Silane Coupling Agents

Shin-Etsu Silicone

Combination of Organic and Inorganic Materials

Our diverse array of materials enable users to enhance the quality and functionality of their products, and expand the possibilities for new product development.

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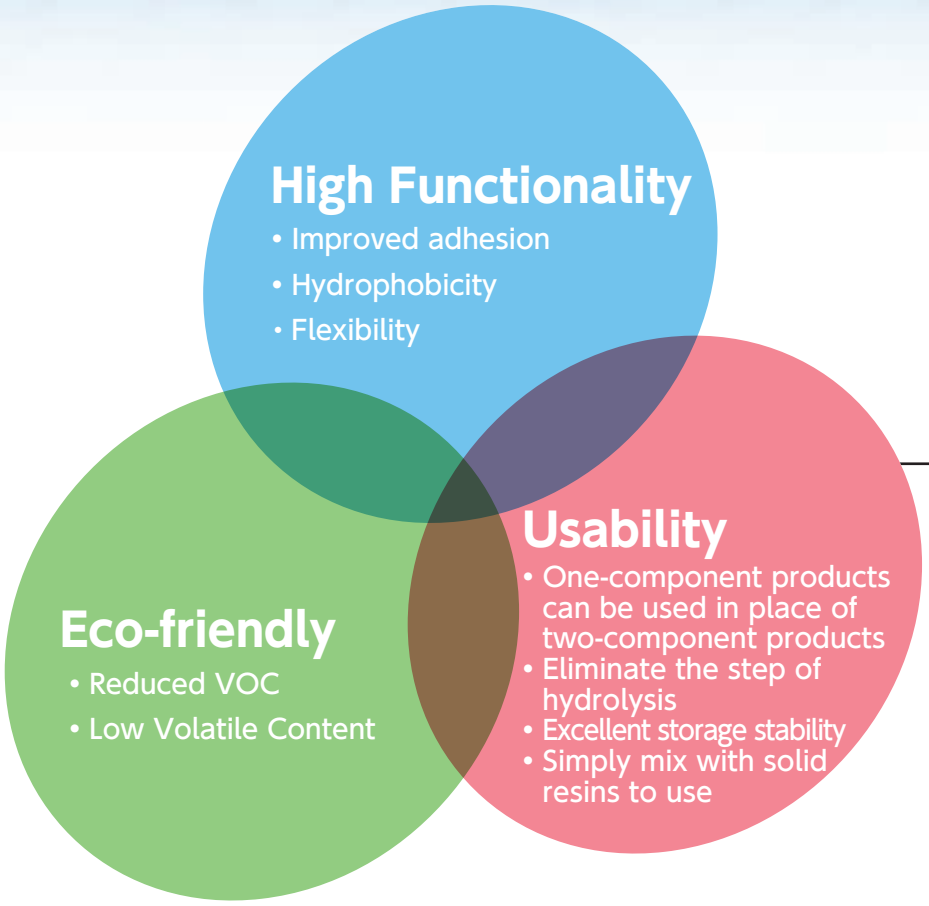


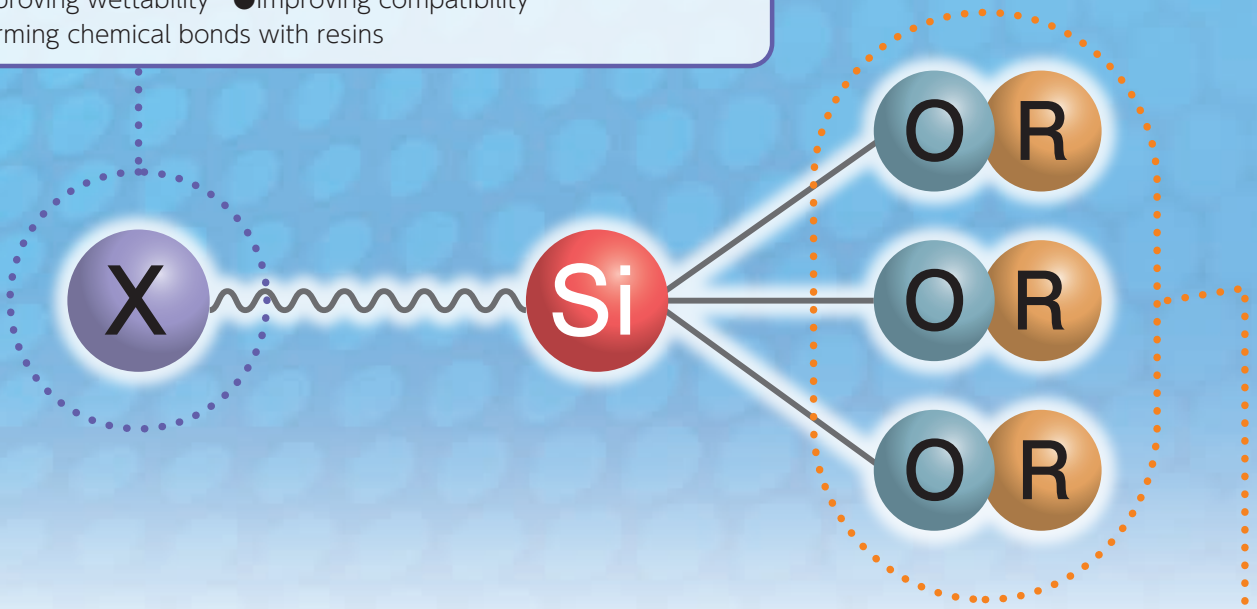
◆What are Silane Coupling Agents?

Silane coupling agents are compounds whose molecules contain functional groups that bond with both organic and inorganic materials. A silane coupling agent acts as a sort of intermediary which bonds organic materials to inorganic materials. It is this characteristic that makes silane coupling agents useful for improving the mechanical strength of composite materials, for improving adhesion, and for resin modification and surface modification.

X **Reactive groups that form chemical bonds with organic materials such as synthetic resins**

●Vinyl groups ●Epoxy groups ●Amino groups
●Methacryloxy groups ●Mercapto groups, other

◆Reaction mechanism on organic materials
●Improving wettability ●Improving compatibility
●Forming chemical bonds with resins



OR **Reactive groups that form chemical bonds with inorganic materials including glass, metals, inorganic fillers**

●Methoxy groups ●Ethoxy groups, other

◆Features of Hydrolyzable Silyl Groups

Methoxy type: Hydrolyzes rapidly.
Ethoxy type: Hydrolyzes slowly, and compositions will be highly stable even after addition. This type is more eco-friendly, because the product of hydrolysis is ethanol.
Dialkoxy type: Good stability after hydrolysis. Condensation products form straight-chain structures.
Trialkoxy type: High reactivity with high crosslinking density. Strong bonding with inorganic materials.

◆Features of Shin-Etsu Silane Coupling Agents

In addition to general-purpose trimethoxy types, Shin-Etsu offers a wide range of dialkoxy and ethoxy type products. We are also developing products with an emphasis on the following:

❶High Functionality **❷Eco-friendly** **❸Usability**

4 Types of Silane Coupling Agents Application

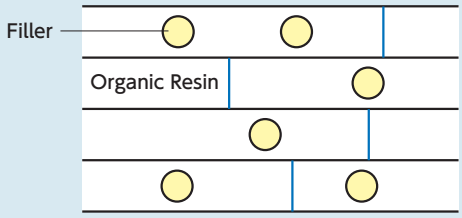
Compound

Resulting Properties
- Heat resistance • Weatherability
- Water resistance
- Improved durability of resins

◆Model of Unifying Organic Resins and Fillers

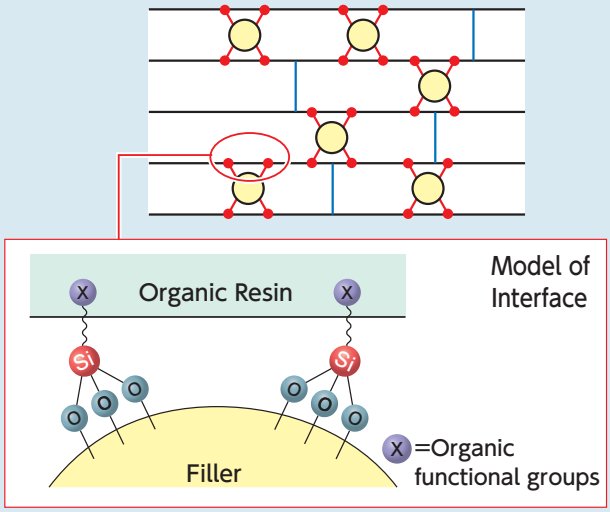
●Untreated with Silane Coupling Agents

The organic resin and filler do not fully combine, so properties do not improve as expected.



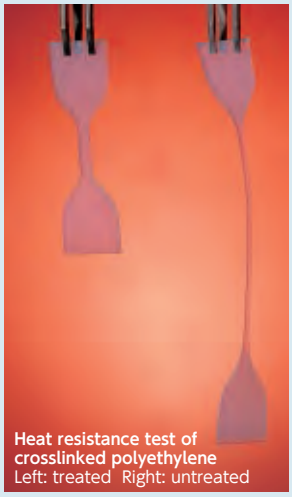
●Treated with Silane Coupling Agents

Organic resin and filler bond together, resulting in improved heat resistance, weatherability, moisture resistance, etc.



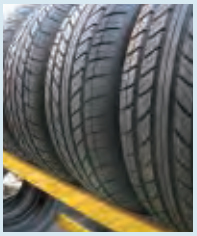
◆Application Examples


Crosslinked polyethylene (Electrical wire covering)


Heat resistance test of crosslinked polyethylene
Left: treated Right: untreated


Phenolic resins (grinders, moldings)


Artificial marble wall materials


SBR (tires), rubbers

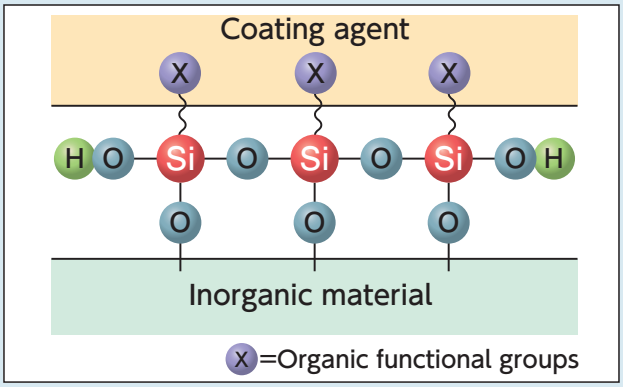

Epoxy Resins (EMC)

Resin Modification

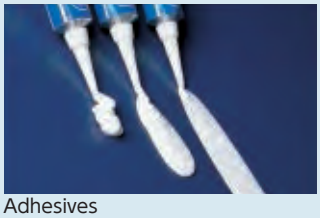
Coating

Resulting Properties
- Adhesion • Water resistance
- Alkali resistance

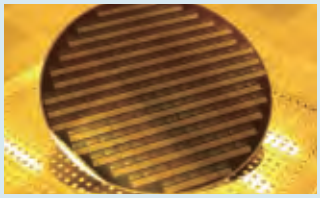
◆Model of Improved Adhesion



◆Application Examples


Adhesives


Films


Resists


Paints & Inks

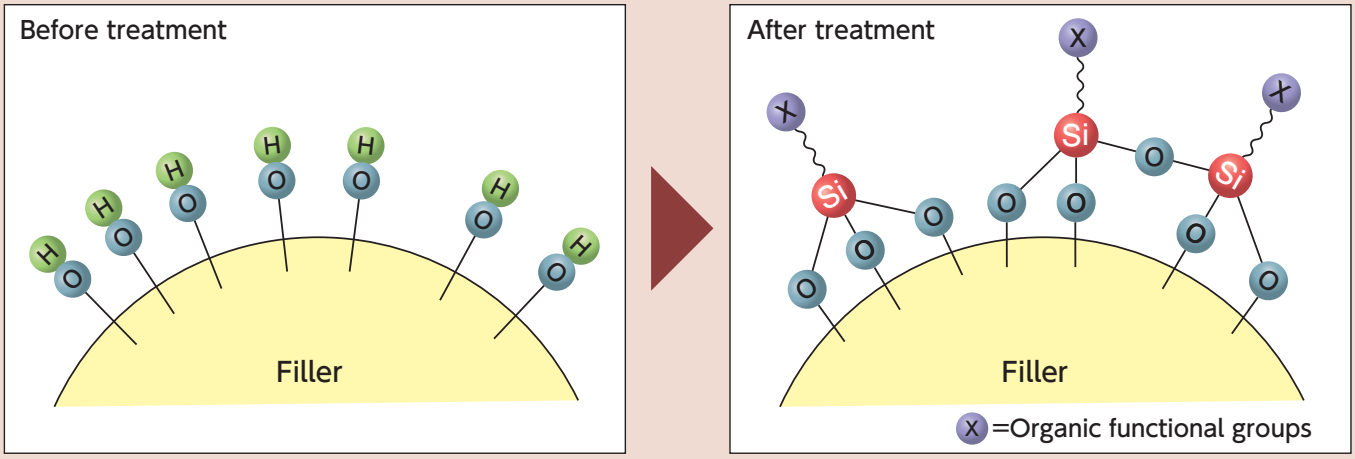

Hard coatings

Surface Treatment

Filler

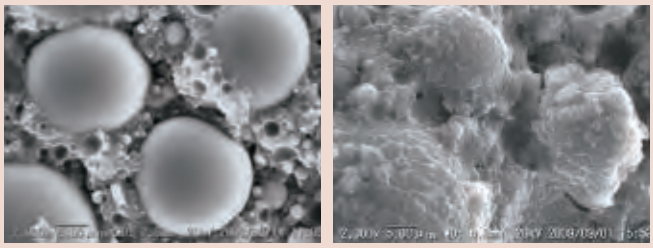
Resulting Properties
• Dispersibility • Hydrophobicity • Flowability • High loading

◆Model of Filler Surface Treatment



◆Application Examples
- Inorganic pigments
- Talc
- Aluminium hydroxide
- Titanium oxide
- Silica

Treating a filler material with a silane coupling agent allows the filler and resin to bond together.

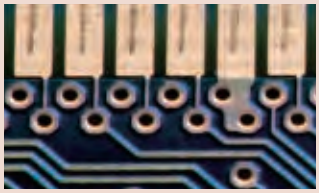

Untreated with silane coupling agents

Treated with silane coupling agents

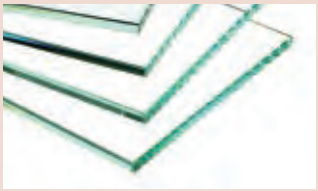
Inorganic Substrate

Resulting Properties
• Anti rust property • Water resistance • Adhesion

◆Application Examples

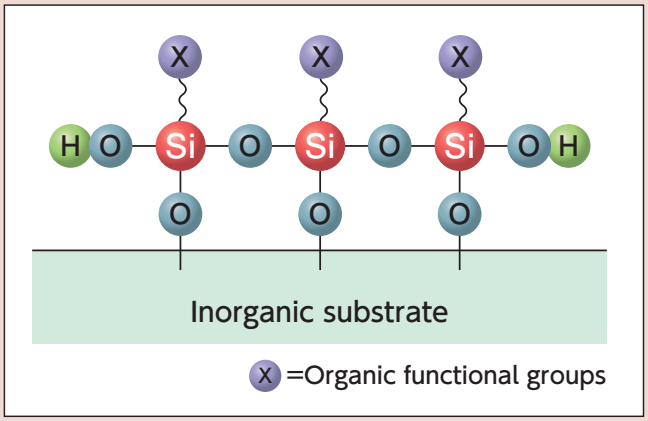

Copper foil


Steel plate


Glass


Glass fiber

◆Model of Surface Treatment of Inorganic Substrate



Silane Coupling Agents Usage

Adding into Compound


Kneading

◆Integral blending method

In this method, the silane coupling agent is added to the organic materials before the inorganic and organic materials are mixed.

●Application Example of EMC
(Epoxy Molding Compound

Epoxy & Curing agents | Fillers | Additives (i.e. wax) | Catalysts | Pigments | Silane coupling agents

↓ Mixing
↓ Kneading 70~100℃
↓ Cooling
↓ Grinding
↓ Making tablet


EMC tablet

Resulting Properties
•Water resistance • Moisture resistance
• Durability

●Application Example of Cross-linked Polyethylene
(Silicone Grafted Polyethylene)

High density polyethylene | Peroxide | KBM-1003

↓ Heating & Mixing
↓ Silane grafted polyethylene

High density polyethylene | Curing agent

↓ Mixing
↓ Curing agent masterbatch

↓ Mixing
↓ Molding
↓ Immersion into hot water 100℃×2~3 h
↓ Finish


Cross-linked polyethylene
(Electrical wire covering)

Resulting Properties
•Heat resistance

Resin Modification

Adding into Coating

Prepare a coating liquid by adding 0.5–2.0 wt% (vs. resin weight) of a silane coupling agent.

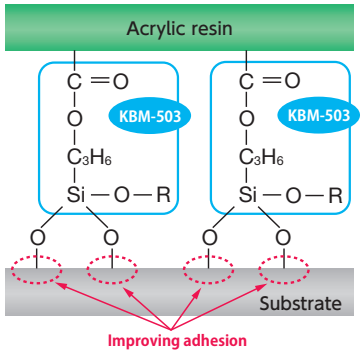
●Adding into Epoxy Paints
(Improving anticorrosion property)

Epoxy resin | Pigment | Filler | Solvent

Silane (i.e. KBM-403) adding → Stirring
↓ Final product

Resulting Property
•Anticorrosion property
(Improved adhesion with substrate)

●Model of Resin Modification



●Application Example for Paints
Use of silane coupling agents when producing acrylic resins (copolymerization)

Example: Using a silane coupling agent (KBM-503) to modify acrylic resins via radical polymerization Improves adhesion to the substrate and moisture resistance.

Water Type

MMA*1•BMA*2etc	KBM-503	Water	Polymerization initiator• surfactant
Total about 50 wt. parts	0.5~2 wt. part	50~100 wt. part	1~5 wt. part

↓ Reaction
↓ Silicone Modified Acrylic Emulsion
(Non-volatile content : about 50 wt. %)

Solvent Type

MMA*1•BMA*2etc	KBM-503	Solvent	Polymerization initiator
Total about 50 wt. parts	0.5~2 wt. part	50~100 wt. part	1~2 wt. part

*1 MMA= Methyl methacrylate
*2 BMA= Butyl Methacrylate

↓ Reaction
↓ Silicone Modified Acrylic Resin
(Non-volatile content : about 50 wt. %)

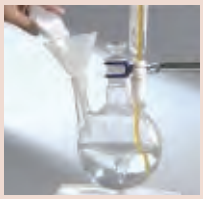
Resulting Properties
•Adhesion •Weatherability •High cross-linking

Surface Treatment

Filler Surface Treatment

◆Surface Treatment with Wet Method

Features :
- Enables even treatment
- Productivity is low.
- Silane-containing waste fluid must be disposed of.


Preparation


Dripping silane

Mixer
↓
Preparation ← Fillers, solvents
↓
Stirring
↓
Dripping (Under room temperature) ← Silane concentrate or Hydrolyzed solution
↓
Stirring (Under room temperature or heating)
↓
Filtering → Liquid waste disposal
↓
Drying 100～150℃
↓
Sifter

●Typical amounts for treatment
Silane: 0.5–1.0 wt% (vs. filler weight)
Silane concentration in water or acetic acid solution: **0.5–2.0 wt%**

◆Surface Treatment with Dry Method

Features :
- Productivity is high.
- Clumping may occur in some cases.

Mixing
↓
Preparation ← Fillers, solvents
↓
Stirring
●Facility
Henschel mixer
V type blender etc.
↓
Dripping or spraying ← Silane concentrate or Hydrolyzed solution
↓
Post mixting
↓
Sifter

●Typical amounts for treatment
Silane: 0.5–1.0 wt% (vs. filler weight)
Silane solution concentration: **20–50 wt%**


Preparation


Stirring


Dripping silane

Resulting Properties
•Dispersibility •Adhesion with Resins

Primer Treatment

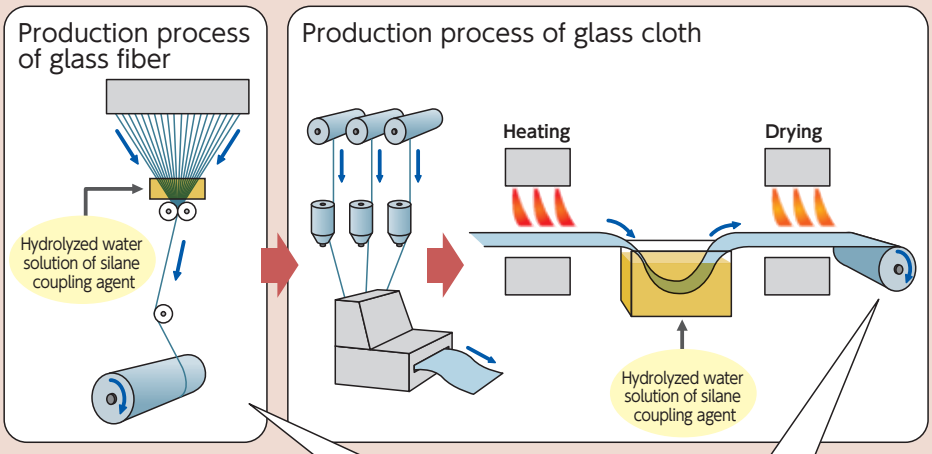
◆Preparation Method of Hydrolyzed Liquid

Adjust pH of aqueous solution (alcohol can be used in mix)
↓
While stirring, gradually drop in silane coupling agent (0.1–3.0 wt%).
↓
Stir until solution is clear (around 30–60 min)
↓
Filter with a mesh filter to remove foreign matter if present.

◆Treating the substrate

Wash the substrate.
↓
Treat with the hydrolyzed liquid (brush on, dip, etc.).
↓
Dry (at room temp. or by heating)

●Glass Cloth Application Example



Resulting Properties
•Adhesion with Resins
(Mechanical strength of molding)

Production of glass fibers treated with silane coupling agents was completed.

Production of glass clothes treated with silane coupling agents was completed.

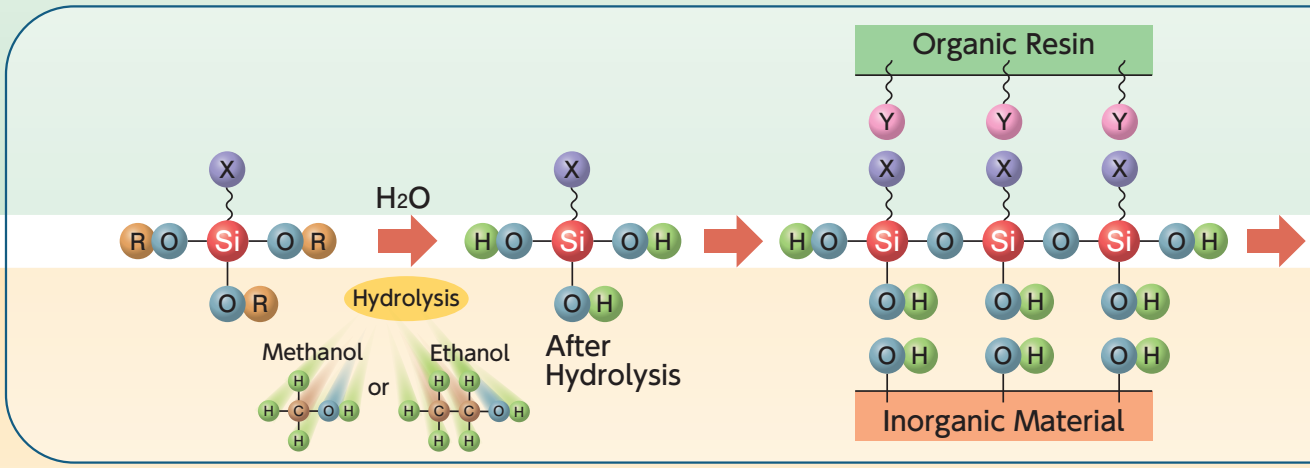
Reaction Mechanism of Silane Coupling Agents

Reaction with Organic Resins

◆Reaction Examples of Organic Functional Groups

Functional group	Reactive group	Reaction product
Epoxy group	H_2N–	Epoxide ring-opening reaction
	HO–	Epoxide ring-opening reaction
	HOOC–	Epoxide ring-opening reaction
Amino group	Cl–	Dehydrochlorination reaction
	ClOC–	Amidation reaction
		Epoxide ring-opening reaction
	OCN–	Ureidation reaction
	HO–	Hydrogen bonding with hydroxyl groups
	H_2N–	Hydrogen bonding with amino groups
	$HOSO_2$–	Salt formed with sulfonic acid
	HOOC–	Salt formed with carboxylic acid

Functional group	Reactive group	Reaction product
Vinyl group		Grafting reaction
(Meth) Acryloxy group –OCC=CH_2	–C=CH_2–COOR	Copolymerization
Isocyanate group –NCO	H_2N–	Ureidation reaction
	HO–	Urethanation reaction
	HOOC–	Addition reaction
Mercapto group –SH	OCN–	Thiourethanation reaction
		Ene-thiol reaction

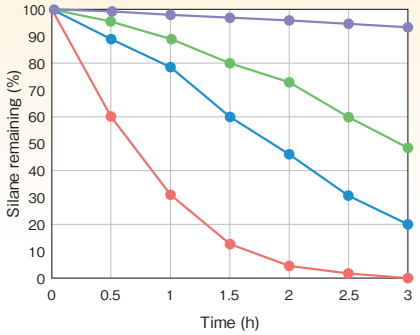


Reaction with Inorganic Materials

◆Hydrolytic Properties of Alkoxy Groups

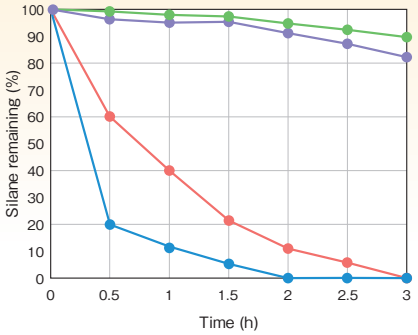
Generally speaking, methoxy groups (-OCH_3) have higher reactivity than ethoxy groups (-OC_2H_5). In acidic conditions, fewer alkoxy groups will mean a faster reaction, which means that dimethoxy types will hydrolyze fastest, followed in order by the trimethoxy, diethoxy and triethoxy types. By contrast, in basic conditions, the order goes from the trimethoxy types to the dimethoxy, triethoxy and diethoxy types.

Under acid condition



pH adjusted water : 0.05% acetic acid water room temperature
Mix ratio : Each silane10 wt. part (Total 40 wt. part) /
n-decane 10 wt. part / pH adjusted water 20 wt. part

Under basic condition



pH adjusted water : 1% Ammonia water room temperature
Mix ratio : Each silane10 wt. part (Total 40 wt. part) /
n-decane 10 wt. part / pH adjusted water 20 wt. part

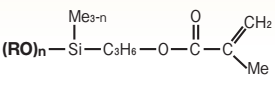
【Test method】

Silanes
n-decane
(internal standard)

pH adjusted water
Initial GC analysis → GC analysis
Room temperature・Stirring

MeO, n=2
MeO, n=3
EtO, n=2
EtO, n=3

Structure of methacryloxy silanes

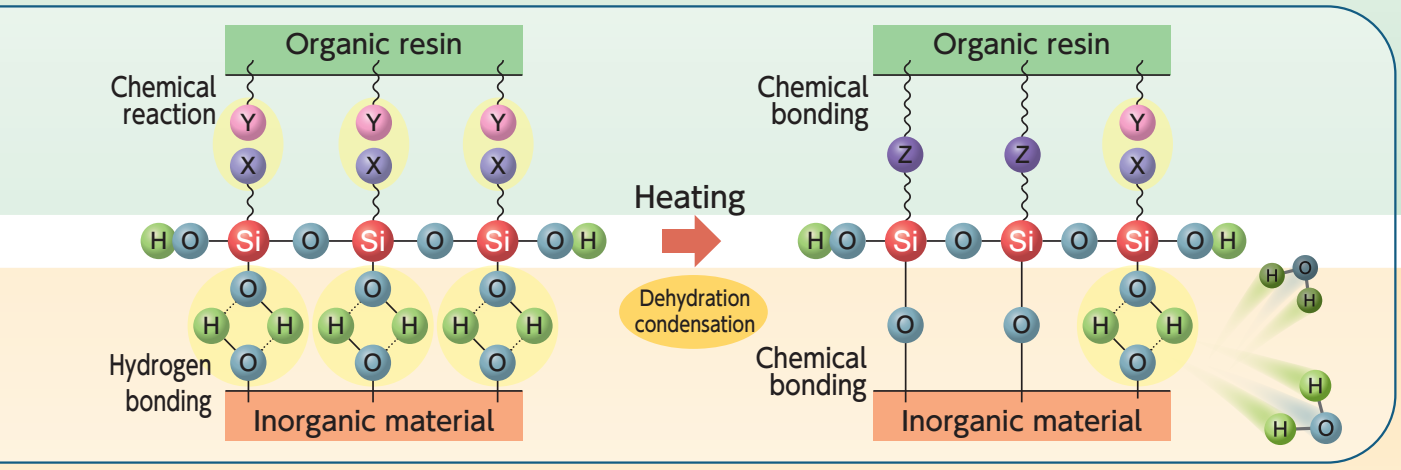


R: Me or Et

◆Organic Functional Groups and Compatible Resins

Functional groups \ Resin	Thermoplastic resins										Thermosetting resins								Elastomer•Rubber									
	Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Acrylic	PVC	Polycarbonate	Nylon	Urethane	PBT・PET	ABS	Melamine	Phenolic	Epoxy	Urethane	Polyimide	Diallyl phthalate	Unsaturated polyester	Furan	Polybutadiene rubber	Polyisoprene rubber	Sulfur-crosslinked EPDM	Peroxide Crosslinked EPDM	SBR	Nitrile rubber	Epichlorohydrin rubber	Neoprene rubber	Butyl rubber	Polysulfide	Urethane rubber
Vinyl	++	++														+	+				+	+							
Epoxy	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+					+	+	+		+	+	+
Styryl			+	+																									
Methacryloxy	++	++	++	+		+		+		++						+	++				+	++							
Acryloxy	+	+	+	+		+		+		++						+	++				+	++							
Amino	+	+	++	++	++	+	++	+	+	+	+	++	++	+	+			++			+	+		+		+	+	+	+
Ureide							++					+		+	+														
Mercapto	+	+	+		+			+		+		+	+	+					+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+		++	++
Isocyanate						+	+	++	+	+	+	+	+	++	+			+											+

++: Very effective + : Effective
*Not all the functional groups are capable of coupling with the resins in question. This should be taken as a guide.



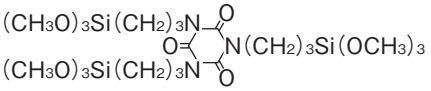
◆Types of Inorganic Materials and Reactivity of Silanol

Alkoxy groups hydrolyze to form silanols, which hydrogen-bond to hydroxyls on the surface of inorganic substrates. Typically, Silane coupling agents react more easily with inorganic materials having larger numbers of active hydroxyl groups on their surfaces.

Numbers of Hydroxyl Group on the Surface	Large → Small			
Reactivity	High → Low			
Inorganic material	Glass Silica Alumina	Talc Clay Mica Aluminum Iron	Titanium oxide Zinc oxide Iron oxide	Graphite Carbon black Calcium carbonate

Main Products Lineup

◆Product List

Functional group	Product name	Chemical name	Structural formula
Vinyl	**KBM-1003**	Vinyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiCH=CH_2$
	KBE-1003	Vinyltriethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3SiCH=CH_2$
Epoxy	**KBM-303**	2-(3,4 epoxycyclohexyl) ethyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_2H_4$– 
	KBM-402	3-Glycidoxypropyl methyldimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_2\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{Si}}C_3H_6OCH_2\overset{O}{\underset{}{CH}}-CH_2$
	KBM-403	3-Glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_3H_6OCH_2\overset{O}{\underset{}{CH}}-CH_2$
	KBE-402	3-Glycidoxypropyl methyldiethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_2\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{Si}}C_3H_6OCH_2\overset{O}{\underset{}{CH}}-CH_2$
	KBE-403	3-Glycidoxypropyl triethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3SiC_3H_6OCH_2\overset{O}{\underset{}{CH}}-CH_2$
Styryl	**KBM-1403**	p-Styryltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3Si$–  –$CH=CH_2$
Methacryloxy	**KBM-502**	3-Methacryloxypropyl methyldimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_2\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{Si}}C_3H_6OC(=O)\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{C}}=CH_2$
	KBM-503	3-Methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_3H_6OC(=O)\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{C}}=CH_2$
	KBE-502	3-Methacryloxypropyl methyldiethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_2\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{Si}}C_3H_6OC(=O)\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{C}}=CH_2$
	KBE-503	3-Methacryloxypropyl triethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3SiC_3H_6OC(=O)\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{C}}=CH_2$
Acryloxy	**KBM-5103**	3-Acryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_3H_6OC(=O)CH=CH_2$
Amino	**KBM-602**	N-2-(Aminoethyl)-3-aminopropylmethyldimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_2\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{Si}}C_3H_6NHC_2H_4NH_2$
	KBM-603	N-2-(Aminoethyl)-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_3H_6NHC_2H_4NH_2$
	KBM-903	3-Aminopropyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_3H_6NH_2$
	KBE-903	3-Aminopropyltriethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3SiC_3H_6NH_2$
	KBE-9103P	3-Triethoxysilyl-N-(1,3 dimethyl-butylidene) propylamine	$(C_2H_5O)_3SiC_3H_6N=C\begin{matrix}C_4H_9\\CH_3\end{matrix}$
	KBM-573	N-Phenyl-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_3H_6NH$– 
	KBM-575	N-(Vinylbenzyl)-2-aminoethyl-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane hydrochloride	Methanol solution, active ingredients: 40%
Ureide	**KBE-585**	3-Ureidopropyltrialkoxysilane	$(RO)_3SiC_3H_6NHC(=O)NH_2$ Active ingredients: 50%, alcohol solution
Isocyanate	**KBE-9007N**	3-Isocyanatepropyltriethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3SiC_3H_6N=C=O$
Isocyanurate	**KBM-9659**	Tris-(trimethoxysilylpropyl)isocyanurate	
Mercapto	**KBM-802**	3-Mercaptopropylmethyldimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_2\overset{CH_3}{\underset{}{Si}}C_3H_6SH$
	KBM-803	3-Mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_3H_6SH$

*Calculated from energy of evaporation and molar volume as determined by the Fedor's method.

	Flash point ℃	Minimum covering area m²/g	Solubility parameter*
	23	526	7.49
	54	410	7.76
	163	317	8.59
	134	354	8.35
	149	330	8.49
	128	314	8.38
	144	280	8.51
	136	348	8.88
	115	335	8.53
	125	314	8.66
	136	300	8.54
	128	270	8.64
	126	333	9.05
	110	378	8.87
	128	351	9
	88	435	8.56
	98	352	8.56
	134	—	8.41
	165	305	9.15
	11	—	—
	11	—	10.6 (On condition of R = Et)
	118	315	9.17
	186	125	10.6
	72	432	8.32
	107	398	8.49

◆About Product Name of Shin-Etsu Silane Coupling Agents

KBM-1003 → The last digit indicates the number of hydrolyzable groups.

*There are certain exceptions.

↓ M indicates methoxy groups,
E indicates ethoxy groups.

◆Solubility in water

The alkoxysilyl groups in a silane coupling agent react with water to form silanol groups.
These silanol groups are unstable and over time will undergo condensation. This results in formation of siloxane linkages, and ultimately gelation.
Silanol groups are generally unstable in aqueous solutions, but their stability improves if the solution is mildly acidic.
Meanwhile, amino silanes are very stable in aqueous solutions, due to interaction of the amino groups.
Methods for improving a solution's shelf-life include adjusting the pH of the liquid, combining it with alcohol, and storing it at room temperature or as below.

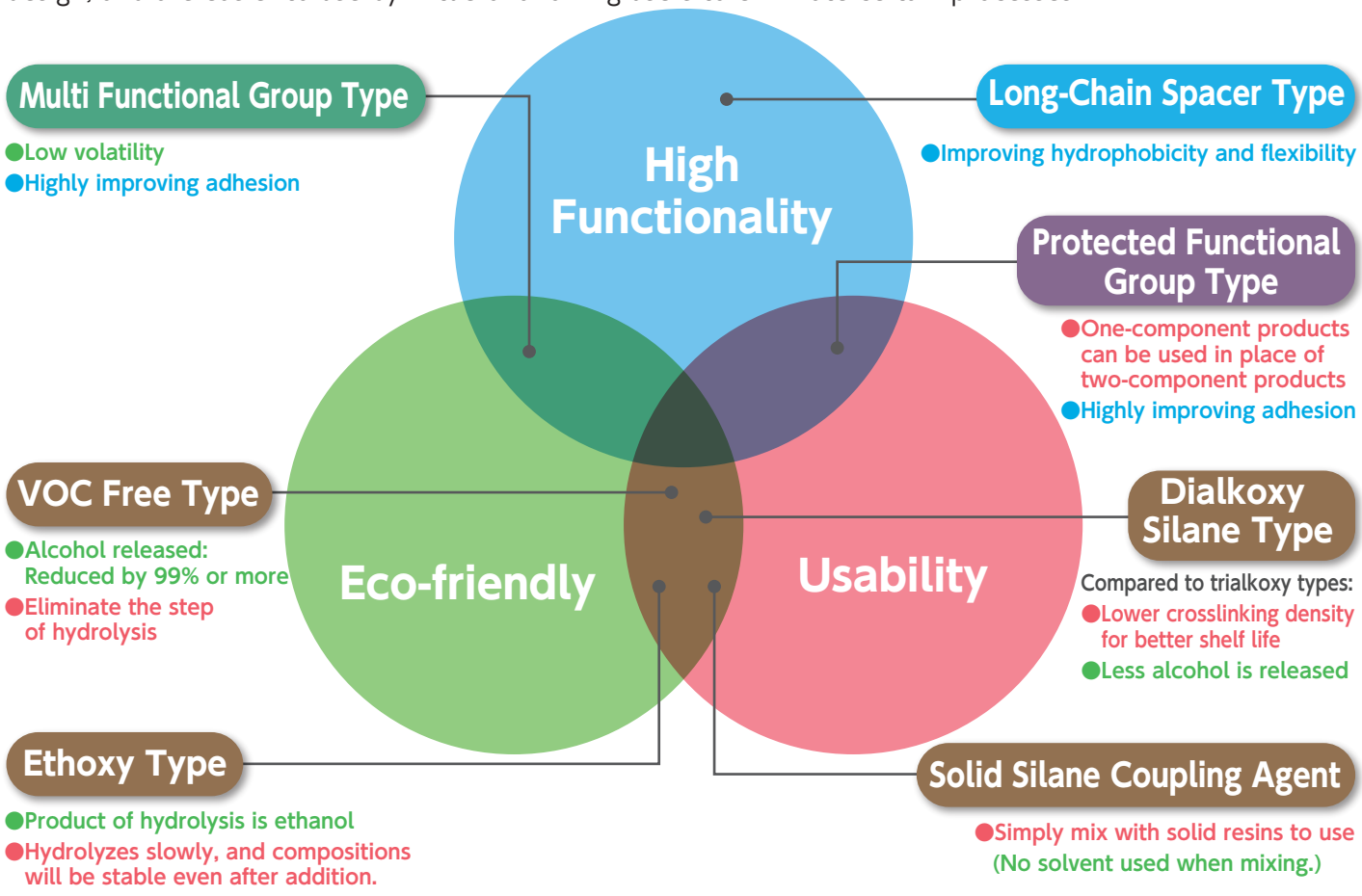
◆Solubility and Stability at Optimum pH

Product name	Solubility (pH of aqueous solution)	Shelf-life
KBM-1003	+(3.9)	Up to 10 days
KBE-1003	+(3.9)	Up to 10 days
KBM-303	+(4.0)	Up to 30 days
KBM-403	++(5.3)	Up to 30 days
KBE-402	+(4.0)	Up to 10 days
KBE-403	+(4.0)	Up to 10 days
KBM-1403	Insoluble	—
KBM-502	+(4.0)	Up to 1 day
KBM-503	+(4.2)	Up to 1 day
KBM-5103	+(4.2)	Up to 3 days
KBM-602	++(10.0)	Up to 30 days
KBM-603	++(10.0)	Up to 30 days
KBM-903	++(10.0)	Up to 30 days
KBE-903	++(10.0)	Up to 30 days
KBM-573	+(4.0)	Up to 1 day
KBM-803	+(4.0)	Up to 1 day

*Solubility
++ : 1% silane-water solution can be prepared without adjusting pH of aqueous solution.
+ : 1% silane-water solution can be prepared if pH of aqueous solution is adjusted.
Insoluble: Silane-water solution cannot be prepared
*Information on shelf-life should be taken as a guide. Shelf-life will vary depending on usage conditions and intended use.

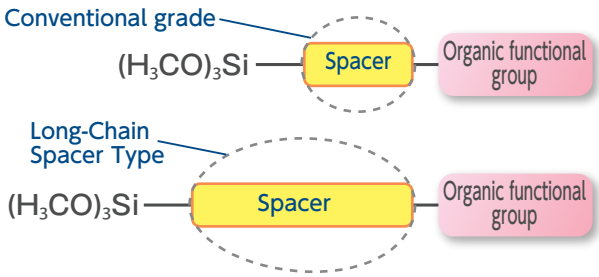
Development Concept of Shin-Etsu Silane Coupling Agents

Shin-Etsu Chemical is developing a range of new products with many special features.
Our offerings include products that not only improve functionality but allow users to achieve greener product design, and are easier to use by virtue of allowing users to eliminate certain processes.

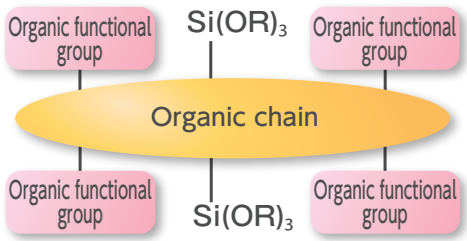


◆Model of Chemical Structure

Long-Chain Spacer Type →P13



Multi Functional Group Type →P14•15



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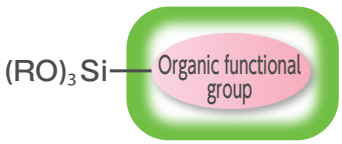
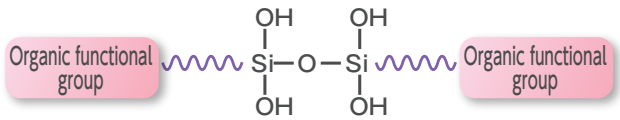
Protected Functional Group Type →P16

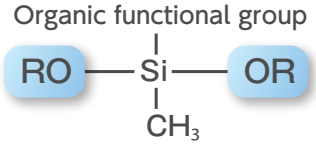


VOC Free Type →P17

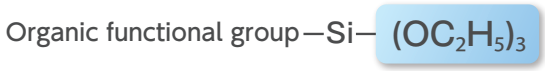


Remaining amount of alcohol is up to 1 wt %.

Dialkoxy Silane Type →P17



Ethoxy Type →P17



Long-Chain Spacer Silane Coupling Agents

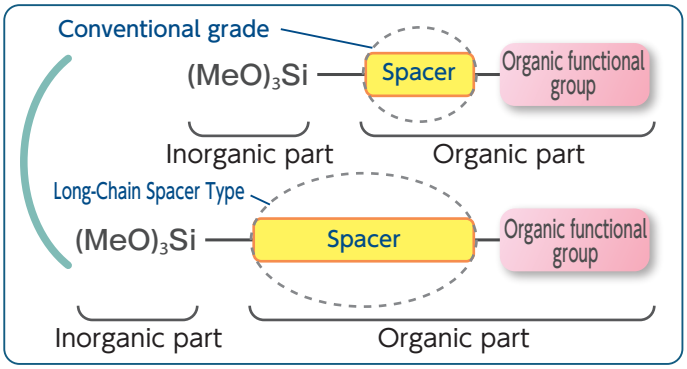
Compared to general-purpose silane coupling agents, these have higher hydrophobicity, which means that fillers treated with them will have greater dispersibility.
Another advantage is that the cured material will have improved flexibility.

◆Features and Resulting Properties

Improving hydrophobicity (lipophilicity) → Improving compatibility with resins / Filler high loading / Improving alkali resistance

Improving flexibility → Maximize freedom of functional groups (Improving reactivity) / Improving adhesion / Improving flexibility of cured materials

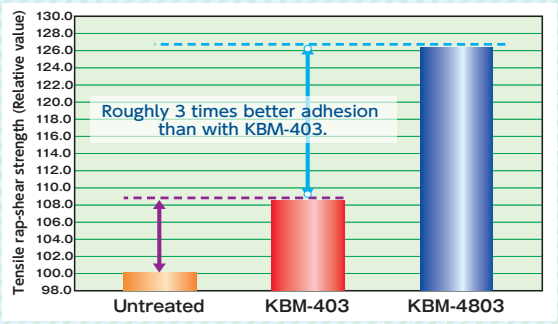
◆Model of Chemical Structure



◆Product List

Organic functional group	Product name
Vinyl	KBM-1083
Epoxy	KBM-4803
Methacryloxy	KBM-5803
Amino	KBM-6803

◆Epoxy-on-glass adhesion test



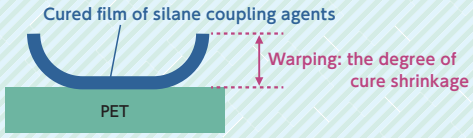
Test method
① A 1% aqueous solution is applied to a glass substrate.
② A cured material (epoxy resin/triethylenetetramine) is prepared and adhesive strength is tested.
*Adhesive strength is calculated against a standard of 100 (untreated glass).
KBM-403: 3-Glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane

◆Measurements of cured materials

Parameter \ Sample	KBM-4803 condensate	KBM-403 (conventional grade) condensate	KBM-5803 condensate	KBM-503 (conventional grade) condensate
Pencil hardness	3H	5H	B	H
Cure shrinkage*	No	Yes	No	Yes

Cured film thickness : 5μm Substrate : PET (thickness 0.2mm) (Not specified values)

***Model of cure shrinkage**



◆Dispersibility of treated silicas

Long-chain spacer silane coupling agents improve the dispersibility of fillers, and compositions will be more transparent.

Formulation : Silane treated silica 10 wt% / Multifunctional acrylic compounds 90 wt%

Parameter \ Sample	KBM-4803 treatment	KBM-403 treatment
Viscosity Pa·s	120	260

Long-chain spacer silane coupling agents help hold viscosity down and enable higher fill factors.

Formulation : Silane treated silica 10 wt% / Multifunctional epoxy compounds 90 wt%

Multifunctional Silane Coupling Agents

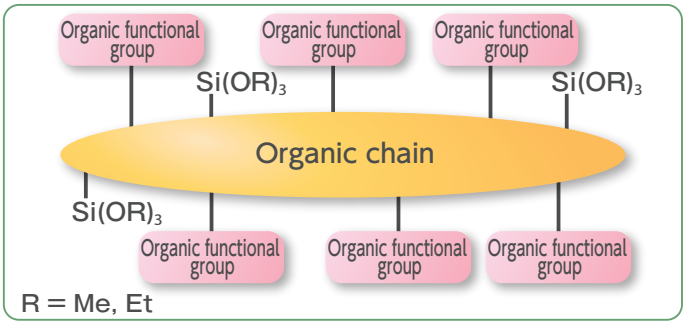
Compared to monomer types, multifunctional silane coupling agents have lower volatility and a greater number of sites for reaction with resins, so you can expect improved adhesion to the substrate. And because they have film-forming properties, this type of silane coupling agent can also be used as a primer.

Organic Chain Type : Excellent Compatibility with Resins

◆Features and Resulting Properties

- Low volatile content → Can be used in high-temperature conditions. Can be effective even in small amounts.
- There are many reaction sites for resins. → Coupling performance is improved.
- Film forming property → Highly functional primers
- Containing trialkoxysilyl groups → Improving adhesion

◆Model of Chemical Structure



◆Product List

Organic functional group	Product name	Alkoxy group	Numbers of functional groups*2	Viscosity mm²/s	Reactive functional group equivalent g/mol
Acrylic	X-12-1048	Methoxy	1	33	300
	X-12-1050	Methoxy	5	6,000	150
Epoxy	X-12-981S	Ethoxy	3	1,000	290
	X-12-984S	Ethoxy	3	2,000	270
Mercapto	X-12-1154	Methoxy	3	1,500	240
	X-12-1156	Methoxy	5	5,000	210
Amino	X-12-972F*1	Ethoxy	5	8.6	600
Isocyanate	X-12-1159L	Methoxy	2	4,000	360

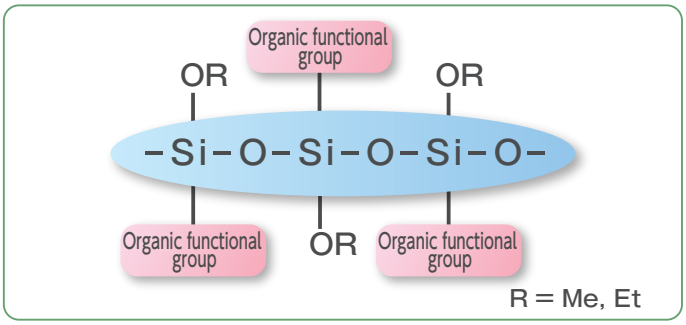
*1 15% of ethanol solution *2 Number of organic functional groups to each Si atom (Not specified values)

Siloxane Chain Type : Excellent Heat Resistance and Weatherability

◆Features and Resulting Properties

- Low volatile content → Can be used in high-temperature conditions. Can be effective even in small amounts.
- Partially hydrolyzed condensate → Low VOC
- Film forming property → Highly functional primers

◆Model of Chemical Structure

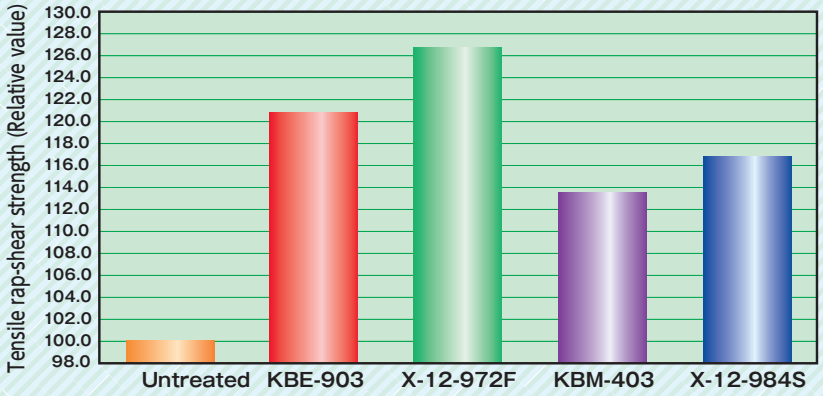


◆Product List

Organic functional group	Product name	Alkoxy group	Alkoxy group content wt%	Viscosity mm²/s	Reactive functional group equivalent g/mol
Acryloxy / Methyl	KR-513	Methoxy	20	30	210
Methacryloxy / Methyl	X-40-9296	Methoxy	22	20	230
Epoxy / Methyl	KR-516	Methoxy	17	50	280
Epoxy	KR-517	Methoxy / Ethoxy	50	12	830
Mercapto	KR-518	Methoxy / Ethoxy	50	20	800
Mercapto / Methyl	KR-519	Methoxy	30	5	450
Vinyl / Phenyl	KR-511	Methoxy	13	90	530

(Not specified values)

◆Epoxy-on-glass adhesion test



Test method :
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*Adhesive strength is calculated against a standard of 100 (untreated glass).
KBE-903 : 3-Aminopropyltriethoxysilane
KBM-403 : 3-Glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane

◆Non-volatile Content of Silane Coupling Agents

Multifunctional silane coupling agents have lower volatility compared to monomer types.

Organic functional group	Product name	Non-volatile content %		
		105℃×3h	150℃×3h	180℃×3h
(Meth)acryloxy	**KBM-5103** (Acryloxy silane)	29	0	-
	KBM-503 (Methacryloxy silane)	60	0	-
	KBM-5803 (Long-chain methacryloxy silane)	98	34	37
	X-12-1048 (Multifunctional acryloxy silane)	97	84	79
	X-12-1050 (Multifunctional acryloxy silane)	99	97	97
	KR-513 (Multifunctional acryloxy silane)	97	94	93
	X-40-9296 (Multifunctional methacryloxy silane)	98	95	95
Epoxy	**KBM-403** (Epoxy silane)	66	4	-
	KBM-4803 (Long-chain epoxy silane)	98	68	39
	X-12-981S (Multifunctional silane)	92	87	74
	X-12-984S (Multifunctional silane)	94	90	88
	KR-516 (Multifunctional silane)	93	85	80

*Measurements are performed on 2g of undiluted silane in a 50cc beaker.

(Not specified values)

Solid Silane Coupling Agent

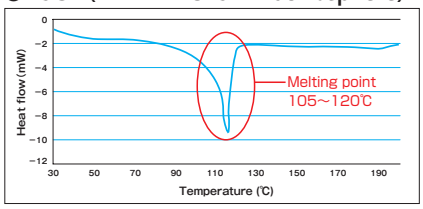
◆Features

Solid silane coupling agent
Easy to mix with powder materials

◆Application Examples

Adding to hot-melt adhesive, powder paint and solid resin

●DSC* (X-12-1273ES N2 atmosphere)



*DSC = Differential Scanning Calorimetry

Appearance of silid silane coupling agent

◆Resulting Properties

・Improving adhesion ・Simply mix with solid resins

◆General Properties

Parameter / Product name	Appearance	Active ingredient %	Hydrolyzable group	Melting point* ℃
X-12-1273ES	White powder	100	$Si(OEt)_3$	105~120

*Measured with DSC.
Does not contain reactive functional groups, e.g. amino or epoxy groups.

(Not specified values)

Protected Functional Group Silane Coupling Agents

The functional groups of these silane coupling agents are protected. This means they can be added at the same time to systems that would otherwise be too reactive, and this enables use of a one-component product where a two-component product would have been necessary.

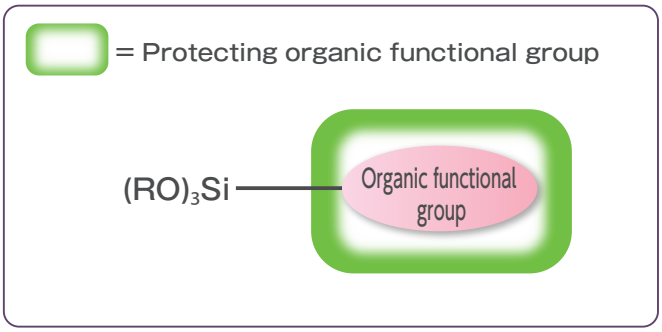
◆Features

Can be added to organic materials with which silane coupling agents could not normally be used.

◆Product List

Product name	Functional group
X-12-1056ES	Protected mercapto group silane coupling agent
KBE-9103P	Protected amino group (ketimine type)
X-12-1172ES	Protected amino group (aldimine type)
X-12-967C	Acid anhydride type

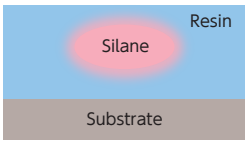
◆Model of Chemical Structure



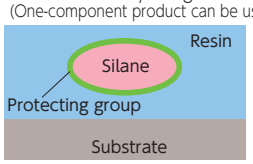
◆Benefit of Protecting Functional Groups

●Model for Improving Stability in Resin

Conventional grade
Reaction starts immediately after product is added to resin.



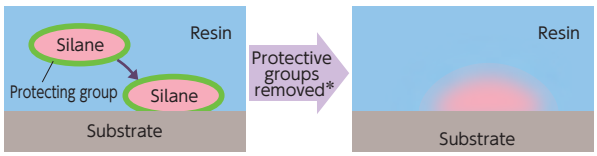
Protected functional group type
Functional groups are protected. Product does not react after addition to resin and stability is high.
(One-component product can be used.)



●Model for Improving Adhesion

Functional groups are protected and migrate to interface with substrate. Because there is no reaction, the resin does not thicken.

Many reaction sites contribute to adhesion.



*The protective groups are removed by water or moisture, then the reaction begins.

◆Stability after addition to various resins

Shelf life of KBE-9103P in epoxy resin

●Formulation

Epoxy resin…50 wt. part　Silane coupling agent…5 wt. part
Toluene……50 wt. part

●Test Result of Viscosity

Condition \ Product name	No additive	KBE-9103P	KBE-903
After 3 days mm²/s	4.2	4.4	7.8
After 14 days mm²/s	4.3	4.7	8.6

(Not specified values)

Adhesion test with KBE-9103P internal addition adhesive

●Formulation

Epoxy resin……50 wt. part　Triethylenetetramine…5 wt. part
Silane coupling agent…5 wt. part

●Tensile Strength Test Result with Aluminum

Condition \ Product name		No additive	KBE-9103P	KBE-903
Initial	MPa	3.9	7.6	6.1
Water resistance test 95℃×10h	MPa	3.4	6.4	5.2

(Not specified values)

◆Change in viscosity when mixed with isocyanate compound

●Formulation

Isocyanate compound……95 wt. part
Silane coupling agent……5 wt. part

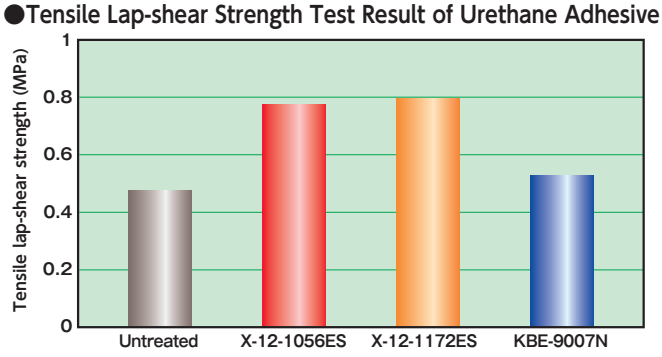
●Test Result of Viscosity　Aromatic isocyanate

Condition \ Product name		No additive	X-12-1056ES	X-12-1172ES	KBM-803
Initial	mPa·s	222	139	174	119
After 50℃×1 week	mPa·s	223	176	380	2,070

(Not specified values)

◆Application of Urethane Adhesive

●Tensile Lap-shear Strength Test Result of Urethane Adhesive



Formulation :
Urethane polymer containing NCO…100 wt. part
Plasticizer……40 wt. part
Filler……100 wt. part
Catalyst……0.1 wt. part
Silane coupling agent……1.0 wt. part

Curing conditions : 23℃/50%RH×3days

Substrate : Glass

VOC Free Silane Coupling Agents

All the alkoxysilyl groups are silanols, which means the amount of methanol or ethanol released is reduced by 99% or more. The alcohol normally released when a conventional silane coupling agent undergoes hydrolysis can be minimized.
(Ex.) When 100kg of KBE-903 is hydrolyzed, 62kg of ethanol is released.
Users are looking to eliminate VOCs from their operations.

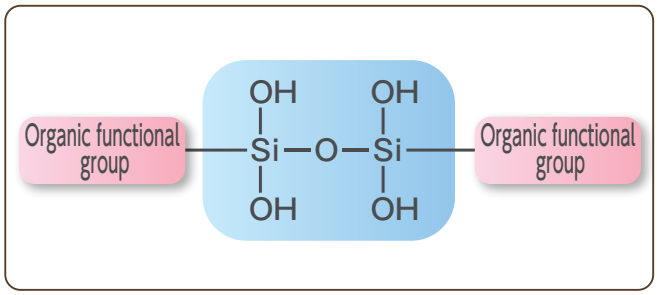
◆Features

- The step of hydrolysis can be eliminated.
- The amount of alcohol released is reduced by 99% or more.
- Nonflammable
- Lower amounts of VOCs released

◆Resulting Properties

- Primer
- Surface treatment
- Binder
- Mixing with water paints

◆Model of Chemical Structure



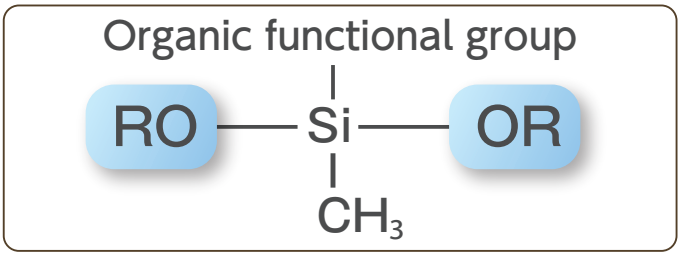
◆Product List

Product name	Organic functional groups	Active ingredient wt%	Solvent	pH*
KBP-90	**Amine** -NH_2	30	Water	10～12
KBP-64	**Ethylenediamine** -NH-C_2H_4-NH_2	30	Water	10～12
X-12-1098	**Alkylene glycol** -CH(OH)-CH_2-OH	30	Water	2～4
X-12-1121	**Aminoalcohol** -N-($CH_2CH(OH)CH_2OH)_2$	30	Water	10～12
X-12-1135	**Carboxylic acid** -COOH	30	Water	1～3
X-12-1131	**Vinyl** -CH=CH_2	30	Water	2～4
X-12-1126	**Quaternary ammonium** -$NMe_3^+Cl^-$	30	Water	8～10

*Stability suffers once pH is outside this zone. (Not specified values)

Dialkoxy Silane Coupling Agents

◆Model of Chemical Structure

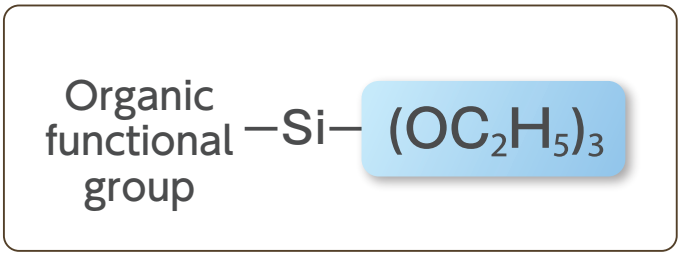


◆Features and Resulting Properties

Two-dimensional crosslinking	→	Good shelf life after addition
Lower amount of alcohol released	→	Eco-friendly

Ethoxy Silane Coupling Agents

◆Model of Chemical Structure



◆Features and Resulting Properties

Hydrolysis is slower compared to methoxy types.	→	Good shelf life after addition
Product of hydrolysis is ethanol	→	Eco-friendly

*For data on ease of hydrolysis, see graph on P8.

Silane

Shin-Etsu's silane products are a group of organosilicon compounds comprised of alkoxy silanes and silazanes.
Silanes have many applications in a wide variety of fields.
They are commonly applied to the surface of inorganic substrates to improve water repellency,
added to inorganic fillers to improve their dispersibility in organic polymers,
and used for surface modification of inorganic materials.

◆General Properties

Type	Product name	Chemical name	Structural formula	Molecular weight	Specific gravity at 25℃	Refractive index at 25℃	Boiling point ℃	Flash point ℃	Minimum covering area m²/g	UN hazard classification	METI No.	CAS No.
Methoxy type	**KBM-13**	Methyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiCH_3$	136.2	0.95	1.369	102	8*1	573	UN-1993	2-2052	1185-55-3
	KBM-22	Dimethyldimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_2Si(CH_3)_2$	120.2	0.86	1.371	82	-10*1	649	UN-1993	2-2052	1112-39-6
	KBM-103	Phenyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiC_6H_5$	198.3	1.06	1.473	218	94*2	393	Not applicable	3-2635	2996-92-1
	KBM-202SS	Dimethoxydiphenylsilane	$(CH_3O)_2Si(C_6H_5)_2$	244.4	1.08	1.541	304	145*2	320	UN-3082	3-2635	6843-66-9
	KBM-3033	n-Propyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3Si(CH_2)_2CH_3$	164.3	0.93	1.388	142	36*1	475	UN-1993	2-2052	1067-25-0
	KBM-3063	Hexyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3Si(CH_2)_5CH_3$	206.4	0.91	1.406	202	81*2	378	Not applicable	2-2052	3069-19-0
	KBM-3103C	Decyltrimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3Si(CH_2)_9CH_3$	262.5	0.90	1.421	132℃/ 1.3kPa	122*1	297	Not applicable	2-3512	5575-48-4
	KBM-3066	1,6-Bis(trimethoxysilyl) hexane	$(CH_3O)_3Si(CH_2)_6Si(OCH_3)_3$	326.5	1.02	1.420	161℃/ 0.26kPa	164*2	239	Not applicable	2-3732	87135-01-1
	KBM-7103	Trifluoropropyl-trimethoxysilane	$(CH_3O)_3SiCH_2CH_2CF_3$	218.2	1.14	1.352	144	23*1	357	UN-1993	2-2079	429-60-7
Ethoxy type	**KBE-04**	Tetraethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_4Si$	208.3	0.93	1.381	168	54*1	375	UN-1292	2-2048	78-10-4
	KBE-13	Methyltriethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3SiCH_3$	178.3	0.89	1.383	143	40*1	437	UN-1993	2-2052	2031-67-6
	KBE-22	Dimethyldiethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_2Si(CH_3)_2$	148.3	0.83	1.384	114	15*1	526	UN-2380	2-2052	78-62-6
	KBE-103	Phenyltriethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3SiC_6H_5$	240.4	0.99	1.459	236	111*2	324	Not applicable	3-2635	780-69-8
	KBE-3033	n-Propyltriethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3Si(CH_2)_2CH_3$	206.4	0.89	1.394	179	57*1	378	UN-1993	2-2052	2550-02-9
	KBE-3063	Hexyltriethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3Si(CH_2)_5CH_3$	248.4	0.88	1.408	120.6℃/ 2.8kPa	97*1	314	Not applicable	2-2052	18166-37-5
	KBE-3083	Octyltriethoxysilane	$(C_2H_5O)_3Si(CH_2)_7CH_3$	276.5	0.88	1.415	98℃/ 10.27kPa	126*2	282	Not applicable	2-3784	2943-75-1
Silazane	**SZ-31**	Hexamethyldisilazane	$(CH_3)_3SiNHSi(CH_3)_3$	161.4	0.77	1.408 (20℃)	126	14*1	967	UN-3286	2-2955 or 2-2044	999-97-3
Siloxane	**KPN-3504**	Siloxane with hydrolyzable groups	Proprietary	—	0.97	1.405	—	190*2	—	Not applicable	Registered	—

*1: Closed cup *2: Open cup
※1kPa: 7.5mmHg

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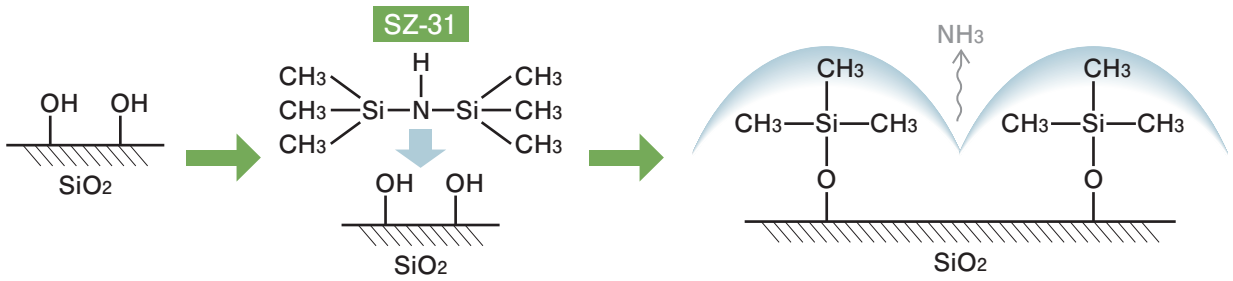
◆Reaction of SZ-31

In this reaction, hydrolysis results in formation of ammonia.



◆Water repellency (surface properties)

1. Water repellency (on glass substrate)

Silane	Water contact angle (°)
KBM-13	63
SZ-31	66
KBM-3103C	84

2. Surface energy reduction

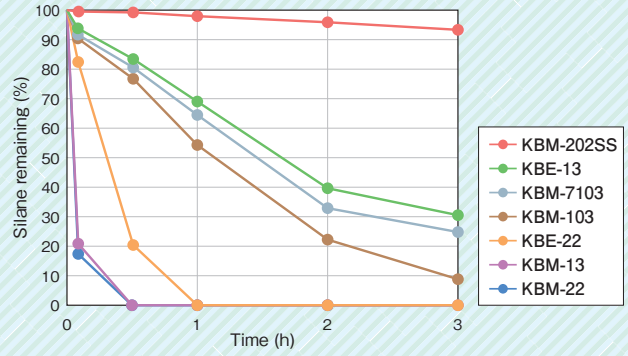
Critical surface tension of silane treated surfaces (γ crit)

Silane	γc (mN/m)
KBM-7103	20.6
KBM-13	22.5
KBM-103	40.0

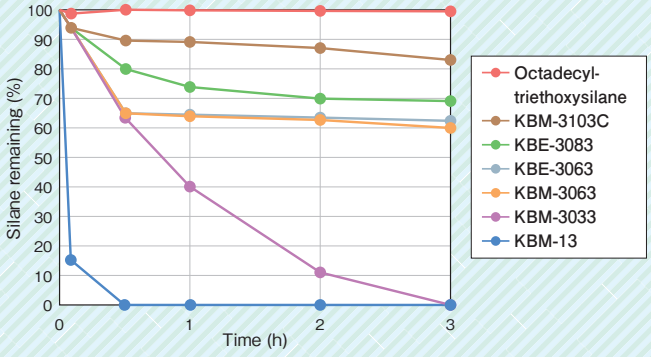
Hydrolytic properties

◆Hydrolysis rates of silanes

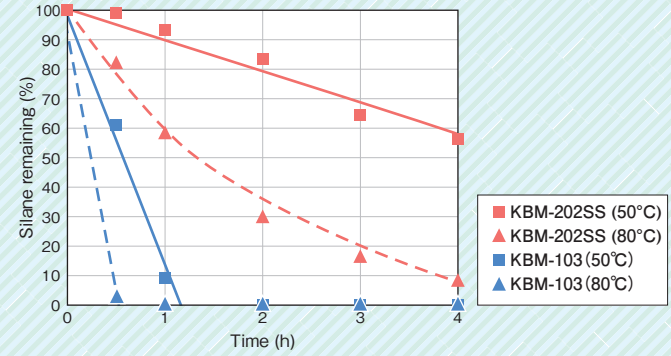
Hydrolytic properties of different functional groups (room temp.)



Hydrolytic properties of long-chain alkyl silanes (room temp.)



Hydrolytic properties of phenyl silane (specified temp.)



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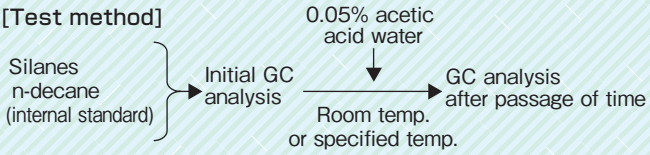


1. Silanes and n-decane were mixed.
2. Gas chromatography (GC) was performed on the mixed liquids and the initial residual amounts were determined.
3. 0.05% acetic acid water was added, and the liquids were agitated at room temperature.
4. GC was performed again later and the residual rates were calculated based on the initial residue amounts.

Condensation reaction properties

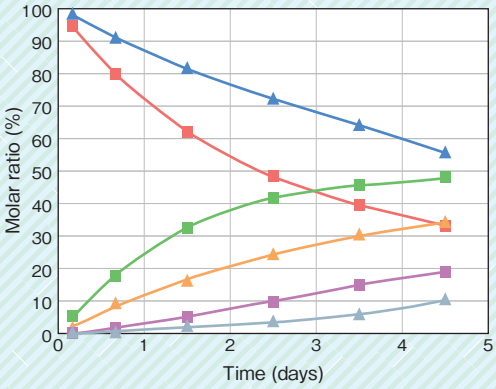
◆Condensation behavior of methyl and phenyl silanes

●Trifunctional type

In comparing methyltrimethoxysilane (KBM-13) with phenyltrimethoxysilane (KBM-103), it was found that condensation proceeds more slowly for phenyltrimethoxysilane.

- ■ $CH_3-Si(OH)_3$
- ■ $CH_3-Si(OH)_2(OSi\equiv)$
- ■ $CH_3-SiOH(OSi\equiv)_2$
- ▲ $Ph-Si(OH)_3$
- ▲ $Ph-Si(OH)_2(OSi\equiv)$
- ▲ $Ph-SiOH(OSi\equiv)_2$

Conditions: silane 2%, acetic acid 0.3%, ethanol 50%, water 48%, temp. at 28°C

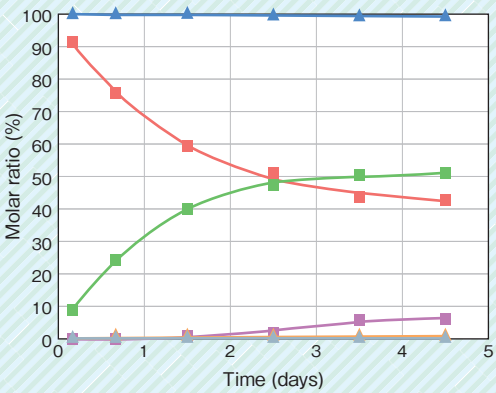


●Difunctional type

In comparing a dimethyldimethoxysilane (KBM-22) with a Dimethoxydiphenylsilane(KBM-202SS), it was found that condensation proceeds more slowly for diphenyldimethoxysilane.

- ■ $CH_3-Si(CH_3)(OH)_2$
- ■ $CH_3-SiOH(CH_3)(O-Si\equiv)$
- ■ $CH_3-SiOH(CH_3)(O-Si\equiv)_2$
- ▲ $Ph-Si(Ph)(OH)_2$
- ▲ $Ph-SiOH(Ph)(O-Si\equiv)$
- ▲ $Ph-Si(Ph)(O-Si\equiv)_2$

Conditions: silane 2%, acetic acid 0.3%, ethanol 50%, water 48%, temp. at 28°C



Product Features & Packaging Options

Functional group	Product name	Chemical name	Molecular weight	Specific gravity
Vinyl	KBM-1003	Vinyltrimethoxysilane	148.2	0.97
	KBE-1003	Vinyltriethoxysilane	190.3	0.90
	KBM-1083	7-Octenyltrimethoxysilane	232.4	0.92
	KR-511	Siloxane	-	1.11
Epoxy	KBM-303	2-(3,4 epoxycyclohexyl) ethyltrimethoxysilane	246.4	1.06
	KBM-402	3-Glycidoxypropyl methyldimethoxysilane	220.3	1.02
	KBM-403	3-Glycidoxypropyl trimethoxysilane	236.3	1.07
	KBE-402	3-Glycidoxypropyl methyldiethoxysilane	248.4	0.98
	KBE-403	3-Glycidoxypropyl triethoxysilane	278.4	1.00
	KBM-4803	8-Glycidoxyoctyltrimethoxysilane	306.5	1.01
	X-12-981S	Organosilane	-	1.11
	X-12-984S	Organosilane	-	1.16
	KR-516	Siloxane	-	1.15
	KR-517	Siloxane	-	1.11
Styryl	KBM-1403	p-Styryltrimethoxysilane	224.3	1.06
Methacryloxy	KBM-502	3-Methacryloxypropyl methyldimethoxysilane	232.4	1.00
	KBM-503	3-Methacryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane	248.4	1.04
	KBE-502	3-Methacryloxypropyl methyldiethoxysilane	260.4	0.96
	KBE-503	3-Methacryloxypropyl triethoxysilane	290.4	0.99
	KBM-5803	8-Methacryloxyoctyltrimethoxysilane	318.5	0.99
	X-40-9296	Siloxane	-	1.12
Acryloxy	KBM-5103	3-Acryloxypropyl trimethoxysilane	234.3	1.06
	X-12-1048	Organosilane	-	1.15
	X-12-1050	Organosilane	-	1.19
	KR-513	Siloxane	-	1.15
Amino	KBM-602	N-2-(Aminoethyl)-3-aminopropylmethyldimethoxysilane	206.4	0.97
	KBM-603	N-2-(Aminoethyl)-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane	222.4	1.02
	KBM-903	3-Aminopropyltriethoxysilane	179.3	1.01
	KBE-903	3-Aminopropyltriethoxysilane	221.4	0.94
	KBE-9103P	3-Triethoxysilyl-N-(1,3 dimethyl-butylidene) propylamine	-	0.92
	X-12-1172ES	Organosilane	-	1.01
	KBM-573	N-Phenyl-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane	255.4	1.07
	KBM-575	N-(Vinylbenzyl)-2-aminoethyl-3-aminopropyltrimethoxysilane hydrochloride (Active ingredients 40% methanol solution)	-	0.91
	KBM-6803	N-2-(aminoethyl)-8-aminooctyltrimethoxysilane	292.5	0.97
	X-12-972F	Organosilane (Active ingredients 15% ethanol solution)	-	0.83

	Refractive index	Boiling point ℃	Flash point ℃	Minimum covering area m^2/g	UN hazard classification	Packaging		
						1 L cans	18 L cans	200L drums
	1.391	123	23	526	UN-1993	1kg	18kg	180kg
	1.397	161	54	410	UN-1993	1kg	17kg	180kg
	1.423	100℃/0.93kPa	122	336	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	1.518	-	173	-	Not applicable	1kg	18kg	-
	1.448	310	163	317	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.432	112℃/0.67kPa	134	354	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	180kg
	1.427	290	149	330	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.431	259	128	314	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	180kg
	1.425	124℃/0.39kPa	144	280	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.438	160℃/0.004kPa	180	254	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	1.465	-	193	-	Not applicable	1kg	-	-
	1.474	-	193	-	Not applicable	1kg	-	-
	1.441	-	184	-	Not applicable	1kg	18kg	-
	1.414	-	68	-	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.504	115℃/0.001kPa	136	348	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	1.433	83℃/0.39kPa	115	335	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.429	255	125	314	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.432	265	136	300	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.427	129℃/0.67kPa	128	270	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.439	145℃/0.004kPa	186	245	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	1.450	-	218	-	Not applicable	1kg	18kg	-
	1.427	102℃/0.53kPa	126	333	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.453	-	166	-	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	1.481	-	194	-	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	1.450	-	192	-	Not applicable	1kg	18kg	-
	1.447	234	110	378	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.442	259	128	351	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.422	215	88	435	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	1.420	217	98	352	UN-3267	1kg	16kg	180kg
	1.437	-	134	-	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	180kg
	1.491	-	146	-	Not applicable	1kg	-	-
	1.504	312	165	305	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	200kg
	-	-	11	-	UN-1992	-	15kg	160kg
	1.447	180℃/0.9kPa	164	267	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	-	-	12	-	UN-2924	1kg	16kg	-

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Product Features & Packaging Options

Functional group	Product name	Chemical name	Molecular weight	Specific gravity
Ureide	KBE-585	3-Ureidopropyltrialkoxysilane (Active ingredients 50% alcohol solution)	-	0.91
Isocyanate	KBE-9007N	3-Isocyanatepropyltriethoxysilane	247.4	100
	X-12-1159L	Organosilane	-	1.17
Isocyanurate	KBM-9659	Tris-(trimethoxysilylpropyl)isocyanurate	615.8	1.18
	KBE-9659	Tris-(triethoxysilylpropyl)isocyanurate	742.1	1.07
Mercapto	KBM-802	3-Mercaptopropylmethyldimethoxysilane	180.3	1.00
	KBM-803	3-Mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane	196.4	1.06
	X-12-1154	Organosilane	-	1.26
	X-12-1156	Organosilane	-	1.27
	KR-518	Siloxane	-	1.13
	KR-519	Siloxane	-	1.10
	X-12-1056ES	Organosilane	-	1.05
Acid anhydride	X-12-967C	3-(Trimethoxysilyl)propylsuccinic anhydride	262.1	1.17
Solid type	X-12-1273ES	Organosilane	-	0.95

◆VOC Free Type

Product name	Features	Appearance
KBP-90	Amine type	Colorless to yellow liquid
KBP-64	Ethylenediamine type	Colorless to yellow liquid
X-12-1098	Alkylene glycol type	Colorless to pale yellow liquid
X-12-1121	Aminoalcohol type	Colorless to yellow liquid
X-12-1135	Carboxylic acid type	Colorless to yellow liquid
X-12-1131	Vinyl type	Colorless to pale yellow liquid
X-12-1126	Quaternary ammonium type	Colorless to yellow liquid

	Refractive index	Boiling point ℃	Flash point ℃	Minimum covering area m^2/g	UN hazard classification	Packaging		
						1 L cans	18 L cans	200L drums
	-	-	11	-	UN-1992	1kg	16kg	180kg
	1.418	250	118	315	UN-2927	1kg	15kg	-
	1.500	-	228	-	Not applicable	1kg	-	-
	1.458	250以上	186	125	Not applicable	1kg	18kg	200kg
	1.448	250以上	186	105	Not applicable	1kg	-	-
	1.448	204	72	432	UN-3082	1kg	18kg	200kg
	1.440	219	107	398	UN-3082	1kg	18kg	200kg
	1.514	-	218	-	UN-3082	1kg	-	-
	1.520	-	214	-	UN-3082	1kg	-	-
	1.417	-	30	-	UN-1993	1kg	16kg	-
	1.420	-	80	-	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	1.435	-	160	-	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	1.446	178 - 182	190	298	Not applicable	1kg	16kg	-
	-	-	70	-	Not applicable	1kg	-	-

(Not specified values)

	Active ingredients wt%	Solvent	UN hazard classification	Packaging	
	30	Water	Not applicable	1kg	16kg
	30	Water	Not applicable	1kg	18kg
	30	Water	Not applicable	1kg	16kg
	30	Water	Not applicable	1kg	-
	30	Water	Not applicable	1kg	-
	30	Water	Not applicable	1kg	-
	30	Water	Not applicable	1kg	16kg

(Not specified values)

Q & A

Here are some of the questions we frequently get from customers.
Check here first to see if your own question has been answered.

Category	Question	Answer
Selecting silane coupling agents	Which to use, methoxysilyl groups or ethoxysilyl groups?	Among the alkoxysilyl groups, methoxysilyl groups hydrolyze faster than ethoxysilyl groups. Please refer to P8 for data on the hydrolyzability of alkoxysilyl groups. Methoxysilyl groups hydrolyze to form methanol, while ethoxysilyl groups hydrolyze to form ethanol. If you are concerned about the release of methanol, you should use ethoxysilyl groups (KBE Series).
	Which to use, trialkoxysilyl groups or dialkoxysilyl groups?	Whereas the hydrolytic condensation of trialkoxysilyl groups leads to three-dimensional crosslinking, hydrolytic condensation of dialkoxysilyl groups leads to two-dimensional crosslinking. This means that dialkoxysilyl groups will be more stable when prepared in an aqueous solution. However, because trialkoxysilyl groups will have a higher crosslinking density with the substrate, adhesion will often be higher.
	How do I select the right organic functional group?	Choosing the optimal organic functional groups will depend on the resin or substrate with which they are used. Please see P9 for a chart of organic functional groups and applicable resins.
	Which resins will show improved adhesion with Silane coupling agents, and which won't?	For a guide on which types of silanes are effective with which resins, see the chart on P9 (Organic functional groups and applicable resins).
Obtaining samples	How can I obtain samples?	Contact us via the form on our website (https://www.shinetsusilicone-global.com/showInquiry.do), or talk to a Shin-Etsu distributor.
Preparation method	How do I determine how much silane to use?	The optimal amount can be determined based on the specific surface area of the filler and the minimal coverage area of the silane (Product List on P10–11, Product Characteristics & Packaging Options on P20–23)**(See Note 1)**. As a rough guide, try using 0.5–2.0 wt% silane vs. the weight of the filler. The user should also be aware that silane coupling agents will be more effective with some types of fillers than with others.
Using silane coupling agents	Treating the filler in advance vs. the integral blend method: Do the results differ?	The typical pretreatment method is to treat the inorganic filler first, then mix it into the organic material. In the integral blend method, the inorganic filler, resin and silane are all added at once, with no pretreatment involved. With the integral blend method, there may be some evaporation of the silane if the materials are heat-treated immediately after mixing. We recommend heating after a suitable curing period.**(See Note 2)**
	What are some tips regarding treatment methods?	For best results, wash the surface of the inorganic material to remove oils, then treat with a primer.
	What are the drying conditions?	To evaporate the water and initiate the dehydration-condensation reaction, we recommend drying at 80–120°C. **(See Note 3)**

Note 1

◆Treatment amount

The amount of treatment used for fillers is normally 0.5–2% by weight.

The model equation here can be used as a guide with respect to the amount of silane required to surface-treat fillers to produce a monomolecular film on the filler particles.

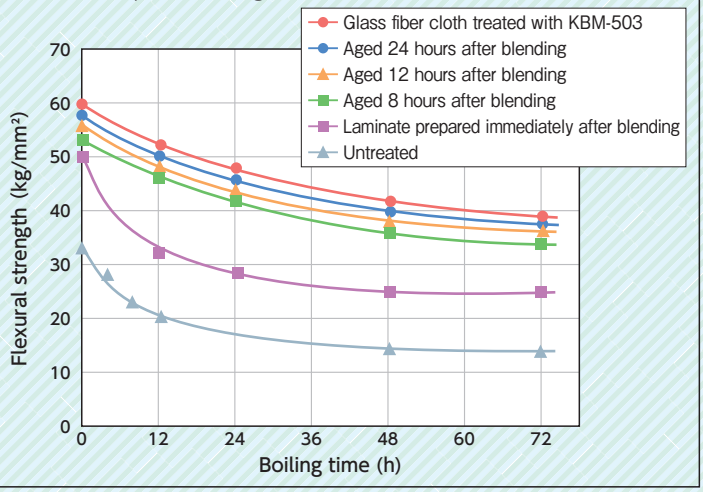
$$\text{Silane treatment amount (g)} = \frac{\text{Weight of filler (g)} \times \text{Specific surface area of filler (m}^2\text{/g)}}{\text{Minimum covering area of the silane (m}^2\text{/g)}}$$

Note 2

◆Effects of aging on organic resin blends

■Application to polyester resin

When coupling agents are added via the integral blending method and aged at room temperature, the coupling agent migrates to the interface with the inorganic material. The effect is close to that achieved with pretreated glass fiber cloth.



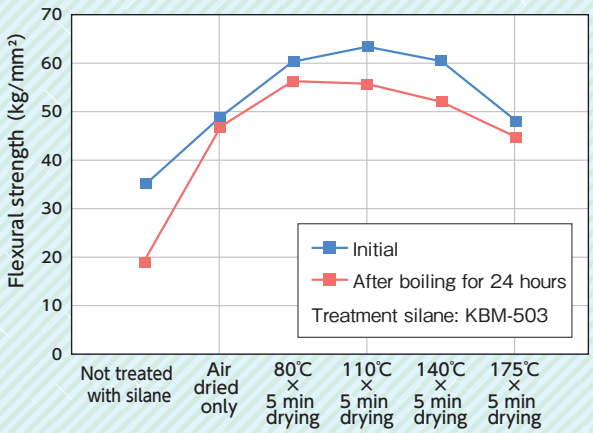
Category	Question	Answer
Using of silane coupling agents	Can materials be treated with silane coupling agents via vapor deposition?	Yes. See **Note 4** for the vapor pressure curves of some commonly used products.
	I'm going to polymerize the silane to make a coating agent. Do different silanes have different degrees of heat resistance?	See **Note 5** for heat loss data for the hydrolysis products of some commonly used products.
	Which types of silane coupling agents will be stable when prepared as an aqueous solution?	Aminosilanes are the most stable, and epoxysilanes (KBM-403) are also stable. **(See Note 6)**
Evaluating performance	How can I check the silane treatment?	A simple means of evaluating hydrophobically-treated fillers is the methanol wettability test **(See Note 7)**. For more detailed analysis, 29Si NMR is also effective.
Storage	What are some precautions when storing silane coupling agents?	As a general rule, silane coupling agents should be stored only in their original containers. Silane coupling agents hydrolyze when exposed to moisture, so they should be used as quickly as possible after opening. If the product is not used up, the container should be purged with nitrogen before storage.
	How should hydrolyzed treatment liquids be stored?	The storage method may differ depending on the type and number of alkoxy groups, and the type, concentration and pH of the organic functional groups **(See Note 8)**. Also, adding alcohol will improve shelf life and wetting of inorganic materials.
	How should I store pretreated inorganic materials or resins to which silanes have been added?	The filler surface will be stable after dehydration-condensation. Once Silane coupling agents have been added or grafted to resins, moisture control is critical. Be sure to store in a cool, dark place that is as dry as possible.
Disposal	How can I dispose of leftover liquids and old samples?	Be sure to follow the instructions on the Safety Data Sheet. Shin-Etsu does not take back leftover liquids or old samples for disposal.
Other	What are some precautions for cleaning equipment after use?	Clean filters, tanks and lines immediately after use. These can typically be cleaned with solvents or alkaline cleaners. **(See Note 9)**
	What are the laws and regulations concerning export to foreign countries?	There are restrictions on countries that can be exported to and on applications and quantities. These are subject to change. Also, containers may differ, so check with a sales representative for details.

Note 3

◆Change in performance caused by dehydration condensation reaction

■Comparison of treatment of polyester laminates

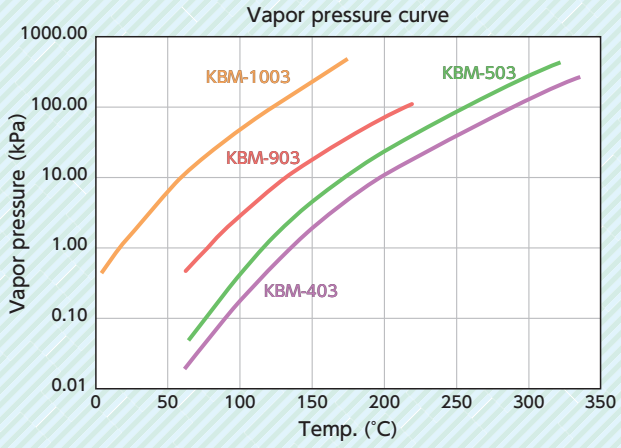
We compared the effects of different drying conditions on effectiveness of treatment. It was found that drying the silane coupling agent for around 5 minutes at 110°C after application achieved the best results.



Note 4

◆Vapor pressure curve

Most silane coupling agents are compounds that have boiling points, and have vapor pressures which are unique to each compound.
The graph below shows the relationship between vapor pressure and temperature for some typical silane coupling agents.



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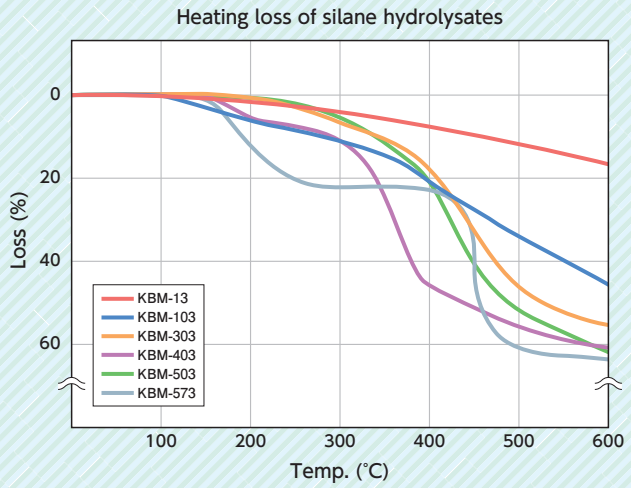
Note 5

◆Heating loss of silane hydrolysates

Measured in a heated state.

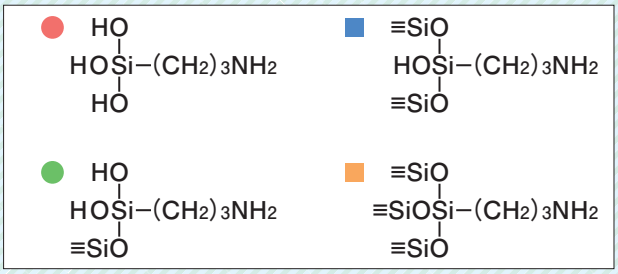


*In air, rate of temperature increase: 7.5˚C/min

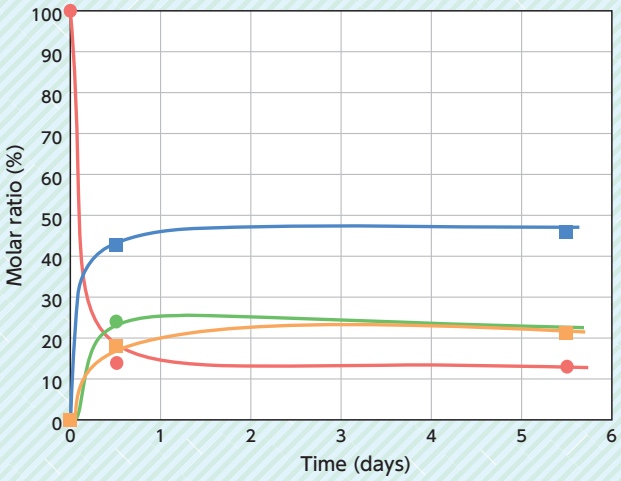
Note 6

◆Condensation behavior of amino silane in aqueous solution

An amino silane (KBE-903) was found to be very stable in aqueous solutions.



KBM-903 5% water solution(pH=11.1)



Note 7

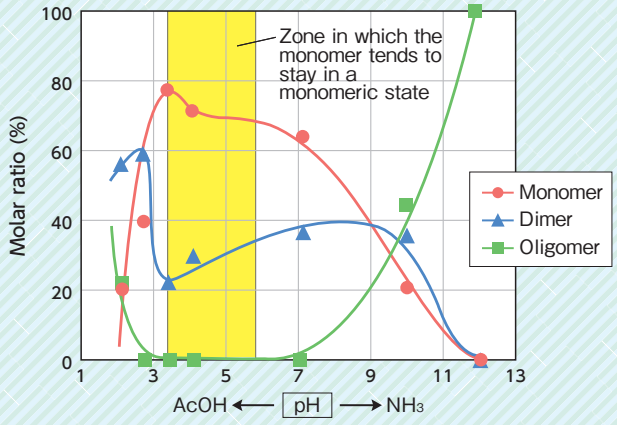
◆Checking the results of hydrophobic treatment

① Weigh out 0.5 g of the sample into a 500 mL erlenmeyer flask.
② Add 50 mL of ion-exchange softened water to ① and agitate with a magnetic stirrer.
③ While continuing agitation, drip in methanol using a burette. When all of the sample is in suspension in the softened water, note the amount of methanol that has been dripped in.
④ Determine hydrophobicity using the following equation.

$$\text{Hydrophobicity} = \frac{\text{Methanol drip amount (mL)} \times 100}{\text{Methanol drip amount (mL)} + \text{Ion-exchange softened water amount (mL)}}$$

Note 8

◆Stability of epoxy silane-water solutions and pH



Conditions: silane 10%, temp. at 30˚C, time 4 h

Epoxy silane (KBM-403): $(CH_3O)_3SiC_3H_6OCH_2CH(O)CH_2$

Note 9

◆Cleaning silane from reactors, containers, pipes, etc.

The following methods are good for cleaning, but keep in mind that results will vary depending on the type of silane (hydrophilic, hydrophobic), the material being cleaned (glass, metal, plastic), whether the silane has simply adhered to or has reacted onto the surface, and how much has built up. Use proper caution when handling solvents and alkalis.

1. Cleaning with solvents

This method involves cleaning off the silane by placing equipment in an organic solvent (alcohol, aromatic solvent, etc.). Agitation and heating will yield better cleaning results. With some physical effort, such as scrubbing with a brush, the results will be even better. Clean the insides of pipes by flushing them with large amounts of solvent.

2. Cleaning with alkalis

If the silane has reacted to the surface or has built up in significant amounts, cleaning with a solvent will not be sufficient. If so, the silane can be removed by placing equipment in an alkaline water solution (e.g. 50% potassium hydroxide-water solution). Again, agitation and heating will yield better cleaning results. When cleaning stainless steel, the solution can be heated to around 80˚C without problems. However, glass-lined equipment will be damaged at this temperature, so such equipment should not be soaked more than a few hours at temperatures not higher than around 50˚C. After cleaning, be sure to remove the alkaline component by washing thoroughly with water or alcohol.

⚠ Handling Precautions

◆ Product quality, storage and handling

1. Store in a cool, dark place (out of direct sunlight in a place cooler than room temperature where there is no risk of condensation) and avoid exposure to humidity.
   Products containing silanes that polymerize with heat (KBM-1403, KBM-5103, X-12-1048) should be kept refrigerated (0–5°C).
2. Shin-Etsu guarantees the quality of its silane coupling agents when in a sealed, unopened state. When exposed to water or moisture, silane coupling agents undergo hydrolysis and degrade, and in the process will release substances which include methanol and hydrogen chloride. Do not leave product containers open, and always close tightly after use to prevent water and moisture from entering the container. Ideally, when closing containers, the air in the container should be replaced with dry nitrogen.
   After opening, products should be used up as quickly as possible, since products stored in bottles may become degraded through exposure to the alkali content of the glass.
3. Isocyanate silane and protected functional group silanes cannot be used as part of pretreatment methods that involve adding them to water to induce hydrolysis. Isocyanate silanes will release carbon dioxide gas and deteriorate, while protected functional group silanes will lose their protective groups and deteriorate.

◆ Safety & hygiene

1. Ensure there is proper ventilation when using these products. Avoid breathing of vapors from products or their hydrolysis products, and avoid bodily contact.
2. Wear rubber gloves, safety glasses and other protective gear to prevent contact with the skin and mucous membranes. In case of contact, wash immediately and thoroughly with running water.
3. In case of eye contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of running water, and consult a physician if necessary.
4. If products get on clothing, wash off with running water.
5. Be sure to wash hands thoroughly after handling products and before eating, drinking or smoking.
6. In case of spills, wash with plenty of water or soak up the spilled liquid using rags or sand and dispose of it by incineration.
7. Keep out of reach of children.
8. Please read the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) before use. SDS can be obtained from our Sales Department.

◆Additional information

1. Shin-Etsu has pages devoted to our silane compounds on our website. Through the website, you can inquire about specific products, request samples, and download catalogs online.
   https://www.shinetsusilicone-global.com/
2. If you need a special high purity product for use in electronics materials manufacturing or other application, please discuss your needs with a Shin-Etsu sales representative.
3. Contact the Shin-Etsu Sales Department to discuss issues concerning the export of these products.

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Naoetsu Plant	ISO 9001 (JCQA-0018)	ISO 14001 (JCQA-E-0064)
Takefu Plant	ISO 9001 (JQA-0479)	ISO 14001 (JQA-EM0298)

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