

EBECRYL® 246

Aliphatic Urethane Diacrylate

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INTRODUCTION

EBECRYL 246 is a difunctional aliphatic urethane acrylate that does not contain any intentionally added organic tin compounds, heavy metals*, hydroquinone (HQ) or methyl ether of hydroquinone (MEHQ). (Please note that quinones are present in many raw materials, so the overall quinone content is reduced, but not zero in EBECRYL 246.) Films of EBECRYL 246 cured by ultraviolet light (UV) or electron beam (EB) exhibit excellent abrasion resistance, toughness and flexibility, and are resistant to yellowing.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

EBECRYL 246 is characterized by:

- No intentionally added tin, heavy metals*, or quinones
- Very light color
- Low odor
- High viscosity

UV/EB cured products containing EBECRYL 246 are characterized by the following performance properties:

- Regulation friendly for tin, heavy metals*, and quinones
- Good abrasion resistance
- Excellent flexibility
- Exceptional toughness
- Non-yellowing

The actual properties of UV/EB cured products also depend on the selection of other formulation components such as reactive diluents, additives and photoinitiators.

SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS

Formulated UV/EB curable products containing EBECRYL 246 may be applied via brush, roller, direct or reverse roll, offset gravure, metering rod, slot die, knife over roll, air knife, curtain, immersion and spin coating methods. EBECRYL 246 is recommended for use:

- In applications that must meet regulations for tin, heavy metal*, and quinone content
- In abrasion resistant coatings for flexible substrates such as vinyl and other plastics
- In laminating adhesives
- As a modifying oligomer to increase flexibility

*As defined by C.O.N.E.G's Toxic in Packaging Legislation, the ASTM Standard Consumer Safety Specification on Toy Safety F 963 (ASTM F 963-08), or the European Standard on Safety of Toys EN 71 Part 3 : 1994 + A1:2000 + A1/AC:2000 + AC:2002.

SPECIFICATIONS

	VALUE
Appearance	Clear liquid
Color, Gardner scale, max.	2

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

	VALUE
Density, g/ml at 25°C ⁽¹⁾	1.09
Functionality, theoretical ⁽²⁾	2
HQ/MEHQ Content, ppm ⁽¹⁾	nd/10 ⁽³⁾
Viscosity, 60°C, cP/mPa·s	58600

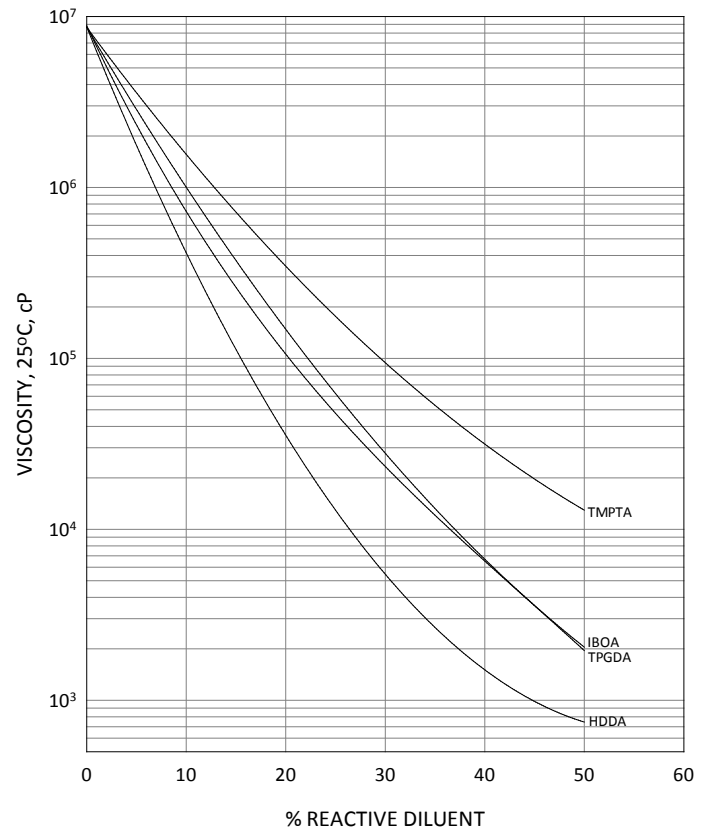
TYPICAL CURED PROPERTIES⁽⁴⁾

Tensile strength, psi (MPa)	3875 (26.7)
Elongation at break, %	62
Young's modulus, psi (MPa)	19700 (136)
Glass transition temperature, °C ⁽⁵⁾	54

GRAPH I

EBECRYL 246

Viscosity Reduction with Reactive Diluents



(1) Typical property. Not measured.

(2) Theoretical determination based on the undiluted oligomer.

(3) Amount detected via HPLC with a UV detector (nd = none detected).

(4) UV cured 125 μ thick films.

(5) Determined by Dynamic Mechanical Analysis.

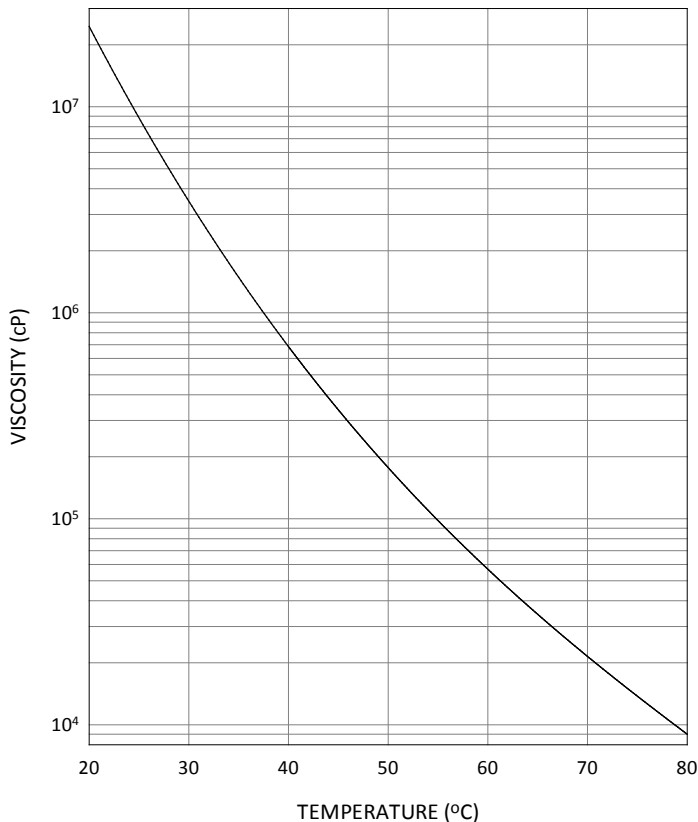
VISCOSITY REDUCTION

Graph I shows the viscosity reduction of EBECRYL 246 with 1,6-hexanediol diacrylate (HDDA)⁽¹⁾, isobornyl acrylate (IBOA)⁽¹⁾, trimethylolpropane triacrylate (TMPTA)⁽¹⁾, and tripropylene glycol diacrylate (TPGDA)⁽¹⁾. Although viscosity reduction can be achieved with non-reactive solvents, reactive diluents are preferred because they are essentially 100 percent converted during UV/EB exposure to form a part of the coating or ink, thus reducing solvent emissions. The specific reactive diluents used will influence performance properties such as hardness and flexibility.

Graph II illustrates the change in viscosity of EBECRYL 246 with increasing temperature.

GRAPH II

EBECRYL 246 - VISCOSITY VS. TEMPERATURE



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PRECAUTIONS

Before using EBECRYL 246, see the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for information on the identified hazards of the material and the recommended personal protective equipment and procedures.

STORAGE AND HANDLING

Care should be taken not to expose the product to high temperature conditions, direct sunlight, ignition sources, oxidizing agents, alkalis or acids. This might cause uncontrollable polymerization of the product with the generation of heat. Storage and handling should be in stainless steel, amber glass, amber polyethylene or baked phenolic lined containers. Procedures that remove or displace oxygen from the material should be avoided. Do not store this material under an oxygen free atmosphere. Dry air is recommended to displace material removed from the container. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container tightly closed. Use with adequate ventilation.

See the SDS for the recommended storage temperature range for EBECRYL 246.

Please refer to the allnex Guide to Safety and Handling of Acrylate Oligomers and Monomers for additional information on the safe handling of acrylates.