



# BYK-W 980

Wetting and dispersing additive to reduce viscosity and prevent fi llers from settling in ambient curing resin systems and adhesives as well as for polyester molding compounds, wet mat molding and pultrusion applications.

# **Product Data**

# Composition

Solution of a salt of unsaturated polyamine amides and acidic polyesters.

# **Typical Properties**

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

Amine value:	30 mg KOH/g
Acid value:	40 mg KOH/g
Density (20 °C):	0.99 g/ml
Non-volatile matter (10 min., 150 °C):	80 %
Flash point:	66 °C

# 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**

Mix well before use. Separation or turbidity possible. Warm to 30-60 °C and mix well.

# **Applications**

# **Ambient Curing Systems**

# **Special Features and Benefits**

The wetting and dispersing additive improves the dispersion of all conventional fillers, such as calcium carbonate and aluminum hydroxide. It reduces the viscosity of the filled resin, allowing a higher filling level. In most cases, the settling of fillers during storage and processing is reduced.

# **Recommended Use**

The additive is especially recommended for unsaturated polyester resins as well as acrylic, polyurethane and epoxy resins, and is highly effective in all areas of application.

# **Recommended Levels**

0.5-1.5 % additive (as supplied) based upon fillers.

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

# **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

For optimal performance, the additive should be incorporated before solids are added.





#### **Adhesives & Sealants**

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

The additive improves the wetting and dispersion of all mineral fi llers, such as calcium carbonate and aluminum hydroxide (ATH), which lowers viscosity and allows higher filling levels. At the same time, the sedimentation of fillers is often reduced, preventing deposits. In many cases, the additive is more effective than BYK-W 966.

#### **Recommended Use**

The additive is particularly recommended for adhesives on the basis of polyurethane, epoxy and acrylic resins.

#### **Recommended Levels**

0.5-1.5 % additive (as supplied) based upon fillers.

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

#### **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

For optimal performance, the additive should be incorporated before solids are added.

## SMC, Wet Mat Molding and Pultrusion

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

The additive improves the wetting and dispersion of fillers in wet mat molding and HMC polyester molding compounds. This lowers the viscosity, allows higher fi lling levels and improves glass fiber wetting. In pultrusion applications, the additive improves the wetting and dispersion of fillers, prevents the fillers from settling in the impregnation bath, and improves glass fiber wetting through lowered viscosity.

#### **Recommended Use**

The additive is particularly recommended for HMC polyester molding compounds, wet mat molding and pultrusion applications on the basis of UP/VE, epoxy and acrylic resins.

#### **Recommended Levels**

1-2 % additive (as supplied) based upon fillers for HMC molding compounds and wet mat molding. 0.5-1.5 % additive (as supplied) based upon fillers for pultrusion applications.

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

## **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

For optimal performance, the additive should be incorporated before solids are added.

BYK-W 980 Data Sheet Issue 09/2012