Skin formation time (23°C, 50% relative humidity)	5-15 min	ISO 291
Curing time (23°C, 50% relative humidity)	about 2 mm/24 h	
Elastic modulus	0.7 N/mm ²	DIN EN ISO 8339
Elongation at break	500%	DIN 53504
Tensile strength	2.4 N/mm ²	DIN 53504

1.1 Heat resistance

The heat resistance of Dirko can be determined by simulating the extreme elongation behavior of the sealing compound. Several key results of such tests are shown below. The elongation simulated here does not occur in practice when used as a surface sealant.

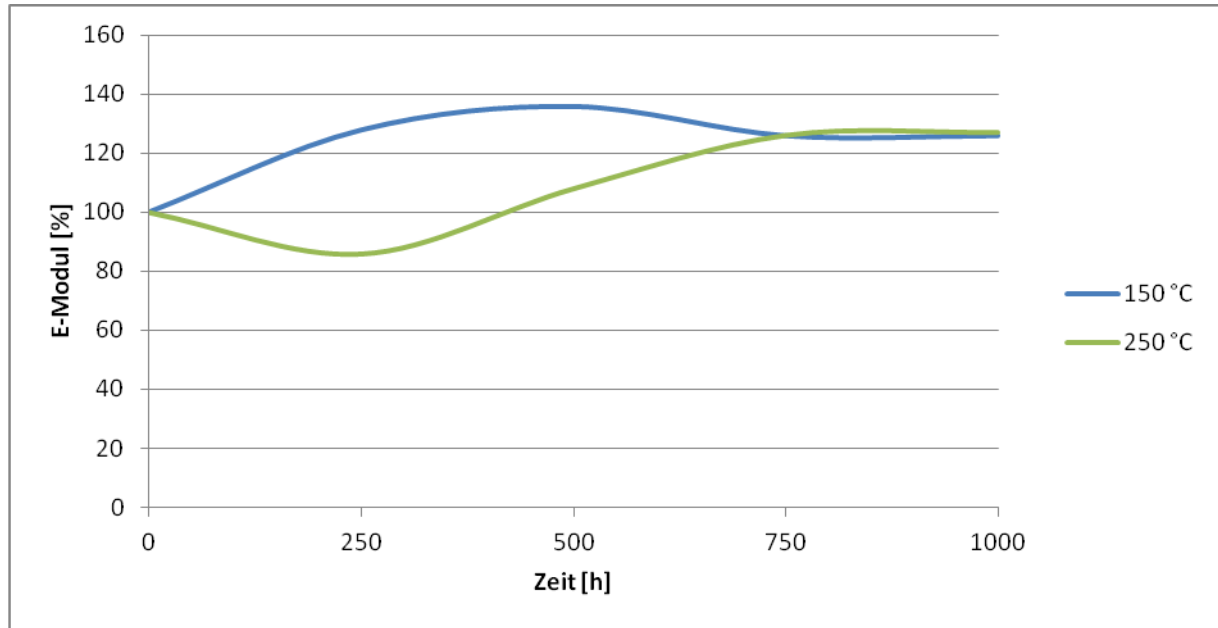
1.1.1 Elastic modulus

To determine the elastic modulus, the cured sealing compound is fixed in a clamping device and is stretched 100%. The force required for this elongation is measured. The following diagram shows the development of the elastic modulus (DIN 53504) as a function of the pertinent temperature and time. The elastic modulus is shown as a percentage by comparison to the value without temperature stress.

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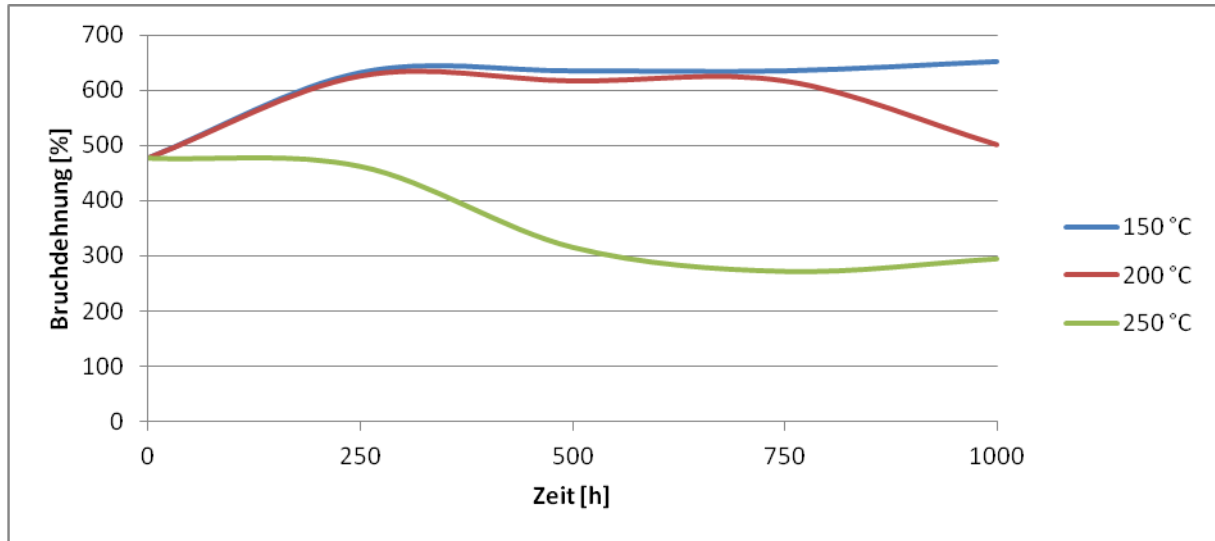
1.1.2 Elongation at break

To measure the elongation at break, the sealing compound is stretched until an inner breakage occurs. The percentage elongation until break is measured. The following diagram shows the development of the elongation at break (DIN 53504) as a function of the pertinent temperature and time.

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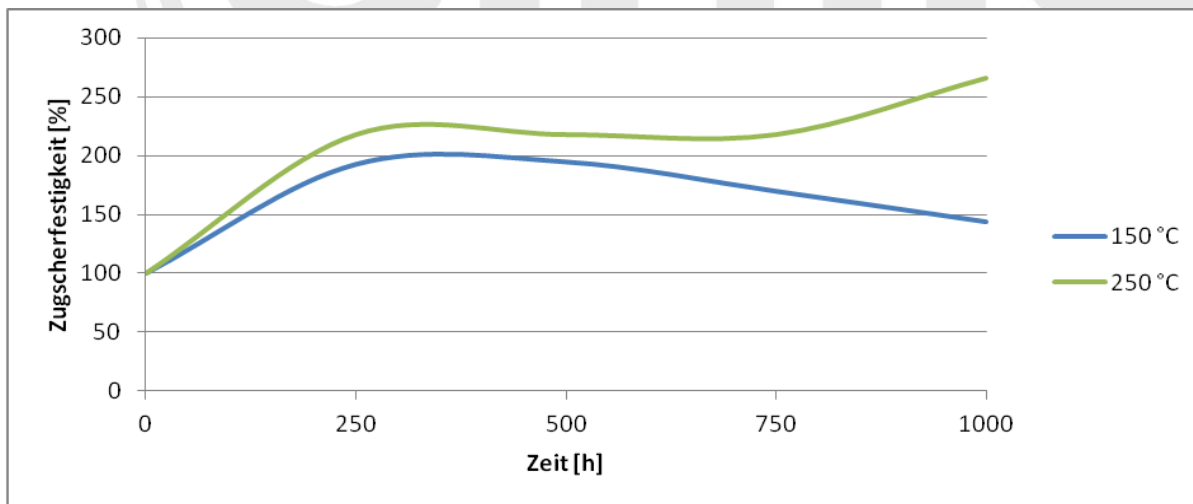


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1.1.3 Combined tensile and shear strength

The combined tensile and shear strength defines the inner strength of the sealing compound and the adhesion to the substrate. The following diagram shows the development of the combined tensile and shear strength (ISO 4587) as a function of the pertinent temperature and time.



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1.2 Media resistance

The table below shows the media resistance of the sealing compound. For this, the test item was submersed in the pertinent medium for the time stated. The combined tensile and shear strength (ISO 4587) is then determined. The following table shows the percentage deviation in the combined tensile and shear strength to the initial value without the effect of the medium and the temperature. An estimation of the media resistance can be made on the basis of the determined values.

	Temperature [°C]	Deviation to the initial value [%]		
		100 h	500 h	1000 h
Gearbox oil (ATF)	120	80	77	67
Engine oil (5W30)	120	119	35	36
Water/Glycol (50/50)	100	63	61	67
Water/Glycol (50/50)	120	48	69	69
Water	60	219	106	108
Water	90	90	75	86

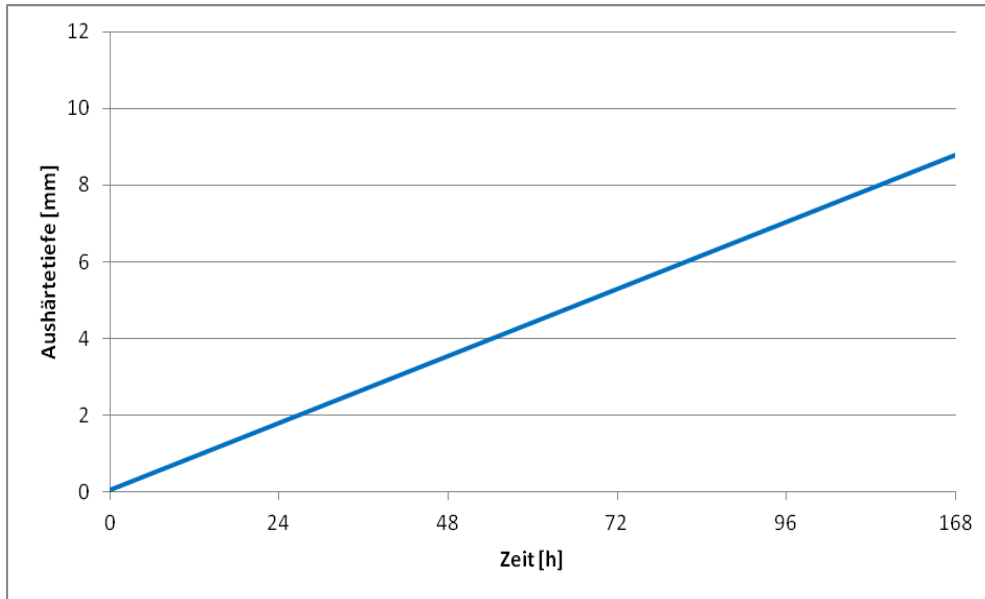
1.3 Rate of cure

The rate of cure depends on the temperature and humidity. The higher the temperature and humidity, the faster Dirko gray cures. The chart below shows the development over time of the cure rate in a standard climate (23°C/50% relative humidity).

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1.4 Surface adhesion

The adhesion of Dirko™ gray on various surfaces is of subordinate interest when used as a surface sealant. The following values indicate the measured combined tensile and shear strength for a sealing gap of 2 mm (ISO 4587).

Surface	Combined tensile and shear strength [N/mm ²]
Copper	0.30
Steel	0.32
Steel (galvanized)	0.36
Aluminum	0.36
Brass	0.42
Stainless steel	0.45
Steel (electrolytically galvanized)	0.56
GRP	1.23

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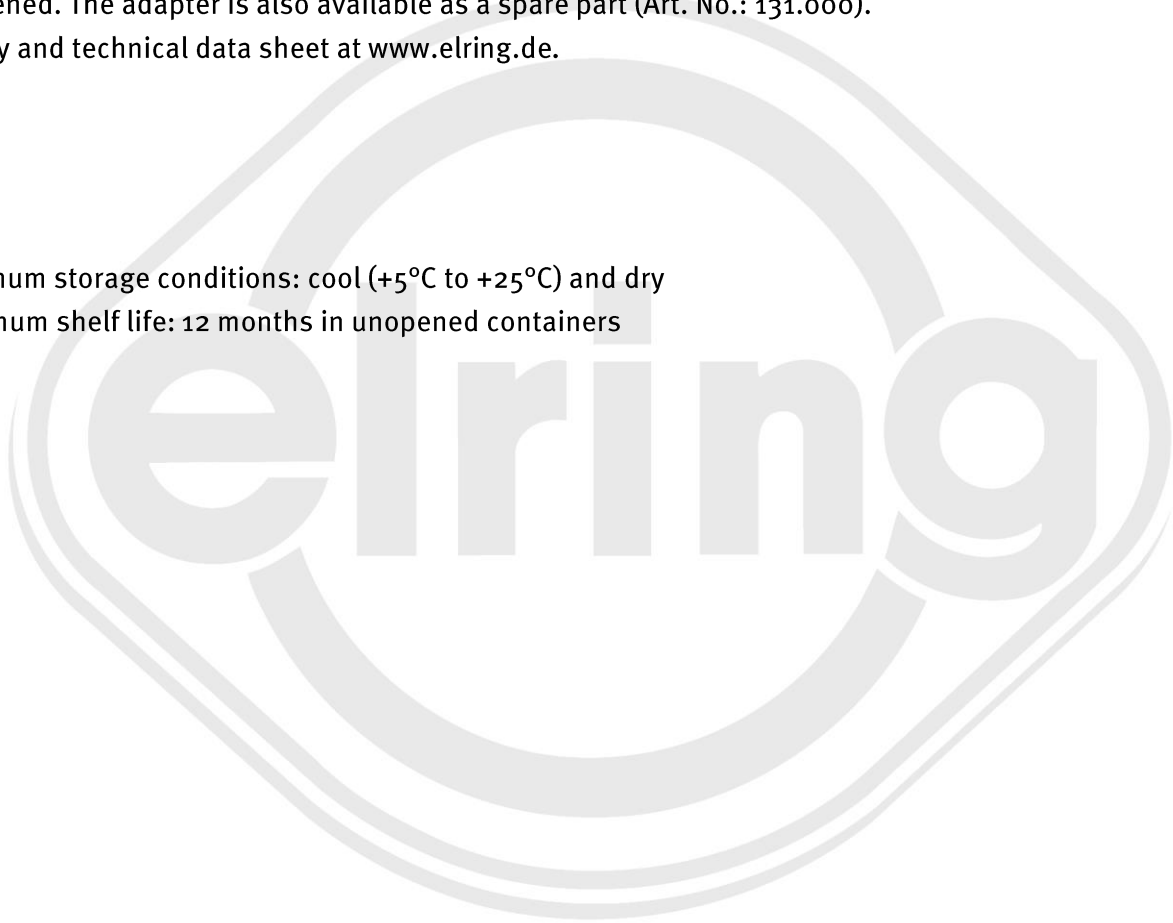
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3. Usage instructions

- Remove sealant residues and clean the sealing surfaces with solvent.
- The sealing surfaces must be clean, dry and free from oil and grease before the sealant compound is applied.
- Apply the sealant compound continuously and uniformly. The discharge velocity can be adjusted by actuating the lever.
- Immediately remove excessively applied sealing compound, as there is a risk that this may drip inside.
- Fit components in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- An immediate sealing function applies.
- Close the sealing compound after use. For repeated use, all 3 screw connections of the adapter should be firmly tightened. The adapter is also available as a spare part (Art. No.: 131.000).
- Safety and technical data sheet at www.elring.de.

4. Storage

- Optimum storage conditions: cool (+5°C to +25°C) and dry
- Minimum shelf life: 12 months in unopened containers



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5. Type of delivery

Article No.	Type of packaging	Filling quantity	Packaging unit	Languages (warnings for hazardous materials)
036.163	Tube, long and short nozzle, tube key	70 ml	12 pieces	BG/DK/DE/EN/FR/EL/IT/HR/LT/LV/NL/PL/PT/RO/SE/SK/ES/CZ/HU
527.290	Tube, long and short nozzle, tube key	70 ml	12 pieces	RU
610.02 2	Cartridge, nozzle	310 ml	12 pieces	BG/DK/DE/EN/FR/EL/IT/HR/LT/LV/NL/PL/PT/RO/RU/SE/SK/ES/CZ/HU

Large containers on request

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