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CH-80-AL

1,1-Di(tert .-butylperoxy)cyclohexane CAS#3006-86-8 80 % Solution in aliphatics

Structural Formula

Description

Colourless, mobile liquid, consisting of approx . 80% w/w 1,1-bis (tert .-butylperoxy) cyclohexane, de-sensitised with aliphatic hydrocarbons. This cycloaliphatic perketal is used as an initiator (radical source) in the curing of unsaturated polyester resins. Main application: hot press moulding of SMC or BMC in the range of 130-150°C.

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Appearance	colourless liquid			
Peroxide content	approx . 80 % w/w			
Active oxygen	approx . 9,82 % w/w			
De-sensitising agent	aliphatics (b .p .>170°C)			
Density at 20°C	approx . 0 .89 g/cm ³			
Viscosity at 20°C	approx . 4,81 mPa•s			
Refractive index at 20°C	approx . 1 .434			
Miscibility	immiscible with water miscible with alcohols, phthalates			
Critical temperature (SADT)	approx . 60 °C			
Cold storage stability	to below -20 °C			
Kick-off temperature	approx . 85 °C			
Recommended storage temperature	below 30 °C			
Maintenance of activity as from date of delivery	6 months			

This product is in compliance with the ElektroG (EU-Directives: RoHS 2002/95/EG, WEEE 2002/96/EG)

Half-life Data

10h/1h/1min (0.1 m / isododecane): 97/117/160 °C

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Application

POLYESTER CURING:

Curing agent for UP resins. Temperature range: 120-160°C. Usage level: 0.5-2.5% as supplied. "Shelf life" (gel time of resin + peroxide) at ambient temperature varies from weeks to months, depending on resin type. Hardly sensitive to fillers and pigments, as well as to cobalt salts or tertiary aromatic amines. Shelf life can be prolonged considerably by adding 0.1-0.3% Inhibitor BC 500.

CURING CHARACTERISTICS:

In the range of 80-90°C ("kick-off" temperature) the curing rate is not very high, if the reaction heat does not cause temperature rise (e .g .within a heat-retaining mould). Really short cure times of 1-3 minutes can be achieved only above 120°C. The optimum temperature range for hot press moulding is there-fore130-150°C.

PROCESSING METHODS:

Mainly hot press moulding of sheet moulding compounds (SMC) or bulk moulding compounds (BMC)

Measurements

Activity

Influence of temperature and peroxide level¹) on curing performance and degree of cure. Hot press moulding of 16 mm thick SMC pellets and 3 mm thick SMC sheets

Temperature of mould	130°C	130°C	140°C	140°C	150°C	150°C	160°C	160°C
Formulation (parts of weight)								
Standard SMC (resin proportion)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
CH-80-AL	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.6
Curing performance (SMC pellets)								
Flow time (min)	1.30	1.20	1.10	1.00	0.90	0.85	0.90	0.75
Time to peak tmax (min)	2.45	2.05	1.85	1.65	1.60	1.40	1.35	1.25
Peak exotherm Tmax (°C)	171	172	175	175	179	178	184	183
Degree of cure (SMC sheets ²)								
Barcol (934) hardness	15	15	25	25	30	30	30	30
Residual styrene content (%)	2.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.2	<0.1

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- 1) The amounts added are equivalent to 0.8% or 1.6% w/w of a 80% solution 1,1-Bis(tert .butylperoxy)cyclohexan
- 2) The press cycles for the SMC sheets are equal to the tmax .of the corresponding SMC pellets

Further information on suitable curing agents for unsaturated polyester resins is given in our application brochures on this subject.

Packaging

Standard packaging of CH-80-AL is 20 kg.

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