



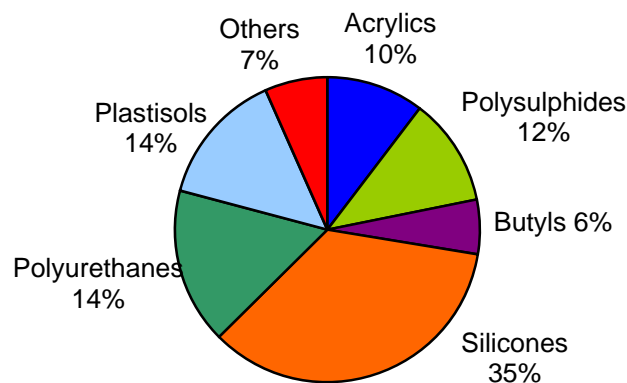
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THE EUROPEAN SEALANTS MARKET

IAL Consultants is pleased to announce the publication of the 7th edition of its report, *The European Sealants Market*. Taking into account the 15 countries of Western Europe, the total demand for sealants is estimated at around 424,000 tonnes in 2006.

Around half of the market is shared by silicones and polyurethanes, as shown below:

European Sealants Market by Volume, 2006 (%)



Source: IAL Consultants

- DIY applications remain a growth market – although overall growth in this application is forecast to slow to about 2.0 % pa. Growth has slowed in the UK and other countries, and the DIY market is still relatively small in other countries.
- Glazing offers slightly better growth prospects. Butyls in particular are likely to make gains among smaller insulated glass manufacturers, whilst polysulphides continue to compete with polyurethanes. The fortunes of the construction sector are also reflected in demand for glazing sealants.
- Consumption in the transport sector is forecast to be stagnant, owing to formulation and application efficiencies and stable car production.

- Construction activity in Europe shows a narrow spectrum of activity, with continued growth in Spain and a recovery in Germany to little growth in Italy and France. Overall growth in this sector will be around 1.8% pa.

The sealants market across Western Europe has been affected by the investment of large multinationals in Eastern Europe. Small and medium size companies manufacturing sealants that require low-technology are disappearing in Western Europe and the growth markets are mostly in the East.

The consumption of modified silicone polymers has continued to increase, making inroads into the construction, transport and DIY markets.

The European Sealants Market 2006 provides comprehensive analysis by country, technology and application. The following 15 countries are covered:

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| • Austria | • France | • Netherlands | • Sweden |
| • Belgium | • Germany | • Norway | • Switzerland |
| • Denmark | • Ireland | • Portugal | • UK |
| • Finland | • Italy | • Spain | |

Data is also presented on the following sealant technologies:

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| • Silicones | • Oil-based |
| • Acrylics | • Bitumen and pitch |
| • PU 1-part and 2-part | • Plastisols |
| • PS 1-part and 2-part | • Modified silicones |
| • Butyls | |

The contents of *The European Sealants Market* are as follows:

1. Introduction
2. European Summary
3. Market Review by End-Use
4. European Suppliers and Supply Structure
5. Sources of Information
6. Acknowledgments

The European Sealants Market 2006 (155pp and 109 tables) costs €3,000 and is available now from IAL Consultants.

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