

CYMEL® U-216-8 resin

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

CYMEL U-216-8 resin is a partially n-butylated urea crosslinking agent supplied in a mixture of n-butanol and xylene. It possesses a lower molecular weight than most other butylated ureas, which contributes to its low bulk viscosity and high degree of hydrocarbon tolerance. CYMEL U-216-8 resin displays excellent compatibility with most hydrophobic resins, such as epoxies, and can contribute to improved leveling and adhesion characteristics. CYMEL U-216-8 resin is recommended as a crosslinking resin in primer coatings, can coatings, and metal deco finishes.

BENEFITS

- Excellent compatibility with hydrophobic resins
- Low viscosity
- Very good hydrocarbon tolerance
- Very good flow properties

APPLICATION AREAS

- Decorative metal finishes
- Coil coating primers
- Can coatings

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Range	Method
Appearance	Clear Liquid	Visual
Non-volatile by wt.	57-61%	Pan, 2 hrs/105°C
Viscosity, 25°C	500-1250 mPa-s	Dynamic Viscosity
Free formaldehyde	≤ 2.5%	Sulfite Method
Color, APHA	< 70	ISO 6271

SOLUBILITY

Alcohols	Complete
Esters	Complete
Ketones	Complete
Aromatic hydrocarbons	Partial
Aliphatic hydrocarbons	Partial
Water	Insoluble

COMPATIBILITY

Acrylic resins	Good
Alkyd resins	Good
Polyester resins	Good
Epoxy resins	Good

BACKBONE POLYMER SELECTION

CYMEL U-216-8 resin contains a combination of butoxymethyl and methylol functionalities, making it a very effective crosslinking agent for backbone polymers containing hydroxyl, carboxyl, and amide functionality. In addition to entering into crosslinking reactions, CYMEL U-216-8 resin also has a tendency toward self-condensation. Therefore, its practical equivalent weight, on a solids basis, is in the range of 200-280. Increasing the level of CYMEL U-216-8 resin in a coating formulation will generally increase the hardness and chemical resistance of the cured film, although higher levels may also increase brittleness. The optimum level in a particular formulation should always be determined experimentally.

CATALYSIS

As with other urea-formaldehyde resins, CYMEL U-216-8 resin may not require the addition of an acid catalyst to the formulation in order to obtain effective cure. In many instances, the acidity of other formulation components is sufficient to catalyze reaction. If catalyst addition is required, then 0.5-1.0% of either CYCAT® 4040 catalyst or CYCAT 296-6 catalyst, based on weight of total binder solids, is recommended for normal bake schedules (15-20 minutes at 120-150°C).

FORMULATION STABILITY

The stability of formulated systems containing CYMEL U-216-8 resin can be enhanced by the addition of alcohols, amines or a combination of these. Low molecular weight primary alcohols such as ethanol and n-butanol are most effective. Recommended amines are TEA, DMEA or 2-AMP at a concentration of 0.5-1.0% on total binder solids.

STORAGE STABILITY

CYMEL U-216-8 resin has a shelf life of 4 years from date of manufacture when stored at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C. Although low temperatures are not detrimental to stability, the viscosity of the product will increase making the resin more difficult to pump or pour. Product viscosity can be returned to normal by gentle re-warming, however, care should be taken to avoid excessive localized heating as this can cause an irreversible increase in viscosity.

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