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TMCH-90-AL

1,1- Bis(tert.butylperoxy)3,3,5-trimethyl cyclohexane CAS#6731-36-8 90% Solution in aliphatics

Structural Formula

Description

Colourless, mobile liquid, consisting of 90% w/w 1,1-bis(tert.butylperoxy)3,3,5-trimethyl cyclohexane, desensitised with aliphatic hydrocarbons. This cycloaliphatic perketal is used as an initiator (radical source) for the polymerization of monomers (e.g. styrene) as well as in the curing of unsaturated polyester resins and the crosslinking of polymers.

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Appearance	colourless liquid				
Peroxide content	approx. 90 % w/w				
Active oxygen	approx. 9.5 % w/w				
De-sensitising agent	aliphatics (b.p. >170 °C)				
Density at 20 ℃	approx. 0.895 g/cm ³				
Viscosity at 20 ℃	approx. 18 mPa•s				
Refractive index at 20 ℃	approx. 1.438				
Miscibility	immiscible with water miscible with alcohols and styren				
Critical temperature (SADT)	approx. 60 ℃				
Cold storage stability	to below -25 ℃				
Recommended storage temperature	below 30 ℃				
Maintenance of activity as 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): 95/114/155 ℃

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Application

POLYESTER CURING:

Curing agent for UP resins. Temperature range: 120-160 °C. Usage level: 1-3% as supplied. "Shelf life" (gel time of resin + peroxide) several weeks at ambient temperature. Hardly sensitive to fillers and pigments as well as cobalt salts and tertiary amines. Shelf life can be prolonged considerably by adding 0.1-0.3% Inhibitor BC 500.

CURING CHARACTERISTICS:

In the range of 70-80 °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 therefore 130-160 °C.

PROCESSING METHODS:

Mainly hot press moulding of sheet moulding compounds (SMC) and bulk moulding compounds (BMC) but also suitable in peroxide blends for pultrusion and cured in place pipes (CIPP)

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

Activity

Influence of temperature and peroxide dosage 1) 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 ℃		140 ℃		150 ℃		160 ℃			
Formulation (parts by weight)										
Standard SMC (resin proportion)	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
TMCH-90-AL	0.82	1.63	0.82	1.63	0.82	1.63	0.82	1.63		
Curing performance (SMC pellets)										
Time to start of reaction (t _R) [min]	1.45	1.25	1.05	0.95	0.90	0.80	0.75	0.65		
Time to peak (t _{max}) [min]	2.45	2.15	1.95	1.75	1.50	1.30	1.30	1.20		
Temp. at start of reaction (TR) [°C]	108	105	108	105	107	104	110	108		
Peak exotherm (T _{max}) [°C]	167	168	171	170	177	176	179	180		
Degree if cure (SMC sheets ²)										
Barcol (934) hardness	10	15	25	25	25	25	30	30		
Residual styrene content (%)	3.0	2.4	8.0	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1		

- 1) The amounts added are equivalent to 1% or 2% w/w techn. pure t-butyl perbenzoate
- 2) The press cycles for the SMC sheets are equal to the t_{max} of the corresponding SMC pellets

Packaging

Standard packaging of TMCH-90-AL is 20 kg.

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