Technical Data Sheet





TBPEH

tert.Butylperoxy-2-ethylhexanoate CAS#3006-82-4 Liquid, techn. pure

Structural Formula

$$\begin{array}{cccc} CH_{3} & Q & C_{2}H_{5} \\ H_{3}C - C - O - O - C - CH - (CH_{2})_{3} - CH_{3} \\ CH_{3} & CH_{3} \end{array}$$

Description

Colourless, mobile liquid, consisting of technically pure tert.butyl-per-2-ethyl hexanoate. This branched, aliphatic perester is used as an initiator (radical source) in curing unsaturated polyester resins at 70-150°C, possibly in combination with cobalt accelerators.

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| Appearance | colourless liquid |
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| Peroxide content | ca. 99 % w/w |
| Active oxygen | ca. 7.32 % w/w |
| De-sensitising agent | none |
| Density at 20°C | ca. 0.90 g/cm ³ |
| Viscosity at 20°C | ca. 4 mPa•s |
| Refractive index at 20°C | ca. 1.428 |
| Miscibility | immiscible with water miscible with alcohols, phthalate |
| Critical temperature (SADT) | ca. 40 °C |
| Cold storage stability | to below -25 °C |
| Kick-off temperature | ca. 70 °C |
| Recommended storage temperature | max. 10 °C |
| Maximum transport temperature | 20°C |
| Maintenance of activity as from date of delivery | 3 months |
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This product is in compliance with the Elektro G (EU-Directives: RoHS 2002/95/E G, WEEE 2002/96/EG)

Half-life Data

10h/1h/1min (0.1 m benzene): 74/92/130 °C

Application

POLYESTER CURING:

Curing agent for UP resins, possibly in combination with cobalt accelerators. Temperature range: 70-150°C. Usage level: 1-2% as supplied, possibly together with 0.5-1% Accelerator C-101. "Shelf life" (gel time of resin +







peroxide) at ambient temperature several weeks, depending on resin type, filler, pigment. "Pot life" (gel time of resin + peroxide + accelerator) up to several days, depending on temperature and peroxide level. Shelf or pot life can be prolonged considerably by adding 0.1-0.3% Inhibitor BC 500.

CURING CHARACTERISTICS:

In the range of 65-75°C ("kick-off" temperature) the curing rate is not very high unless there is a reaction exotherm (e.g. within a heat-retaining mould). Short cure times of a few minutes can be achieved only in the optimum temperature range for wet press moulding at 110-130°C.

PROCESSING METHODS:

In particular continuous impregnating (paper laminates), wet or hot press moulding, surface coating with wood varnishes, dripping electrical insulating varnishes with infrared heating.

Measurements

Activity

Influence of temperature and peroxide dosage¹) on curing performance and degree of cure. Hot press moulding of 16 mm thick SMC pellets and 3 mm thick SMC sheets.

| Temperature of mould | 120°C | 120°C | 130°C | 130°C | 140°C | 140°C | 150°C | 150°C |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Formulation (parts of weight) | | | | | | | | |
| Standard SMC (resin proportion) | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| TBPEH | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.1 | 2.2 |
| Curing performance (SMC pellets) | | | | | | | | |
| Flow time (min) | 1.05 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.80 | 0.70 | 0.65 | 0.60 | 0.55 |
| Time to peak tmax (min) | 1.75 | 1.50 | 1.45 | 1.25 | 1.20 | 1.10 | 1.00 | 0.95 |
| Peak exotherm Tmax (°C) | 157 | 158 | 165 | 162 | 167 | 164 | 168 | 165 |
| Degree of cure (SMC sheets ²) | | | | | | | | |
| Barcol (934) hardness | 15 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 30 |
| Residual styrene content (%) | 2.0 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 |

¹⁾ The amounts added are equivalent to 1% or 2% w/w techn. pure t-butyl perbenzoate







²) The press cycles for the SMC sheets are equal to the tmax. of the corresponding SMC pellets.

Further information on suitable curing agents for unsaturated polyester resins is given in our application brochures on this subject.

Packaging

Standard packaging of TBPEH is 25 kg.

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