# **Technical Data Sheet**



# **NOROX®TBPB**

Tert.Butylperoxybenzoate CAS#614-45-9 Liquid, technical pure

# **Structural Formula**

### Description

Yellowish, mobile liquid, consisting of technically pure tert.butylperoxy benzoate. This aromatic perester is used as an initiator (radical source) in the curing of unsaturated polyester resins. Main application: hot press moulding of SMC or BMC at 130-160°C.

### **Technical Data**

Appearance	Yellowish liquid			
Peroxide content	Ca. 99 % w/w			
Active oxygen	Ca. 8.16 % w/w			
De-sensitising agent	None			
Density at 20°C	Ca. 1.04 g/cm <sup>3</sup>			
Viscosity at 20°C	Ca. 8 mPa.s			
Refractive index at 20°C	Ca. 1.499			
Miscibility	Immiscible with water, soluble in alcohols, phthalates			
Critical temperature (SADT)	Ca. 60°C			
Cold storage stability	Freezing point below 10°C			
Kick-off temperature	Ca. 90°C			
Recommended storage temperature	10 to 40°C (104°F)			
Storage stability 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 / benzene): 104°C / 124°C / 165°C

# Application

POLYESTER CURING:

Curing agent for UP resins. Suitable for all resin types. Temperature range: 130-160°C. Usage level: 1-2% as supplied. "Shelf life" (gel time of resin + peroxide) several months at ambient temperature, depending on resin type. Sensitive to some 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 85-95°C ("kick-off" temperature) the curing rate is not very high, unless there is a reaction exotherm (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 therefore is 130-160°C.

# PROCESSING METHODS:

Mainly hot press moulding of sheet moulding compounds (SMC) or bulk moulding compounds (BMC), as well as impregnation, dipping of wire windings.

### Measurements

### Activity

Influence of temperature and peroxide dosage <sup>1</sup> 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
Norox <sup>®</sup> TBPB	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Curing performance (SMC pellets)								
Flow time (min)	1.50	1.35	1.15	1.00	0.95	0.80	0.75	0.70
Time to peak tmax (min)	2.70	2.40	1.90	1.60	1.40	1.30	1.20	-
Peak exotherm Tmax (°C)	171	170	174	174	178	178	185	183
Degree of cure (SMC sheets <sup>2</sup> )								
Barcol (934) hardness	20	20	25	25	30	30	30	30
Residual styrene content (%)	2.6	1.7	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.2	<0.1	<0.1

<sup>1</sup>) The amounts added are equivalent to 1% or 2% w/w techn. pure t-butyl perbenzoate

<sup>2</sup>) 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

The standard packaging of Norox TBPB is 25 kg.

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