

DMPA®

DMPA[®] Dimethylolpropionic Acid in Fast Drying Water Soluble Enamels

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DMPA[®] Dimethylolpropionic Acid can be used in the preparation of alkyd resins capable of producing fast drying water soluble enamels. The alkyd resin formulations listed below, WA-78 and WA -101, were produced with a *two-stage resin processing technique* in which **DMPA**[®] was coupled to a hydroxyl terminated pre-polymer with a dibasic acid. These formulations demonstrate the ability to develop waterborne alkyd resins without the use of trimellitic anhydride (TMA), a hazardous chemical that poses significant safety and handling concerns.

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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Data generated on coatings formulated with WA-78 and WA-101 resins are compared to a popular, commercially available, water-borne alkyd paint made with TMA (labelled "Control"). As the data demonstrate, the enamels containing DMPA showed equivalent performance when compared to the enamel containing TMA.

The benefits of using **DMPA[®]** in alkyd resins are summarized as follows:

- Elimination of a hazardous raw material -TMA,
- Potential for improved processing time,
- Very fast air drying (19 min. soft to touch ; 3.5 hrs. completely dry),
- Good weathering and gloss retention,
- Improved stability in the presence of metal ions.

In addition, it is worthwhile to mention that **TRIMET**[®] **TME** Trimethylolethane was also utilized in the WA-78 and WA-101 formulations. Both **DMPA**[®] and TME based resins are known to have excellent hydrolytic stability, heat stability and resistance to yellowing due to the stable neopentyl structure of these compounds.

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Resin Production

Table 2—Clear Water Soluble Varnish formulation				
	WA-78		WA-101	
Formula	moles	grams	moles	grams
Stage 1				
Pamolyn 200 1	0.47	133	0.82	233
TRIMET® TME 2	1.97	242	1.64	202
Isophthalic Acid	1.37	227	1.25	208
Benzoic Acid	1.10	134	1.39	169
Pentaerythritol, Technical	0.22	32	0.46	67
Stage 2				
DMPA® Dimethylolpropionic Acid 3	0.55	73	0.52	70
Phthalic Anhydride	1.10	162	1.04	155
Pamolyn 200	0.35	100	-	-
Water of Reaction	-	(104)	-	(104)
Yield	-	1000	-	1000

Processing:

1 Charge Stage 1 materials and slowly heat to a maximum temperature of 230°C. Hold until the acid value is below 10. Cool to 175°C and add Stage 2 materials.

2 Cook at a maximum temperature of 205°C to an acid value of 52 and an ICI cone and plate viscosity of 16-18 poise at 125°C. (To preserve the hindered - COOH on DMPA, batch temperature should be controlled at or slightly below 205°C for Stage 2).

3 Cool to 150°C or below and let down to 75% NVM in 4:1 by volume butoxyethanol / s-butyl alcohol.

1 Eastman, Inc.

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Resin Properties

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	WA-78	WA-101
Viscosity, Gardner (75%) NVM	Z6	Z6
Colour, Gardner	6-7	5-6
Density, grams / litre	1120	1110
Flash Point, Pensky Martins, °C	50	53

Enamel Preparation

Resin Properties			
	kg	litres	
Resin WA-78*, 75% NVM	93.4	82.1	
Water, de-ionized	131.7	132.1	
Ammonia, 28%	5.6	6.1	
Titanium Dioxide, R-960 ⁴	95.8	23.5	
Disperse to NS 6+, then add			
Resin WA-78*, 75% NVM	34.3	30.3	
Ammonia, 28%	2.7	3.0	
s-Butyl Alcohol	6.4	7.9	
Drier Pre-mix			
Exkin No. 2 ⁵	0.4	0.4	
18% Zirco ⁶	0.4	0.4	
6% Cobalt Naphthenate 6	1.4	1.5	
Butoxyethanol	11.8	7.9	
BYK 301 ⁷	0.8	0.8	
Water, de-ionized	82.3	82.5	
Total	467.0	378.5	
Adjust pH to 8.0-8.5			

4 E.I. DuPont de Nemours, Inc.

5 Nuodex Chemicals, Inc.

6 Interstab Chemicals, Inc.

7 BYK Gardner

8 A commercial waterborne alkyd made the conventional way using TMA

* similar paints were prepared with WA-101 and Control ⁸

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Enamel Properties	
	Values
Density, grams / litre	1223
Solids by weight, %	41.4
Solids by volume, %	26.4
Pigment / binder ratio	1.0
Volatile organic comp., grams / litre	300

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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Enamel Test Results

Enamel Properties			
	Enamel Based on	Enamel Based on	Enamel Based on Control
<u>^</u>	WA -78 Resin	WA-101 Resin	Resin
Dry times [®]			
Set-to-touch min.	19	20	27
500g Zapon, hr.	2	2.25	5.5 - 6.0
Through dry, hr.	3.5	3.5	5
Stability 50°C			
Initial pH	8.3	8.3	8.2
Viscosity KU	81	94	53
3 week pH	7	7	7.5
Viscosity KU	89	100	53
Weeks to fail	5	4	5
Sensitivity to Metal Ion	s ¹⁰ , ml of .1N so	olution / 100g resir	n solids
Calcium	69	48	20
Magnesium	71	49	25
Barium	84	53	31
Zinc	68	44	71
Lead II	52	37	37
Aluminium	13	8	35
Dry Film Properties ¹¹			
Pencil Hardness	F-H	F	Н
Reverse Impact, in-lb	< 4	< 4	< 4
Crosshatch Adhesion	100	100	100
Weatherometer 500 hrs.			
Initial Gloss, 60°	91	91	84
Final Gloss	72	75	69
% Retention	80	83	82
Initial Gloss, 20°	73	74	50
Final Gloss	25	29	23
% Retention	34	40	47

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9 0.025 mm dry film thickness; 25° C, 42% relative humidity

10 A. Heitkamp, J. Waterborne Coatings, May 1984 p.11

11 Tested at 0.025 mm dry film thickness on Bondrite 1000 panel after 7 days drying

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