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BYK-038

VOC-free defoamer on the basis of mineral oil for aqueous emulsion paints and high gloss emulsion systems. APEO-free. Contains silicone.

Product Data

Composition

Mixture of paraffinic mineral oils and hydrophobic components. Contains silicone.

VOC-free (< 1500 ppm).

Does not contain alkyl
phenol ethoxylates

Typical Properties

The values indicated in this data sheet describe typical properties and do not constitute specification limits.

Density (68 °F): 7.34 lbs/US gal VOC content: < 1500 ppm

Does not contain alkyl phenol ethoxylates

Food Contact Legal Status

For the current food contact legal status, please contact our product safety department or visit www.byk.com for further information.

Storage and Transportation

Separation possible. Mix well before use.

Applications

Coatings Industry

Special Features and Benefits

The defoamer has been specifically developed for universal use in APEO-free emulsions. Thanks to the addition of a silicone, it achieves an excellent level of effectiveness. BYK-038 should preferably be used in emulsion systems with a PVC range between 20 and 70.

Recommended use

Particularly recommended for emulsion paints and high gloss emulsion systems but also for emulsion plasters. The defoamer may also be used in the production of emulsion binders.

Recommended Levels

0.1-0.5 % additive (as supplied) based upon total formulation. In exceptional cases up to 0.8 %. The dosage levels are indicated for the purpose of orientation. Optimal dosage levels are determined through series of tests.

Incorporation and Processing Instructions

Generally, 2/3 of the defoamer are added to the millbase and 1/3 is added to the letdown or the finished paint. Sufficient shear forces are necessary for incorporation in order to avoid negative side effects.



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