

PCA 303LF

TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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Product - Trade Name

PCA 303LF

Classification

Cross Linking Agent
Melamine Formaldehyde Resin
Modified Melamine Formaldehyde Resin
Methylated Melamine Formaldehyde Resin

Composition

Hexamethoxy Methylmelamine (HMMM)
1,3,5-Triazine -2,4,6-triamine, polymer with formaldehyde, methylated

Product Description

PCA 303LF is an amino resin type crosslinking agent. It is basically hexamethoxy methylmelamine supplied in liquid form. It contains more than 98% of non-volatile matter. A wide range of water borne or organo-soluble polymeric materials can be cross-linked with this material. The polymeric materials should contain functional groups e.g. hydroxyl, carboxyl or amide and would include alkyds, polyesters, acrylic, epoxy, urethane, and cellulose.

Physical properties

Form : Clear, Viscous
Sp. Gr. @ 25°C(Typical) : 1.20 ± 0.05

Chemical Properties

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| Non-volatile, % by weight* | 98.0 minimum |
| Refractive index | 1.510-1.530 |
| Free formaldehyde, weight % | 0.1 maximum |
| Viscosity (cp) | 3000 - 8000 |

* as determined by Foil Method, 45 minutes at 45°C

Solubility Characteristics

PCA 303LF resin is soluble in most commonly used organic solvents, e.g., aromatic hydrocarbons, alcohols, esters, and ketone solvents. Though the solubility of PCA 303LF resin in water is limited, when blended with most other water-reducible resins, tolerates dilution in water.

Reactivity and Catalysis

PCA 303LF resin with hydroxyl, carboxyl and amide functionalities on other polymers is typically catalyzed by the presence of a strong acid catalyst (pKa value of <1). Because of its high functionality and low tendency to self-

condense, PCA 303LF resin is a very effective crosslinking agent. When used with polyester resins, in particular, it can provide films with high flexibility and formability. To optimize the quantity of PCA 303LF, loading to be established experimentally.

Stabilization

Solvent based coating formulations containing PCA 303LF resin can be stabilized by adding either alcohol solvents or amines. For many high solids formulations, a combination of both is desired. For a water borne system, pH should be kept at >8 for optimum stability.

Advantages

- Economical
- Wide compatibility and solubility
- Solvent-free
- Excellent stability
- Excellent hardness-film flexibility
- Fast catalyzed cure response

Application Areas

- Automotive finishes
- Container coatings
- Coil coatings
- High solids finishes
- Water borne finishes
- General metals finishes
- Inks

Health and Safety Information

Refer MSDS for complete details

Storage properties

Stable for one year, when stored tightly at normal room temperature.

Packaging

200 kg in HDPE Drums

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