TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Piccolastic™ A75 Hydrocarbon Resin

Piccolastic™ A75 hydrocarbon resin is a low molecular weight, light colored, polar, hydrocarbon resin derived from pure styrene monomer. Indicated for use in adhesives, coatings, plastics modification and rubber compounding, particularly as primary plasticizers and softeners. Piccolastic™ A75 can be used as a modifier for rubber and plastic compounds used in shoe construction and as a binder for xerographic toners. In styrenic block copolymer-based systems Piccolastic™ A75 associates strongly with the styrene endblocks, reducing melt viscosity and cohesion without greatly affecting tack and adhesion properties.

Piccolastic™ A75 is compatible with EVA grades with 20-40% vinyl acetate and will improve low temperature flexibility and reduce the melt viscosity of the system. Piccolastic™ A75 complies with many FDA regulations for applications involving direct contact with food. Compliance with a given regulation in a specific situation should be verified prior to use in a food contacting application.

- Light color
- Made from pure styrenic monomer

For further information regarding this product please refer to:

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Property	Typical Value	Unit	Method[1]
Ring and Ball Softening Point	73	°C	ASTM E 28
Color, Gardner	1		ASTM D 6166, 50% solids in toluene
MMAP cloud point	5	°C	from 1:2 mixture of methylcyclohexane and aniline
OMS (odorless mineral spirits) cloud point	63	°C	from Stoddard solvent
Molecular Weight, Mn	760	g/mol	GPC using polystyrene standards, elution with THF
Molecular Weight, Mw	1360	g/mol	
Molecular Weight, Mz	2200	g/mol	
Polydispersity (Mw/Mn)	1.8		
Melt Viscosity at 85°C	1000	poise	Brookfield
Melt Viscosity at 100°C	100	poise	
Melt Viscosity at 120°C	10	poise	
Refractive Index at 25°C	1.60		
Glass Transition Temperature (Tg-midpoint)	36	°C	DSC, 20°C/minute

[1] internal method based upon the specified norm

Applications

Adhesives, Assembly, Carpet, Caulks and Sealants, Film Modification, Graphic inks, Labels, Other coatings, Packaging, Paper, Plastic Modification, Roofing, Specialty Tapes, Packaging Tapes, Wax Modification

Compatibility and Solubility

Compatible with a wide variety of paraffin and microcrystalline waxes, alkyd resins, drying oils, epoxy resins, rosin and modified rosins, rosin esters, and vinyl resins, non-migrating where compatible. Soluble in aromatic, aliphatic, and chlorinated hydrocarbons; ketones; pyridine; carbon bisulfide; ethyl and butyl acetates; and turpentine. Insoluble in alcohols and glycols. Compatible at all ratios, or in limited but practically useful proportions, with a wide variety of materials, including styrene-butadiene rubber (SBR) and SBR block copolymers; neoprene, nitrile, polybutadiene, and acrylic polymers; chlorinated rubber; 20-40% VA EVA resins (ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymers); styrenated, vinylated, and drying oil alkyds; rosin resins; and EHEC (ethyl-hydroxy-ethylcellulose).
Soluble in useful proportions in aliphatic, aromatic, and chlorinated hydrocarbons; esters; and ketones. Insoluble in alcohols and glycols. For low or zero VOC systems Piccolastic™ A75 is soluble in the VOC exempt solvents t-butyl acetate and perchlorobenzenetetrafluoride (PCBTF) and will tolerate some acetone and/or methyl acetate as a diluent in solvent systems based on TBA and/or PCBTF. VOC exemptions and environmental regulations vary regionally and compliance with local standards should be verified before any claims about VOC content are made.

Packaging

Solid, in light-gauge metal drums (400 lbs, 182 kg, net wt) or multi-wall paper bags (50 lbs, 22. 7 kg net wt).

Storage

Due to the thermoplastic behavior, pastillated and flaked resins may fuse, block or lump. This can be accelerated under any of the following conditions: 1) above ambient temperature, 2) prolonged storage, 3) pressure, e.g., stacking pallets, or a combination of these conditions. This is particularly applicable for low softening point resin grades.

In order to maintain the flake or pastille shape, we therefore recommend storing the material in a temperature-controlled area, be careful with stacking material or applying pressure and preventing prolonged storage. It should be noted that lumping does not have a negative impact on the product specifications. Due to the nature of the product, claims regarding lumping cannot be accepted.

Resins are prone to gradual oxidation, some more so than others. This could result in darkening and/or it could have an adverse effect on the solubility of the resin in organic solvents or on its compatibility with polymers. Accordingly, it is recommended that strict control of inventory be observed at all times, taking care that the oldest material is used first. The useful life of this product can be affected by storage and handling conditions.

When stored in the original unopened container in an enclosed area and protected from moisture, extreme temperatures and contamination, the shelf life of this product is estimated to continue to meet applicable sales specifications for 3 years from the date of manufacture. Shelf Life is a guide not an absolute value. The product should be reanalyzed for critical properties at the end of its shelf life to see if it meets specification for use.