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We are a global player with a presence in local market and offer our customers proven, reliable product quality and supply security – on time and on target.

Our headquarters is in Germany and we have technical centers in North America, Europe and Asia.

INTERFACE & PERFORMANCE

We have broad chemical platforms including siloxanes and organics. Interfacial phenomena at the surface and within the matrix are our expertise and can be evaluated by our specialized test facilities and laboratories.

You can also count on our specialists for process knowledge, physicochemical expertise, scientific studies and regulatory knowledge.

FACE-TO-FACE PERFORMANCE

• We develop high performance solutions based on consultation with our customers.
• Long-term relationships built on trust is the basis of our work.
• Come and see us. Please address one of our colleagues to discuss your needs for the adhesives market.
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THE ADVANTAGES OF TEGO® ANTIFOAM

Our TEGO® Antifoam products are used both in the production of polymer dispersions1) as well as in the formulation of related end products. Many aqueous adhesive dispersions tend to foam due to their chemical composition. The experts differentiate between the creation of macrofoam and microfoam, both of which can be avoided when using products within the TEGO® Antifoam range. This foaming behavior can be critical either during the adhesive formulation step or during adhesive application, such as coating or lamination. In fast application of adhesives, like with gravure rolls, the occurrence of foam leads to problems directly influencing the productivity. Moreover, a strong foaming adhesive most likely will not meet the required product specifications (adhesion forces, transparency of the adhesive films or a defect free coating). Defoamers are used either to suppress the formation of foam or to effectively destroy foam bubbles once they are formed.

A very small amount of TEGO® Antifoam can not only increase the speed of yours and your customer’s production, but also avoid defects and scrap, helping to reduce the production costs.

TEGO® Antifoam products are unique. Carefully selected and formulated base materials provide excellent foam control and maximum compatibility at the same time. The well balanced raw material base leads to a wide range of excellent defoamers, suitable for a multitude of industry applications. Our antifoams do not adversely affect the performance of dispersions and have long-term stability, providing enhanced efficiency even after storage of the formulated dispersions.

1) Ask us for special information about antifoams for the polymerization process

Figure 1: Our additives are used in the production and formulation of adhesives.

Benefits of the TEGO® Antifoam product range:
- High efficiency
- Attractive cost / performance ratio
- Superior compatibility
- No negative side effects
- Good handling characteristics
- Long-term stability of formulated dispersion
- Broad food contact compliance
- APEO-free

Production | Application
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Polymerization/Stripping | Processing/Pumping
Emulsifiers & Defoamers | Formulation
Defoamers & Wetting Agents | Application
SELECTING THE RIGHT TEGO® ANTIFOAM

WE ARE THE FOAM EXPERTS SO YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE.

The foaming tendency of the various base resins and especially the surfactants used in these systems require different antifoams for an optimum level of efficiency and compatibility. With the help of face to face consultation and the table of recommended products below, we can create a shortlist of products for you. As your formulation certainly is unique, we recommend testing two to three antifoams to select the ideal product for your formulation.

All TEGO® Antifoams listed below do not contain silicone oil or APEO.

DELIVERING PERFORMANCE: THE PROPERTIES OF TEGO® ANTIFOAM

OUR ANTIFOAMS OFFER GREAT PERFORMANCE IN TERMS OF DEFOAMING AND COMPATIBILITY.

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Table 1: Formulations based on application

Figure 2 represents the most important properties of a defoamer for the ideal property profile. While you of course want good defoaming performance you also need sufficient compatibility to avoid defects in the final films. The graph represents the entrained air by a stirring test (barchart height) and surface appearance in a draw down test (pictures). The TEGO® Antifoam products defoam better and are more compatible than the competition, evidenced in several studies.
HOLD DOWN AND KNOCK DOWN PERFORMANCE

To evaluate the whole spectrum of defoamer performance we demonstrate a two phase test. In the first 10 minutes, air is blown into the dispersion through a sintered glass (hold down). Then the airflow is switched off and the foam height is observed (knock down).

The grey line shows the foaming tendency of a competitor. There is a lot of foam in both phases. The orange line represents the excellent performance of TEGO® Antifoam 1488 at the same concentration. Even a 10% dilution of TEGO® Antifoam 1488 outperformed the competition in both phases.

STORAGE STABILITY

An acrylic dispersion including defoamers was stored at 40°C for 14 days. The chart (Figure 4) shows the foam height of fresh (grey) and stored (deep purple) dispersions after 30 minute sintered glass defoamer test. TEGO® Antifoam 4-94 outperformed the competition before and after storage.

These graphics represent only a few examples and a general trend. As formulations differ widely, the effect will be different in the extremes of the spectrum. Please contact us for a recommendation for your system.

FOOD CONTACT COMPLIANCE

During the development of our anti-foams, excellent food contact status is a high priority and we address the following standard regulations (table 2).

You will find detailed information about the food contact compliance for TEGO® Antifoam products on the respective Technical Data Sheets (TDS).

If the regulation that you need for your application is not mentioned in the TDS (eg. specific FDA, ISEGA, Swiss ordinance, GB standards of China) it may be that the compliance to that regulation has not been evaluated, yet. If this is the case, please contact us with your questions and the regulation you need to fulfill for your application.

On the next page (table 3) is an overview that displays the Food Contact Status regulation current at the time of printing this brochure. As evaluations change from time to time we recommend to check our website following the QR code or URL for the latest status, or contact us.
Table 3: Food contact status of TEGO® Antifoam (at time of printing)

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- ✔ fully compliant
- ✔ compliant with restrictions
- ✔ compliance expected, under evaluation

Table 4: Characteristics of our wetting agents

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<th>PRODUCT</th>
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WETTING AGENTS

In order to spread the adhesive across the surface, wetting agents are an important part of an adhesive formulation.

We offer different kinds of products based on our versatile technologies of organomodified siloxanes and organic chemistry. We can create the property profile you need for your application. Whether it is extremely good wetting, low dynamic surface tension for curtain coating or a standard sulfosuccinate, we have what you need.

We also provide special wetting agents which have such low foaming tendencies that they can be considered defoamers. This Gemini surfactant could be a novel solution for your challenging applications. Come talk to us.

To check the latest status of the food contact compliance go to: www.evonik.com/food-contact
DISPERGANTS

Significantly lower the viscosity and achieve better processing by applying our additives to formulated dispersions. This also applies for food contact.

Our dispersants TEGOMER® DA 850 and TEGOMER® DA 640 are suitable for dispersing chalk, alumina trihydrate (ATH), silicates and other inorganic fillers.

Typical dosages are between 0.5-2.0% additive active on filler content. TEGOMER® DA 850 and TEGOMER® DA 646 are highly efficient for the dispersion of organic pigments and even for conductive carbon black grades.

Figure 7: Viscosity at shear rate 10^1/s

To obtain more details about our wetting agents test methods, please follow this link: www.evonik.com/wetting-agents-tests
RHEOLOGY ADDITIVES

TEGO® Rheo 8600 is fully compliant with EU 10/2011 and can be applied on all kinds of acrylics and even for Vinyl Acetate/Ethylene (VAE) Emulsions.

In acrylic dispersions TEGO® Rheo 8600 is 25-50% more efficient than other PUR thickeners and it outperforms acrylic thickeners regarding electrolyte stability and water resistance.

It shows efficient thickening even at low pH-values which is needed for specialty acidic acrylics and especially for polyvinyl acetate based emulsions.

Figure 8: Viscosity in acrylic dispersion at shear rate 100 s⁻¹

Benefits of TEGO® Rheo:
- No solvents
- No emulsifiers
- Stable against electrolytes
- Good water resistance
- Suitable on a broad pH range (3-11)
- Good performance in acrylics, PVAc & VAE

OUR EXPERTISE

WE PROVIDE OUR CUSTOMERS EXCELLENT TECHNICAL SUPPORT. BASED ON SPECIFIC TEST METHODS FOR ADDITIVES AND FOR ADHESIVES

SPECIFIC ADHESIVE TEST METHODS

For pressure sensitive adhesives and flexible packaging applications, we have equipment available to measure values for adhesion, cohesion and tack according to Finat test standards.

Additionally we are able to measure the bonding strength of adhesive joints by the use of our Zwick equipment.

GENERAL TEST METHODS

We have vast experience evaluating the properties of surface active materials. Routine evaluation of antifoams, wetting agents, thickeners or dispersing aids is part of our daily work.

Our laboratories are well equipped with a variety of test methods, including but not limited to standard defoamer tests, viscosity measurements, evaluation of wetting properties and microscopic evaluations.

These evaluation methods enable us to provide our customers excellent technical support to help solving their greatest challenges.
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