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# **BYK-3440**

Surface additive for solvent-borne, solvent-free and aqueous systems with a strong reduction in the surface tension. Good wetting of critical substrates. No influence on surface slip.

## **Product Data**

#### Composition

Solution of an acrylate copolymer

# **Typical Properties**

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

Density (68 °F): 8.11 lbs/US gal

Non-volatile matter (10 min., 302 °F): 10 %

Solvents: Dipropylene glycol monomethyl ether

Flash point: 183 °F

## **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 or turbidity may occur at temperatures below 25 °C (77 °F). Warm to 30-40 °C (86-104 °F) and stir well.

#### **Special Note**

The additive contains  $C_6F_{13}$  fluorotelomers and replaces BYK-340.

# **Applications**

# **Coatings Industry**

### **Special Features and Benefits**

BYK-3440 provides a strong reduction in the surface tension of the coating systems and is therefore a highly effective additive for wetting critical substrates and for avoiding cratering. It is exceptionally compatible in solvent-borne, solvent-free and also aqueous coating systems. In pure aqueous emulsion systems (not containing organic co-solvents), the fluorine-free alternatives BYK-3455 and BYK-349 should be used for preference.

#### **Recommended Levels**

0.1-0.5 % additive (as supplied) based on the total formulation - in exceptional cases up to 1 %.

The above recommended levels can be used for orientation. Optimal levels are determined through a series of laboratory tests.

# **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

The additive can be incorporated during any stage of the production process, including post-addition.

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