# Where to use Big Stretch®

Big Stretch is perfect for many interior and exterior applications, including: windows, doors, siding, vents, soffits, eaves and baseboards. It is also good for crown molding and sound-proofing interior walls. Big Stretch adheres to most building materials:

• Wood

Asphalt

Steel

Formica

• Vinyl • Cinder Block

Stucco

Fiberglass

Metal

Aluminum

• Glass

• Ceramic Tile

Brick

• Concrete Walls & Panels

# Where not to use Big Stretch.

- Areas of water submersion or frequent, prolonged puddling
- Areas with high foot and/or vehicle traffic (driveways, sidewalks, decks, patios, etc.)
- A roof exposed to prolonged dampness (use Sashco's Through the Roof!® instead)
- Big Stretch Clear should not be used on copper flashing. Colored Big Stretch, Sashco's Lexel® or Sashco's Through the Roof! are best for this application.

# **Warranty**

Sashco warrants this product will substantially meet published specifications on the date of sale. If it fails to do so, return unused portion with original sales receipt for replacement or refund, at Sashco's sole option. These are purchaser's sole and exclusive remedies for any breach of warranty. Purchaser must determine suitability of product for purchaser's specific needs and assumes all risk associated with its use.

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## **Typical Properties**

Colors: White, Gray, Woodtone, Dark Brown, Tan, Clear, Almond, Redwood, Black, Ironstone, Limestone, Slate Gray and Pine Green

Packaging: 10.5 oz. plastic cartridges or 29 oz. fiber cartridges

**Joint Size:** Spans gaps up to 2" wide (1/2" depth)

**Paintability:** Paintable with exterior latex paints/stains after 4 hours and interior latex paints/stains after 24-48 hours (more for humid conditions). Paintable with most exterior oil-based paints/stains after 1 week. Note: some low-end, flat latex paints may crack over Big Stretch, regardless of cure time.

**Application Range:** 40°F to 120°F (4°C to 49°C) **Service Range:** -30°F to 250°F (-34°C to 121°C)

**Specifications:** Meets FHA requirements. Meets or exceeds Federal Specification TT-S-00230 C, ASTM C-834, ASTM C-920, Type S, NS, Class 25, Use NT, M, A. Exceeds 10% weight loss.

**VOC:** 59.8 g/L, < 1.5%

Extrusion Rate (ASTM C-603): 750 g/min (1/8" orifice at 40 psi)

**Tensile Properties:** 

Recovery at 50% stretch: 100% in 3 minutes Recovery at 100% stretch: 96% in 5 minutes

**Durability (ASTM C-719):** 25% total joint movement (10 cycles @ -15°F (-26°C))

Freeze-Thaw Stability (ASTM C-731): Passes 10 cycles 0°F to 70°F (-18°C to 21°C)

Hardness, Shore A (ASTM C-661): 32 (21-day cure) Slump (ASTM D-2202): < 1/8" (3/4" vertical channel)

**Solids (ASTM C-1250):** 83.8% by weight (pigmented) • 61.2% by weight (clear)

Tack-free: Less than 1 hour

**Cured (ASTM C-679):** 4-5 days (dependent on temperature, humidity and bead size)

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ASTM C-794 Adhesion-in-Peel Data					
Substrate	Pass or Fail	Substrate	Pass or Fail		
Aluminum	Pass	Glass	Pass		
Alkyd Stain	Pass	Pine	Pass		
Brick	Pass	PVC Plastic	Pass		
Cedar	Pass	Stucco	Pass		
Concrete	Pass	Vinyl	Pass		
Galvanized Steel	Pass				



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## **All Homes Move...**

The window frame moves away from the siding or the door shifts against the brick. They move when the temperatures change, the wind blows, the ground swells or the earth quakes. Most caulks can't take it – they dry hard and crack out.

That's why you need Big Stretch. It works when other caulks fail. It has powerful adhesion but stays elastic

and rubbery. It will twist, bend, stretch and compress to absorb just about any movement a home can dish out.

## **Big Stretch**® **Features**

- · Limited lifetime warranty
- Super elastic
- Freeze-thaw stable: leave it out overnight and it will still be good when it thaws out!
- Skins over quickly for better rain and dust resistance
- Paintable within 24 hours with latex paint
- Highly resistant to UV and ozone attack



# **Alyster Plunger**

10.5 cartridges come with Sashco's unique Alyster plunger.

A flexible telescopic diaphragm not only stops material flow, it actually pulls material back into the nozzle!

- Tight Seal Increases shelf life and minimizes leakage.
- Stop Flow The flexible telescopic diaphragm assures that material flow will stop when caulk gun pressure is released.

## **Before you Start: Good Tips to Know**

- Check the weather. Pick a time where you'll have good surface and air temperatures: 40°F (4°C) and rising to 120°F (49°C) and falling.
- Lower temperatures and higher humidity will slow cure time, so be sure to allow 1-3 days curing before exposure to direct rainfall. Use plastic sheeting with good airflow underneath to protect the product if rain is expected sooner.
- Natural shrinkage will give the joint a concave appearance; multiple applications may be needed to fill the joint flat.
- Big Stretch accepts latex paints/stains within 4 hours. (Wait at least 24 hours with low-end latex paints. Some low-end, flat latex paints may crack over Big Stretch,



regardless of cure time.) If using an oil-based paint/stain, allow 1 week to cure. Larger beads may require more cure time before painting. Some paints/stains may interfere with adhesion regardless of dry time.

• Contact Sashco's Customer Service with compatibility or timing questions at 1-800-289-7290.

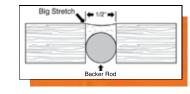
## **Application Steps**

## **Substrate/Surface Prep**

- If dirt or oils are present, wash with any household cleaner, rinse to remove and allow to thoroughly dry.
- Remove any old caulk, especially silicone. Use a silicone remover such as McKanica® Silicone Caulk Remover\*.

\*McKanica® is a registered trademark of Jakqumar AG Corporation Switzerland, Zug, Switzerland.

• Joint design: Insert backer rod into joints deeper than 1/2" to provide for proper sealant depth and a stronger, longer lasting seal that



actually uses less Big Stretch (refer to diagram for details).

## **Applying Big Stretch**

• Choose Bead Size – Cut the spout at a 45° angle to your desired bead size and puncture the inner seal.



 Gun Big Stretch into the joint and release the trigger at the end of each bead. With the Alyster Plunger, you can be assured there will be no waste.





• For a smoother bead, use a damp foam or paint brush with a light, skimming touch. You can also use a beading tool.



## Clean Up & Storage

- Clean up tools and hands with warm water and soap.
- Leftover Big Stretch can be stored if the nozzle is tightly wrapped with plastic wrap and a rubber band.

For additional application tips and information on other Sashco high performance products, visit www.sashco.com

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# g Stretch Won't Crack. . . "It Just Stretches"

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Big Stretch® is a 100% acrylic high-performance water-based elastomeric sealant with powerful adhesion and superior elasticity. It spans gaps up to 2" wide and stretches up to 500% of original joint size without cracking. Big Stretch won't crack...it just stretches.

#### **WHERE TO USE:**

Interior and exterior applications, including:

- Windows
- Doors
- Sidina
- Vents
- Soffits
- Baseboards
- Eaves Crown Molding
- Sound-proofing interior walls

**ADHERES TO:** (all conform to ASTM C-794) Most building materials including:

#### **Metals**

- Aluminum
- Brass
- Steel
- Anodized Windows

#### **Plastics**

- ABS
- Lexan®\*
- PVC
- Plexiglass Vinvl
- Urethane Polystyrene Nylon

#### **Other Surfaces**

- Asphalt
- Corian1®\*
- Glass
- Stucco
- Stone Drywall
- Tile Wood
- Mortar
- Brick
- EIFS

- Cinder Block • Formica®\*

Acrylic Sheet

Polycarbonate

Fiberglass

- Hot melt Butvl
- Concrete
- Fiber Cement

#### COLORS:

- White
- Redwood
- Woodtone
- Dark Brown
- Pine Green
- Limestone
- Almond
- Tan
- Gray
- Clear
- Black
- Ironstone
- Slate Gray

Visit www.sashco.com for a color compatibility chart that matches Big Stretch colors to various vinyl window manufacturers' colors.

#### **PACKAGING:**

- 10.5 oz. plastic cartridges
- 29 oz. fiber cartridges (white only)

#### **COVERAGE:**

A 10.5 oz. cartridge will yield approx. 26 lineal feet with a 1/4" (6 mm) bead.

## **PAINTABILITY:**

Paintable with exterior latex paints/ stains after 4 hours and interior latex paints/stains after 24-48 hours (more for humid conditions). Paintable with most exterior oil-based paints/stains after 1 week. Note: some low-end, flat latex paints may crack, regardless of cure time.

## **FEATURES**

## **BENEFITS**

Super elastic, moves instead of tears	Eliminates costly call backs
<ul> <li>Spans gaps up to 2" wide with no slump</li> </ul>	Stays where it's applied
Powerful adhesion	Won't tear or pull away
High durability	Performs well in most any type of climate
Water-based	Easy to tool and clean up
• Low VOC	Meets strictest VOC requirements; environmentally friendly
Superb paintability	Compatible with latex paint and most oil-based paints, sealers and stains
<ul> <li>Freeze-thaw stable</li> </ul>	Simply thaw & apply, no wasted product
Limited Lifetime Warranty	Have confidence that you're using the right product
Full 10.5 oz. in every cartridge	More for your money
Won't cause paint gloss	No more shiny caulk lines
Exclusive stop flow plunger	Less waste, less mess



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#### **WHERE NOT TO USE:**

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- Areas with high foot and/or vehicle traffic (driveways, sidewalks, decks, patios, etc.)
- Big Stretch Clear should not be used on copper flashing. Colored Big Stretch, Sashco's Lexel® or Sashco's Through the Roof! are best for this application.
- Will not adhere to or is incompatible with Kynare\*, Polypropylene, Waxes, Polyethylene, Teflone\*, and Silicone.

#### APPLICATION:

- Lower temperatures and higher humidity will slow cure time. Allow 1-3 days curing before exposure to direct rainfall. Use plastic sheeting with good airflow underneath to protect the product if rain is expected sooner.
- Natural shrinkage will give the joint a concave appearance; multiple applications may be needed to fill the joint flat.
- If dirt or oils are present on the substrate, wash with any household cleaner, rinse to remove and allow to thoroughly dry.
- Remove any old caulk, especially silicone and all silicone residue. Use a silicone remover such as McKanica®\* Silicone Caulk Remover.
- Insert backer rod into joints deeper than 1/2" to provide for proper sealant depth and a stronger, longer lasting seal.
- Choose bead size and cut the nozzle. Puncture the inner seal.
- Gun Big Stretch into the joint.
- Tool for a smoother bead using a damp foam or paint brush with a light, skimming touch, or use a beading tool.

## STORAGE AND CLEAN UP:

- Clean up tools and hands with warm water and soap.
- Leftover Big Stretch can be stored if the nozzle is tightly wrapped with plastic wrap and a rubber band.

#### **TYPICAL PROPERTIES:**

Property	Value		
Joint Size	Maximum 2"		
Application Range	40°F to 120°F (4°C to 49°C) surface temperature		
Service Range	-30°F to 250°F (-34°C to 121°C)		
Tensile Properties	Recovery at 50% stretch: 100% in 3 minutes Recovery at 100% stretch: 96% in 5 minutes		
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#### **TEST DATA:**

Property	Results	Test Method
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Hardness, Shore A	32 (21-day cure)	ASTM C-661
Slump	< 1/8"	ASTM D-2202
Solids	<ul><li>83.8% by weight (pigmented)</li><li>61.2% by weight (clear)</li></ul>	ASTM C-1250
Extrusion Rate	750 g/min (1/8" orifice at 40 psi)	ASTM C-603
Freeze-Thaw Stability	Passes 10 cycles 0°F to 70°F (-18°C to 21°C)	ASTM C-731
Low Temp. Flexibility	Pass (not artificially weathered)	ASTM C-734
Tack-free	Less than 30 minutes	ASTM C-679
Cured	4-5 days (dependent on temperature, humidity and bead size)	ASTM C-679
Adhesion-in-peel Passing Substrates	See "ADHERES TO" section on front page	ASTM C-794

#### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

- Meets FHA requirements.
- Meets or exceeds Federal Specification:
- TT-S-00230 C
- ASTM C-834
- ASTM C-920, Type S, NS, Class 25, Use NT, M, A. Exceeds 10% weight loss.

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