

Alcotex 7206 is a 72.5% hydrolysed, low/ medium molecular weight polyvinyl alcohol which has been specially developed for use as a primary suspending agent for vinyl chloride suspension polymerisation.

NMR measurements have shown that Alcotex 7206 has a blocky distribution of acetate groups.

Property	Typical Value	Unit	Method <sup>1</sup>
Appearance	Off white to pale yellow granules		
Viscosity @ 20°C, 4% solution	5.6-6.6	mPa.s	ATP62
Degree of Hydrolysis	71.5-73.5	mole%	ATP63 & ATP64
Total Solids	> 95.0	%	ATP65
Ash Content	0.5max.	weight %	ATP66

<sup>1</sup> internal method based upon the specified norm

## Application Advice

For detailed information, please contact the Alcotex Technical Service Team at [alcotex@synthomer.com](mailto:alcotex@synthomer.com)

Experience of working closely with PVC manufacturers has contributed to the development of this product. In listing the advantages of using Alcotex 7206, it must be noted that differences in the PVC grade, polymerisation recipe and plant design influence the extent to which any of these benefits are obtained. The use of Alcotex suspending agents requires no significant plant modification. The principal advantages of using Alcotex 7206 can be summarised as follows:-

### A) PVC Plant Output and Operating Cost

1. The polymer build-up in the reactor is low, reducing down-time for cleaning.
2. The desired grain size can be achieved using low levels of Alcotex 7206.
3. PVC grains of good porosity are produced, which facilitates free monomer removal.

### B) PVC Polymer Quality

1. Alcotex 7206 can be used to make PVC with a wide range of porosities and bulk densities.
2. The PVC grains made with Alcotex 7206 tend to be more spherical such that slightly higher bulk density may be combined with minimum reduction in porosity and with optimum flow characteristics.
3. The PVC grain size distribution is narrow, and the levels of over-sized rejects are low.
4. Plasticiser absorption properties can be adjusted to give fast dry-up times.

## Shipping and Storage

1. Alcotex 7206 should be stored away from wet areas and naked flames. Ingress of moisture should be avoided to maintain product quality.
2. As supplied, the product should remain fit for use for 24 months from the date of production. Beyond that date, the material may still be fit for use, but we would advise that it is good practice to test the material. As such, we advise that material stored for 12 months or more after delivery should be tested before use.
3. Aqueous solutions of Alcotex 7206 if stored for long periods at elevated temperatures are prone to mould and bacterial attack.

Alcotex 7206 is supplied in 20kg (nominal) paper sacks. Each sack carries the grade number, batch number and net weight. Deliveries are palletised with each pallet being stretch wrapped and labelled with the relevant shipping marks.

## **Product Safety**

Before handling, please read the Safety Data Sheet of this product for advice on safety, use and disposal.