

Laromer[®] PE 44 F

Product Description	Laromer PE 44 F is a polyester modified acrylic resin for the formulation of radiation-curable printing inks and coatings, for wood products, paper plastics and inks
Key Features & Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Minimal yellowing</i> - <i>Good flexibility</i> - <i>Free of reactive diluents</i>
Chemical Structure	Polyester acrylate

Properties

Typical Properties	Physical form		medium viscous liquid
	Viscosity at 23 °C (73 °F) (ISO 3219 A) (Shear rate D 100 s ⁻¹)	Pa s	~ 2.0 - 5.0
	Acid value (EN ISO 3682)	mg KOH/g	≤ 5
	Iodine color number (DIN 6162)		≤ 10
	Density (ISO 2811-3)	g/cm ³	~ 1.14
	Flash point (DIN EN ISO 2719)	°C (°F)	> 100 (212)

Solubility, diluent tolerance The Laromer grades listed above are soluble in many solvents common to the coatings industry except in aliphatic hydrocarbons.

For the formulation of low-viscous coatings they can be thinned with monomers such as Laromer HDDA (hexanediol acrylate), Laromer TMPTA (trimethylolpropane triacrylate) and Laromer TPGDA (tripropylene glycol diacrylate) or with esters, ketones and aromatic hydrocarbons.

Compatibility Can be homogeneously mixed with most unsaturated acrylate oligomers such as other Laromer grades.

These typical values should not be interpreted as specifications.

Applications

These resins have a balanced property profile are used as sole binders or in combination with other unsaturated acrylic resins for the formulation of electron-beam or UV curable printing inks or coatings. Laromer PE 44 F is used in the following applications: coatings for wood, wood products, plastics, paper and printing inks. Films based on Laromer 44 F show balanced properties in terms of flexibility and hardness.

Processing All resins listed can be further diluted with low-volatile monomers such as monofunctional, difunctional or trifunctional acrylates. These are incorporated into the film during curing and thus influence its properties.

Monofunctional acrylates increase film flexibility. Difunctional acrylates have little influence on film hardness and flexibility while trifunctional acrylates increase film hardness.

With an adequate flash-off zone available, inert solvents may also be used. These must, however, be completely removed from the film prior to radiation curing.

A photoinitiator must be added to allow curing by ultraviolet radiation. Suitable photoinitiators are, among others, α -hydroxyketones, benzophenone, MAPO, MAPO-Liquid and BAPO. Depending on the desired reactivity, the usual amount varies between 2 – 5 %.

To increase the reactivity in thin films, a tertiary amine such as methyl diethanol amine or an amine synergist, such as an amino acrylate resin Laromer PO 94 F or Laromer PO 9103 can be added to formulations. Care must be taken to ensure that the amine does not react with the substrate, particularly pale-colored ones.

Safety

General

The usual safety precautions when handling chemicals must be observed. These include the measures described in federal, state, and local health and safety regulations, thorough ventilation of the workplace, good skin care, and wearing of protective goggles.

Safety Data Sheet

All safety information is provided in the Safety Data Sheet for Laromer PE 44 F.

Storage

Please refer to the "Handling and Storage of Polymer Dispersions" brochure.

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