Silicone elastomers inherently have a high degree of surface tack and a tendency for blocking (sticking to themselves by virtue of chemical affinity). These inherent features may be problematic for applications requiring a molded or extruded silicone part to move or slide with minimal friction. This can be especially problematic in cases where the silicone is likely to fold and unfold or spool together during storage.

R-2182 is a two-part, low coefficient of friction silicone coating dispersed in xylene, specifically designed to coat molded or extruded silicone parts and overcome the above mentioned obstacles. A thin coat of R-2182 will cure rapidly with elevated temperatures. Once cured, the coating will have chemically bonded to the silicone elastomer substrate and mimic the mechanical properties thereof, resisting abrasion and eliminating the concern of migration commonly associated with lubricants such as fluids and greases. The result is a durable yet flexible coating that resists abrasion from moving, sliding and rubbing parts. It achieves this with a smooth finish that also results in at least a 50% decrease in coefficient of friction when coated silicone samples vs. non-coated silicone samples are compared side-by-side.

![Graph showing the reduction in coefficient of friction](image)

**Substrate:** 70 Durometer Liquid Silicone Rubber

- **74% Reduction**
- **54% Reduction**

- **Uncoated**
- **Coated**

**Potential uses for R-2182:**
- Anywhere that you have moving or sliding parts
- Precision molded parts
- O-Rings / gaskets
- Stoppers
- Valves
- Tubing (ID/OD)

For additional information on cure inhibition, please reference NuSil Technology’s Avoiding Inhibition When Working with Platinum Catalyzed Silicones.

**About NuSil Technology**

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Approximately the consistency of water, R-2182 can be applied by dipping, but spraying is recommended. The substrate being coated should be free of contamination, not inhibit the cure, and be able to withstand the cure cycle. If utilizing a spraying technique, it is recommended to spray 2-3 inches from the target surface, with the coated substrate evenly wetted but not soaking. Ideal coating thickness for optimal reduction can be achieved with a single spray coat. Devolatilize with air flow or under a fume hood for approximately 5 minutes, then cure at 150°C (302°F).

### Properties

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*Properties tested on a lot-to-lot basis. Do not use the properties shown in this technical profile as a basis for preparing specifications. Please contact NuSil Technology for assistance and recommendations in establishing particular specifications.

See Product Profiles for more detailed information regarding test methods

Potential uses for R-2182:
- Tubing (ID/OD)
- Valves
- Stoppers
- Cables
- Control the flow of hydrophilic fluids
- O-Rings / gaskets
- Precision molded parts
- Anywhere that you have moving or sliding parts

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