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## Foreword

This publication, Science and Technology of Building Seals, Sealants, Glazing, and Waterproofing: Sixth Volume, contains papers presented at the Charles J. Parise Sixth Annual Symposium of the same title held in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 31 January 1996. The symposium was sponsored by ASTM Committee C24 on Building Seals and Sealants. James C. Myers, Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger, Inc., presided as symposium chairman and is editor of this publication.

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## Overview

This Special Technical Publication (STP), based on ASTM C24's January 1996 symposium in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, continues the committee's goal of disseminating current knowledge on all aspects of sealant technology. C24 has held annual symposia since 1988 to meet this goal. The resulting STPs remain the best collection of current sealant industry information and published data. C24 plans to skip a year (1997) in our symposia series and will hold our next symposium in San Diego, California, in January 1998. Hopefully this will give all of you additional time to conduct research and make a contribution to the next symposium. This publication contains ten peer-reviewed papers on structural silicone glazing (SSG), sealant design, and recent sealant research.

## **Structural Silicone Glazing**

Interest in SSG, as measured by attendance at C24's SSG task groups, dropped off somewhat in the early 1990s, in part due to the decrease in new building construction during that time. As construction picks up, interest in SSG is growing again. Much of the new interest is shifting from principles and standards for new design to field evaluations of early designs, some of which are becoming twenty-years old. The Schwartz et al. paper is the first published attempt in the industry to develop a methodology for in situ evaluation of existing SSG systems. C24 is in the process of developing a test method based on this paper (task group C24.35.14). The Carbary and Fulton paper is one of the first published sources of test data on a naturally weathered SSG system on granite. The Behr et al. paper examines the effect of accelerated weathering on a SSG system with laminated glass. The Zarghamee et al. paper provides details of the behavior of a SSG system during an earthquake. All of the papers will be useful to SSG designers, as well as to task group C24.35.43 which is developing a guide to in situ evaluation of SSG.

### Sealant Design

O'Connor and Droz provide useful sealant design guidance for soft joints in masonry cavity walls. This is a problem-prone area of wall design. As curtain wall systems evolved, predictable water leakage problems developed because some designers failed to incorporate adequate waterproofing systems, such as through-wall flashings with drip edges and properly designed expansion joints. Piper and Kenney provide a review of the use of preformed bridge joints, which are becoming more popular.

## Sealant Research

The Margeson et al. paper on sealant deformation and aging continues the on-going contributions to C24's symposia from the National Research Council of Canada relative to long-term sealant performance and durability. The Pagliuca and Hutchinson paper on resealed joints will be of interest to remedial sealant designers and installers. The Lacasse and Margeson paper on movement during sealant cure adds to other papers on this important topic presented in previous symposia. The Tanaka et al. paper on the relation between cross-sectional shape and fatigue will be of interest to sealant designers.

Collectively, these papers help answer some recent questions in sealant technology and provide the foundation for additional research and ASTM standards development. ASTM welcomes your comments on our symposia series and looks forward to your future contribution. I thank the authors, peer reviewers, and ASTM staff whose help and persistence made this publication possible.

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