

DMPA[®] Dimethylolpropionic Acid in Water Soluble Urethane & Polyester Resins

$$\begin{array}{c} {\rm CH_2OH} \\ \mid \\ {\rm CH_3-C-COOH} \\ \mid \\ {\rm CH_2OH} \end{array}$$

CAS Number: 4767-03-7

DMPA[®] Dimethylolpropionic Acid is both a glycol and a carboxylic acid. Because the carboxyl group is tertiary, the hydroxyl groups can be formulated easily into the backbone of a polymeric chain with no need to block the carboxyl group to prevent reaction.

Specifications	
Property	Regular Grade
Hydroxyl Content, wt %	24.0 min
Neutralization Equivalent	141.0 max
Ash as Na ₂ O, wt %	0.03 max
Moisture, wt %	0.3 max
Water Insolubles, ppm	50.0 max
Colour, APHA	250 max

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The following formulation was used to prepare the water soluble urethane / polyester resin RD9203 described in this bulletin. The preliminary data presented indicate that varnishes incorporating such resins have excellent package stability and rapid dry time. These formulations are merely illustrative of many possible variations for a concept that offers the polymer chemist a way to meet specific needs.

Urethane / Polyester Resin Production

Table 1—Resin Preparation			
	Parts by Weight		
Sylfat [®] v-18 Soya Fatty acid (b)	481		
DMPA® Dimethylolpropionic Acid (a)	136		
TRIMET® TME (a)	74		
Pentaerythritol, technical	53		
Dibutyl tin oxide	1		
Butyl Cellosolve acetate (c)	101		
Toluene diisocyanate (portion 1)	217		
Toluene diisocyanate (portion 2)	25		
Butyl Cellosolve (c)	200		
Isobutyl alcohol	104		

Processing:

- 1 Mix first 5 ingredients and heat to 200-205°C. Hold for an acid value of 65-70 (about 1hr), then cool to 150°C and seal kettle.
- 2 Continue cooling to 50°C and add butyl Cellosolve acetate. At 50°C, add first portion of toluene diisocyanate over an 1 hour period; allow temperature to exotherm to 100°C. *Watch for foaming!*
- 3 Process at 80-90°C to complete reaction of toluene diisocyanate; use second portion of toluene diisocyanate as needed to obtain desired viscosity .
- 4 Add butyl Cellosolve and isobutyl alcohol solvents to adjust to desired viscosity and non-volatile specification.

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Table 1—Resin Characteristics		
	Properties	
Colour, Gardner	8 max	
Acid Value, mg KOH/g	45-55	
Non volatile matter, %	75 ± 2'	
Clarity	Clear	

Clear Water Soluble Varnish formulation

Table 2—Clear Water Soluble Varnish formulation		
	kilogrammes	Litres
Resin RD9203	172.3	11.64
Butyl Cellosolve	32.3	2.5
1-Butanol	10.9	0.96
12% Cobalt NuXtra® drier (d)	1.3	0.09
9% Manganese NuXtra® drier (d)	1.8	0.13
Activ-8® drier (e)	1.2	0.09
Ammonium hydroxide (26° Be')	6.8	0.531
Water	233.0	16.3
Total	459.6	32.24
pH: 7.5-8.5		

- (a) GEO Specialty Chemicals
- (b) Sylvachem Corporation
- (c) Union Carbide Corporation
- (d) Nuodex Division, Tenneco Corp.
- (e) R.T. Vanderbilt Co. Inc.

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Dry time & Early Water Resistance

Wet films of 0.04 mm were drawn down, dry times were measured and the average reported.

Dry time & Early Water Resistance		
	Result	
Dry to touch	20 minutes	
Dust Free	45 minutes	
500 gram Zapon	90 minutes	

The films were allowed to dry for 24 hrs., then a drop of water was placed on each of the films and covered with a watch glass. After one hour, the water was taken off with a blotter and the films were examined for spotting and softening.

	Result
hr. after water spotting	slight softening
1 hr. after spot removal	film recovers

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Stability

A 4-oz. bottle of the varnish was placed in an oven at 50°C and was observed for changes in appearance and pH.

Stability		
Varnish	рН	Appearance
Initial	7.5	clear
1 week	7.2	clear
2 weeks	7.1	clear
3 weeks	7.2	clear
4 weeks	6.8	clear
5 weeks	6.8	clear
6 weeks	6.6	hazy
7 weeks	6.2	separated

Registration & Regulatory Information: Please refer to the safety datasheet.

Handling & Storage: DMPA $^{@}$ is classified as "DOT not regulated" by the US Department of Transportation and requires no special labelling for shipment. The Harmonized Tariff Code is 2918.19.40

DMPA® should be stored in a clean, dry area, following good warehousing practices.

Shelf-life: DMPA® has a minimum shelf of not less than 3 years if stored in its original unopened container and under normal storage conditions.

Miscellaneous: **DMPA**[®] is packaged in 250lb fibre drums, 50lb and 25kg multi-wall paper bags with HDPE liners and 500kg super sacks with LDPE liners.

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