

## 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)

CHEM LINK recommends an appropriate substrate primer to be used on high moving joints or dissimilar substrates which require increased adhesion properties.

Basic Uses
Expansion Joints
Pool Coping Joints
Masonry Pavers
Block and Masonry Repair
Walkways
Driveways
Patios
Decks - Concrete

Typical Uncured Properties		
Gun Grade	Self-Leveling	ASTM 679
Viscosity	30,000 cp +/- 15,000 cp	Brookfield RVF TC Spindle, 4 RPM, 73°F (23°C)
Density	8.6 +/- 0.2 lbs per gallon	ASTM D1475
Tack Free Time	30 +/- 15 min	45 +/- 5 % R.H.
Elongation at Break	350%	ASTM D412
Hardness Shore A	15	ASTM C661
Tensile Strength	120 psi	ASTM D412
Shear Strength	147 psi	ASTM D1002
Low temp. flex	Pass -10°F (-23°C) 1/4 inch mandrel	ASTM D816
Shrinkage	No visible shrinkage after 14 days	
Service Temperature	-40°F to 200°F (-40°C to 93°C)	

Compatible Substrates*
Concrete
Block and Brick
Stone
Masonry
Aged Asphalt
Wood
Aluminum and Galvanized Metal

\*Test and evaluate to ensure adequate adhesion.



**NovaLink SL**  
Self-Leveling Elastomeric Sealant



## 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, friable and loose concrete. Dry all visible and standing water prior to applying **NovaLink SL Pool Deck Joint Sealant**. Install an appropriate backer rod to avoid three-point bonding.

### Asphalt

Allow asphalt to cure for a minimum of six months prior to application. Clean and remove all oil residue prior to using **NovaLink SL Pool Deck Joint Sealant**. Remove any residual contamination by mechanical abrasion, sand blasting or power washing.

### 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 SL Pool Deck Joint Sealant** 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 or sealing dynamic joints.

### 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 SL Pool Deck Joint Sealant** will not freeze.

### Shelf Life

Twelve months from date of manufacture when stored at 70°F / 21°C with 50% relative humidity. High temperature and high relative humidity may significantly reduce shelf life.

Pails have a shelf life of six 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 SL Pool Deck Joint Sealant** at room temperature before applying to ensure easy gunning and leveling. Test and evaluate to ensure adequate adhesion. Carefully gun the sealant with a smooth, continuous bead.

***After the joint material begins to set, you may choose to sprinkle a small amount of clean dry sand on the joint to provide a textured appearance (but not enough to compromise the elasticity of the material). The time before applying the sand will be approximately 5-20 minutes depending upon the temperature and humidity. Timing of this step requires careful observation applying the sand when the material has set enough so that the sand will not sink but before the material has set.***

### Clean-Up

Wet sealant can be removed using a solvent such as alcohol. Cured **NovaLink SL Pool Deck Joint Sealant** can be removed by abrading or scraping the substrate. Immediately clean off any chemical spills with water.

### 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 SDS for first aid information.

See [www.chemlink.com](http://www.chemlink.com) for most current SDS .  
KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

### Limitations

- Not to be used in below water line applications
- In areas where prolonged chemical exposure is anticipated, contact Technical Services for recommendations. 800-826-1681
- 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 SL Pool Deck Joint Sealant**
- Remove all coatings and sealers before application.
- Please contact customer service for application guidelines with temperatures below 32°F (0°C).
- Test and evaluate all paints before application.  
Polyurethane and oil based paints may dry slowly.

