



## Installation Recommendations

# GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks

## Insulating Foam Sealant

The instructions outlined here describe how to use GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks Insulating Foam Sealant to fill gaps and cracks around the home. GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks is also an effective fireblock penetration sealant (US only). Designed to fill gaps up to 3" (75 mm), GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks expands to take the shape of cracks and voids, forming a permanent, airtight and water-resistant bond to vinyl, wood and metal surfaces.\* Once cured, it remains soft and flexible, permitting natural expansion and contraction of surrounding surfaces. To determine the amount of GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks required for an application, see Table 1.

### SAFETY AND CONDITIONS OF USE

- Read the label and Material Safety Data Sheet carefully before use.
- GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks Insulating Foam Sealant contains isocyanate and a flammable blowing agent. Vapor may travel to other rooms.

Ensure adequate ventilation. Shut off all pilot lights and extinguish open flames; eliminate all sources of ignition before use. Do not smoke or use lighters or matches while dispensing foam.

- Do not breathe vapor or mist. Use in well-ventilated areas or wear proper respiratory protection. Isocyanate is irritating to the eyes, skin and respiratory system, and may cause sensitization by inhalation or skin contact.
- GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks is very sticky and will adhere to most surfaces and skin. Do not get foam on skin. Wear gloves, and goggles or safety glasses. Cured foam must be mechanically removed or allowed to wear off in time.
- The contents are under pressure. The can may burst if left in areas susceptible to high temperatures, such as motor vehicles, or near radiators, stoves or other sources of heat. Do not place can in hot water.

Do not puncture, incinerate or store at temperatures above 120°F (49°C).

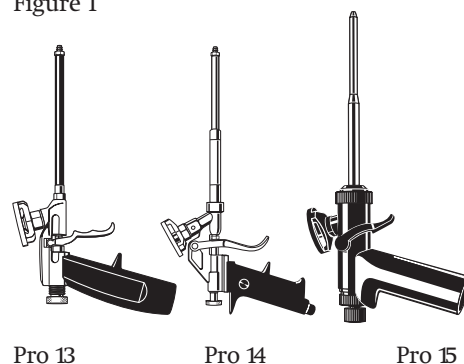
- GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks may be used on vinyl, wood, composite and metal (aluminum or steel) substrates. The product adheres best when surfaces are clean and free of oil or chemicals.
- Extremely cold temperatures can affect dispensing performance.
- Skin of cured foam can discolor if exposed to direct or continuous sunlight for 24 hours or more. Foam should be painted or coated if prolonged exposure to sunlight is expected.
- Using one of the PRO Series foam dispensing guns (shown in Figure 1) simplifies the application of GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks Insulating Foam Sealant. In addition to enabling pinpoint application control, an airtight and moisture-tight seal between the gun and the can prevents the foam from curing and blocking the dispensing valve.

**TABLE 1: Estimated Yields for GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks Insulating Foam Sealant**

| Can Size, oz (g) | Delivery       | Yield(1), linear feet (m) | Estimated Caulk Equivalency, quart tubes |
|------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| 24 (680)         | Reusable straw | 775 (236)                 | 18                                       |
| 24 (680)         | Gun            | 970 (296)                 | 22                                       |
| 30 (850)         | Reusable straw | 965 (294)                 | 22                                       |
| 30 (850)         | Gun            | 1,450 (442)               | 33                                       |

(1) Estimated yield under ideal conditions, 3/8" (1 cm) diameter bead.

Figure 1



\*For cavities, cracks and penetrations larger than 3" (75 mm), Dow recommends FROTH-PAK™ Foam Sealant or FROTH-PAK™ FS Foam Insulation. For window and door framework, minimal-expanding GREAT STUFF PRO™ Window & Door Insulating Foam Sealant is proven not to distort or bow the framework, when properly applied.

## PREPARATION

1. Shake can vigorously for 1 minute before dispensing and between uses.

### 2. Gun-applied version:

Invert can and screw foam dispensing gun assembly firmly onto valve as shown in Figure 2. Screw until finger-tight; do not overtighten (Figure 3). When changing cans using the foam dispensing gun, tighten the flow control knob before removing the empty can (Figure 4). Use GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gun Cleaner to remove any residual foam from the attachment area before attaching fresh can.

### Straw-applied version:

Attach the nozzle by twisting it clockwise into the valve.

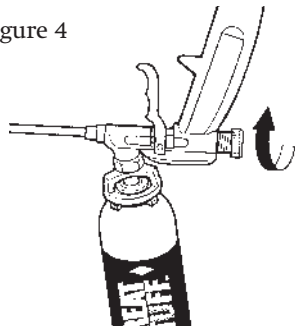
Figure 2



Figure 3

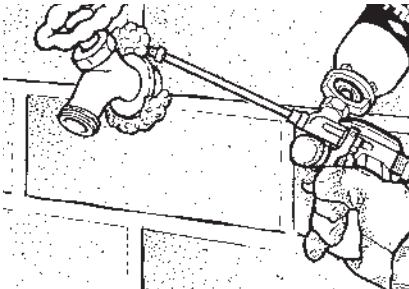


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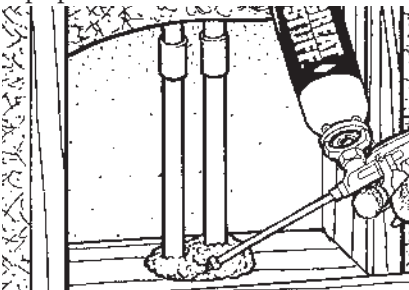


## TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

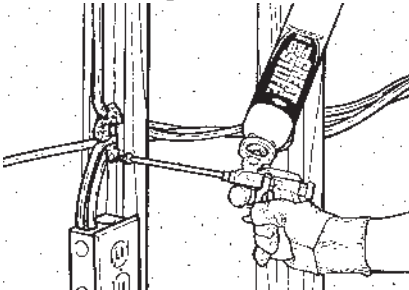
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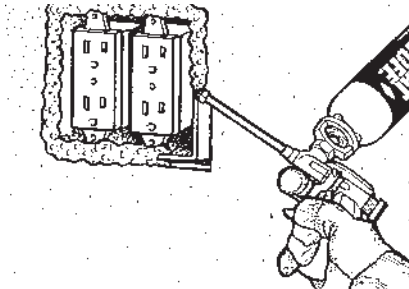
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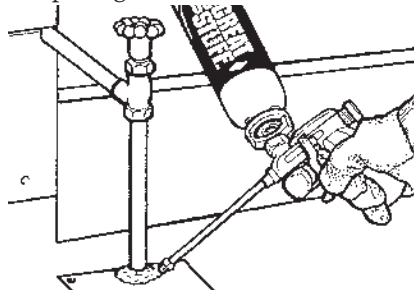
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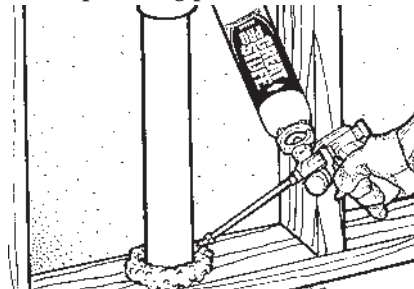
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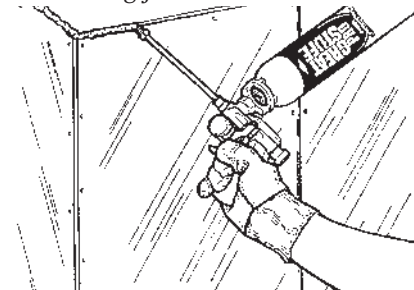
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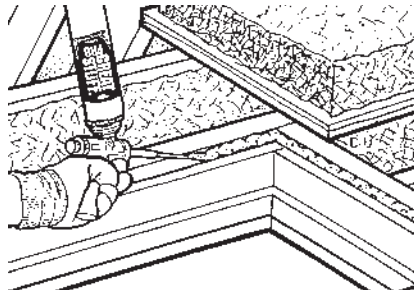
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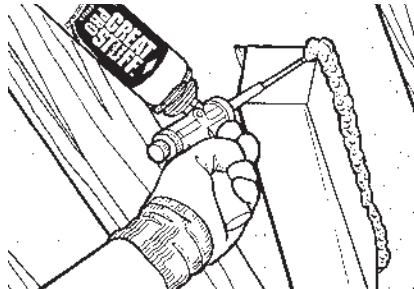
Wall-ceiling juncture



Attic hatch



HVAC vent



\*Foam should be applied around the edges of the metal box. Do not apply within the metal box.

## APPLICATION

### Gun-applied version:

1. Adjust flow control screw on back of gun to an open position. Immediately press trigger to fill gun with foam while dispensing into an appropriate waste receptacle.
2. Keeping can inverted, insert applicator nozzle into the penetration to be filled and begin dispensing foam slowly. Fill gap less than 50 percent full to allow for proper expansion.
3. The foam dispensing gun is recommended to control size of the foam bead (from 1/8" to 3" [3 mm to 75 mm]). This is achieved by squeezing the trigger on the foam dispensing gun or by adjusting the flow control knob on the back of the gun to set how far the trigger can be pulled (Figure 5).
4. If the gap is overfilled, stuff excess cured foam into the gap with a blunt tool or trim away with a sharp knife. Foam will be tack-free in less than 20 minutes and can be trimmed in 1/2 hour. It is fully cured 1 hour after application.\*\*
5. Clean foam dispensing gun periodically by rubbing the end on soft wood to free it from foam. Do not use a sharp object to clean foam dispensing gun. Use a solvent cleaner such as GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gun Cleaner between extended periods of non-use.



### CAUTION:

Do not inject the foam sealant into blind cavities, such as window mullions. The foam must be exposed to atmospheric moisture to thoroughly cure.

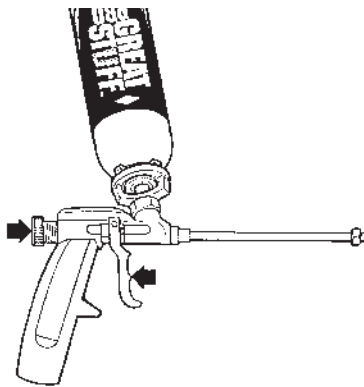
TIP: Using grease or petroleum jelly in the adapter of the gun may reduce possibility of foam gluing the can on the gun.

TIP: Apply foam in a continuous bead, with no voids or breaks, to achieve an effective seal.

6. To store partially used can, tighten flow control screw closed and store can upright with gun attached. Use can within 30 days of initial use.
7. To reuse, shake can vigorously for 1 minute before dispensing and follow dispensing instructions stated above.

### Straw-applied version:

1. Attach the nozzle by twisting it clockwise into the valve. Press the button until the appropriate size of foam bead is achieved. Fill gap less than 1/3 full to allow for proper expansion.
2. If the gap is overfilled, stuff excess cured foam into the gap with a blunt tool or trim away with a sharp knife. Foam will be tack-free in less than 20 minutes and can be trimmed in 1/2 hour. It is fully cured 1 hour after application.\*\*
3. Clean straw periodically by rubbing the end on soft wood to free it from foam.
4. When finished, bend the straw back onto the plug on top of the trigger assembly. The plug prevents moisture from entering and curing inside the straw or valve.
5. To use after storage, gently rotate or twist the straw to break the adhesive bond of the foam. Pull the straw off of the plug and dispense.



TIP: Always close the flow control knob when the gun is not in use.

TIP: Treat your gun like a tool. The better you take care of it, the longer it will last.

## CLEANUP

- On solid surfaces, uncured foam can be dissolved with GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gun Cleaner. Cured foam must be mechanically removed or allowed to wear off in time.
- To clean foam dispensing gun, install a can of GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gun Cleaner to the foam dispensing gun and spray until all foam is blown out of the dispensing gun and only cleaner is visible (approximately half the can of cleaner will be used). Allow the gun to sit for several minutes and repeat with a second flush.
- Do not leave a can of cleaner mounted on the foam dispensing gun. This will dissolve the lip seals inside the gun and render it useless. Foam escaping at the handle or trigger indicates a faulty seal. If this happens, the gun should be replaced. If the foam dispensing gun has not been cleaned, add a new can of GREAT STUFF PRO™ Gaps & Cracks immediately. If left without a can attached, exposure to air and moisture will cause the foam in the gun to cure.

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