

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

CYMEL® U-663 resin is a partially iso-butylated urea resin supplied in iso-butanol. The fast drying properties combined with very good block resistance makes CYMEL® U-663 resin suitable for acid curing wood coating applications where low formaldehyde emission and high film gloss is required.

BENEFITS

- Low formaldehyde release
- Very good early stacking properties
- High gloss films

APPLICATION AREAS

- Industrial wood coatings

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Property	Range	Method
Appearance	Clear Liquid	ASTM E284
Non-volatile by wt.	60-64%	DIN EN ISO 3251 (Pan, 2 hr/120°C)
Viscosity, 25°C	2000-4000 mPa·s	DIN EN ISO 3219
Free formaldehyde	≤ 0.3%	Sulfite Titration
Color, APHA	≤ 15	DIN EN ISO 6271

SOLUBILITY

Alcohols	Complete
Esters	Complete
Ketones	Complete
Aromatic hydrocarbons	Complete
Aliphatic hydrocarbons	Partial
Water	Insoluble

COMPATIBILITY

Acrylic resins	Medium
Alkyd resins	Good
Polyester resins	Good
Nitrocellulose	Good
Cellulose acetate butyrate	Good
Polyvinyl butyrate	Good

BACKBONE POLYMER SELECTION

CYMEL® U-663 resin is a very effective crosslinking agent for backbone polymer resins containing hydroxyl functional groups, such as alkyd, polyester or acrylic resins. CYMEL® U-663 resin has high reactivity and a high tendency for self-condensation providing fast drying films with good gloss, hardness and block resistance. The optimum level of CYMEL® U-663 resin in an acid curing wood coating formulation should be in the range of 25 - 35% on total resin solids. To obtain formulations with optimum resistance properties, addition of a melamine resin, such as CYMEL® MB-98, at levels of 5 - 10% on total resin solids is recommended.

CATALYSIS

The CYMEL® U-663 resin responds best to strong acid catalysts, like CYCAT® 4040 catalyst. Generally, 6 - 10% CYCAT® 4040 catalyst on total binder solids of the formulation is sufficient to obtain fast drying behavior at room temperature.

POT LIFE

To extend catalyzed pot life of the formulation, addition of primary alcohols, such as n-butanol, ethanol, and methanol, is required at concentrations of 10 - 25% on total resin solids. Faster evaporating alcohols will improve speed of dry.

STORAGE STABILITY

CYMEL® U-663 resin has a shelf life of 720 days from date of manufacture when stored at temperatures below 32°C. Although low temperatures are not detrimental to stability, the viscosity of the product will increase making the resin more difficult to pump or pour. Product viscosity can be returned to normal by gentle warming, however, care should be taken to avoid excessive localized heating as this can cause an irreversible increase in viscosity.