

CUROX® A-300

Acetyl acetone peroxide
CAS#13784-51-5
Liquid mixture

Description

Colourless, mobile liquid, consisting of peroxides based on acetyl acetone, essentially de-sensitised with diacetone alcohol and glycols. This ketone peroxide is used as an initiator (radical source) in the curing of unsaturated polyester resins. Main application: curing of thin-wall moulded parts at ambient temperature in combination with cobalt accelerators.

Technical Data

Appearance	Colourless liquid
Active oxygen	Approx 4.1 % w/w
De-sensitising agent	Glycols, diacetone alcohol
Density at 20 °C	Approx. 1.1 g/cm ³
Viscosity at 20 °C	Approx. 37 mPa.s
Miscibility	Miscible with alcohols, phthalates
Critical temperature (SADT)	>60 °C
Cold storage stability	Can crystallize below 10 °C
Recommended storage temperature	10 to 25 °C
Maintenance of activity at 25 °C as from date of delivery	12 months

Application

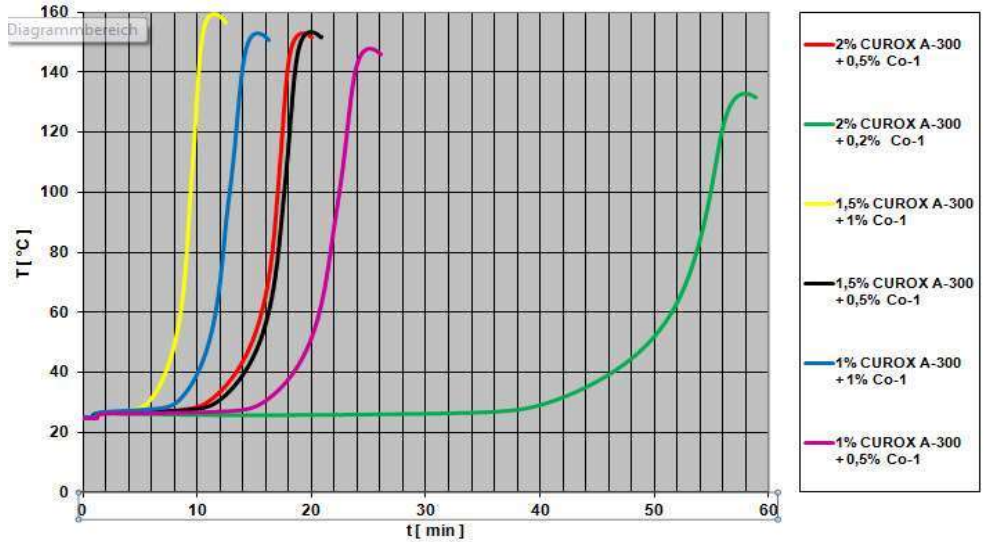
POLYESTER CURING: Curing agent for all UP resin types at ambient temperature in combination with cobalt accelerators. Standard dosage level: 1-3% as supplied, with 0.5-2% of a 1% cobalt solution.

"Pot life" (gel time of resin + peroxide + accelerator) relatively short, but may be prolonged by adding Inhibitor TC-510.

CURING PERFORMANCE: Strong evolution of heat, therefore short mould release times and very good mould release factors ($t_{MR} = t_{MR}/t_{gel}$). Even at low ambient temperatures relatively rapid curing, especially in combination with Accelerator CA-12. Some fillers, pigments and stabilisers can disturb or even prevent the curing procedure. Occasionally, greenish or mottled discolouration can be observed in finished parts, post curing above 60 °C may then be applied. This product is not recommended for gel- and topcoat applications.

PROCESSING METHODS: Suitable in particular for curing thin-wall moulded parts using various processes, such as hand lay-up, spray lay-up, vacuum and injection moulding (RTM), wet press moulding, centrifugal casting (pipes), continuous impregnating (corrugated sheets). Thus, the product is very versatile.

Reactivity:



Measurements in compliance with DIN 16945 at 25°C with OPA resin (20g in a test tube)

Medium reactive resin type (OPA)	100	100	100	100	100	100
CUROX® A-300 [Vol-%]	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.0	1.0
BÜFA® Accelerator Co 1 [Vol-%]	0.5	0.2	1.0	0.5	1.0	0.5
Curing data						
Gel time 25 -30°C t_{gel} [min]	11.0	41.0	5.5	11.5	8.0	15.5
Gel time 25 -35°C t_{gel} [min]	12.5	44.0	6.5	13.0	9.5	17.5
Curing time t_{max} [min]	19.0	58.0	11.5	20.0	15.0	25.0
Peaktemperature T_{max} [°C]	154	132	159	154	153	147

Standard Packaging

The standard package size of Curox® A-300 are 5 kg and 25 kg polyethylene bottles.

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