



# STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO ACHIEVE A PERFECT CAULK BEAD EVEN WHEN USING PREMIUM SEALANTS LIKE 100% SILICONE

- TOOLS/SUPPLIES NEEDED
- CAULK-EZ
  - 100% Silicone Sealant or ColorFast-Ultra Performance
  - DRIPLESS Caulk Gun
  - Alcohol Wipes
  - Paper Towel

## Note To Installer:

If you have already Mastered the Art of Caulking, we want to commend you. We rank you among the very gifted. To the other 99% of us, we want to encourage you because we know your day is coming.

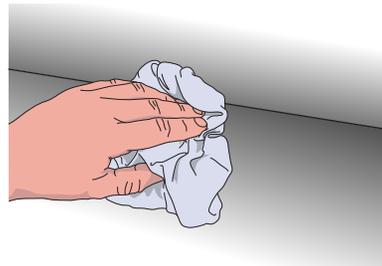
The key to achieving a perfect bead of caulk on a consistent basis is to keep control of the caulk bead at all times. We are confident that if you follow each of these steps, you will learn to achieve this control.

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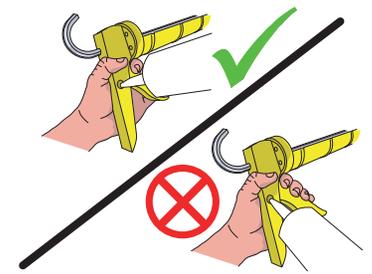
Select the correct caulk for the job. The most common type used by professionals is 100% silicone. It is waterproof, remains flexible and won't shrink or crack. Another type is Ultra Performance by ColorFast. Ultra Performance has all of the attributes of 100% silicone and it can be painted. It can also be color matched to specific applications.

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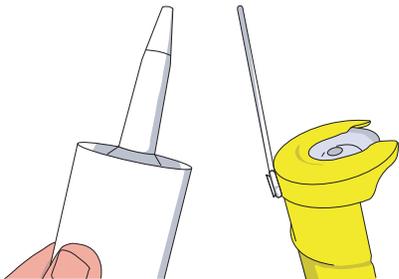
Clean the joints to be caulked with an alcohol wipe. **(MUST BE DRY)**  
**Note:** When recaulking an existing joint, be sure to remove all old caulk and clean with a mild solution of bleach and water. This will help kill any mold or mildew that may be present.

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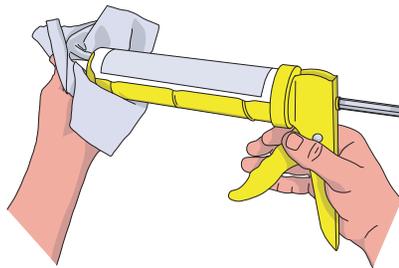
Cut the tip of the tube with the precision cutter built into the DRIPLESS caulk gun. **Note:** Cut the tip straight, not at an angle. Make the hole small enough to fit only the clean out/puncture device on the gun.

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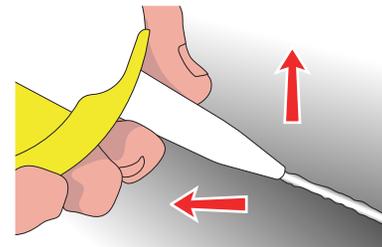
Puncture the seal in the tube using the clean out/puncture device. Repeat several times to assure the seal is broken so the caulk will flow easily from the tip and not burst out of the bottom of the tube.

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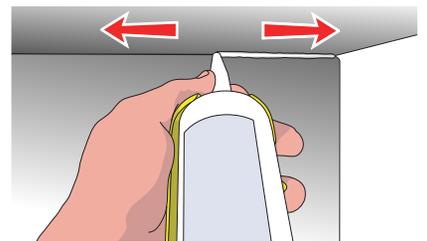
Load the tube into the DRIPLESS caulk gun and pump the trigger several times until the caulk flows from the end of the tube. Wipe the tip clean with a piece of paper towel or rag. Notice that the caulk doesn't continue to flow out when the trigger is released.

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Starting with a horizontal joint first, rest the tip equally on both surfaces. Use one hand to steady the gun while using the other hand to squeeze the trigger, forcing the caulk into the joint.

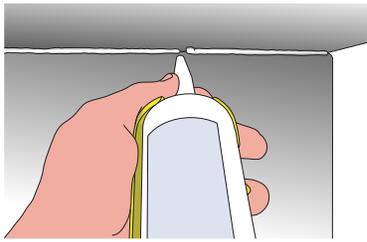
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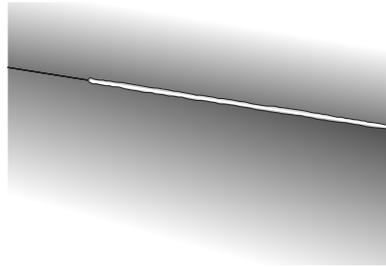
Hold the gun at a 90° angle as you move along the joint. Holding at this angle puts the gun at a point between pulling and pushing the bead. Maintaining this angle will allow you to watch the bead on both sides of the tip. This allows you to stay focused on keeping your speed and trigger pressure in unison.

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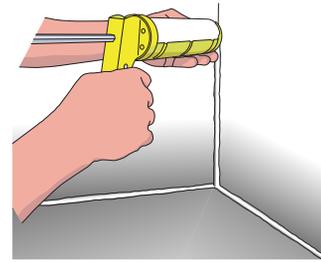
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Continue caulking along the joint, keeping the bead width as even as possible. **BE SURE YOU DON'T LEAVE ANY GAPS.** Note: Because you are using a DRIPLESS caulk gun, you can stop and start without the caulk piling up. This also allows you to easily go back and fill in any gaps.

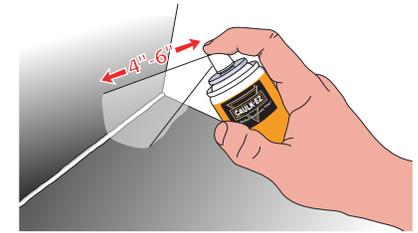


You typically have about ten minutes before the caulk begins to skin over when using 100% silicone or Ultra Performance caulk. If you aren't able to complete all the joints in that timeframe, stop and complete the following steps on the bead before continuing.

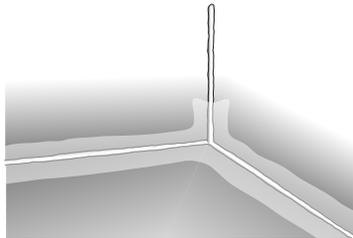


Before going to step nine, make sure you caulk up a few inches on any vertical joints you cross while doing the horizontal joints. See example above.

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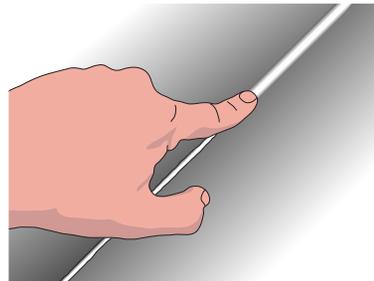


With the caulk still workable, mist CAULK-EZ over the completed caulk joints while holding the can four to six inches away from the surface. Note: The caulk will not stick anywhere you spray CAULK-EZ. Be sure not to spray any joints that still need to be caulked (see next illustration).



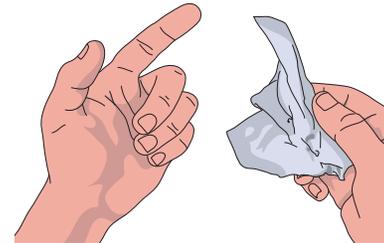
Always spray short of uncompleted joints to prevent overspray from keeping the caulk from sticking when the joint is completed.

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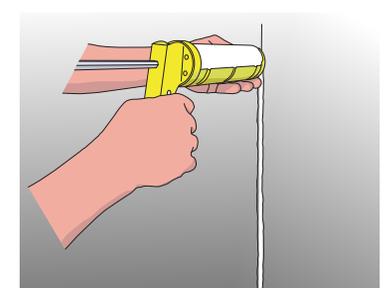
Using medium pressure, wipe the bead that has been sprayed with CAULK-EZ using your finger or a caulking tool. Notice how the caulk doesn't smear or stick to your fingers or to adjacent surfaces.

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Clean excess caulk from your finger or caulking tool with a paper towel or rag as you go. Notice too how easily the caulk wipes clean.

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Finish all horizontal joints and then all vertical joints. Note: Check the caulk's instructions for cure time.

**Note:**  
It is all about control! Starting with a small bead will make it easier for you to maintain control as you become more comfortable with balancing your speed with the trigger pressure. With more experience, you may decide to cut the tip hole larger.

For information on purchasing CAULK-EZ, DRIPLESS caulk guns and ColorFast caulk, go to:  
[www.caulk-ez.com](http://www.caulk-ez.com)  
[www.dripless.com](http://www.dripless.com)  
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