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# **BYK-A 515**

Silicone-free polymer-based air release additive for solvent-borne and solvent-free epoxy and PUR systems and adhesives. Improves fiber wetting and is also used in pultrusion. For highly thixotropic gel coats and acrylic resins (syrup).

# **Product Data**

#### Composition

Solution of foam-destroying polymers, silicone-free

# **Typical Properties**

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

Density (68 °F): 6.76 lbs/US gal

Refractive index (68 °F): 1.439 Flash point: 109 °F Hazen color number: < 100 Turbidity: < 3 TE/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.

# **Applications**

# **Ambient Curing Systems**

#### **Special Features and Benefits**

BYK-A 515 is a highly surface-active air release additive with fiber wetting properties for unsaturated polyester resins and vinyl ester resins. In hand lay-up and fiber spray-up procedures, BYK-A 515 is often used in combination with BYK-A 555 or BYK-A 501. In highly thixotropic gel coats, BYK-A 515 is often the only effective air release additive. BYK-A 515 is also used in acrylic resins (syrup) to prevent air entrapment.

# **Recommended Use**

All-purpose air release additive for ambient-curing plastic systems that are based on unsaturated polyester resins, vinyl ester resins and acrylates. In some resins BYK-A 515 can cause haze.

#### **Recommended Levels**

0.1-0.5 % additive (as supplied) based upon total formulation.

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

# **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

Stir into the resin before adding other components.

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#### **Adhesives & Sealants**

#### **Special Features and Benefits**

BYK-A 515 is a defoamer with fiber wetting properties for all solvent-containing and solvent-free adhesives and sealants. It is particularly recommended for acrylate systems and is also used in polyurethane systems.

#### **Recommended Levels**

0.1-0.5 % additive (as supplied) based upon total formulation.

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

# **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

Stir into the resin before adding other components.

#### **Pultrusion**

# **Special Features and Benefits**

Improves fiber wetting in the manufacture and application (pultrusion) of plastic systems.

#### **Recommended Use**

Recommended for systems based on acrylates, unsaturated polyesters or vinyl ester resins.

#### **Recommended Levels**

0.5 phr additive as supplied.

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

# **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

Stir into the resin before adding other components.







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