

D.E.N. 438-A85

Epoxy Novolac

Description

D.E.N.* 438-A85 epoxy novolac resin is a solution of a semi-solid reaction product of epichlorohydrin and phenol-formaldehyde novolac in acetone.

Introduction

D.E.N. 438-A85 epoxy novolac resin is a general purpose, widely used epoxy novolac resin. It is recognized as a standard for high temperature applications from which variations have been developed. D.E.N. 438-A85 has multi-epoxy functionality (± 3.6). These additional reactive sites produce tightly cross-linked cured systems. D.E.N. 438-A85 epoxy novolac resin is used alone or in combination with bisphenol-A based epoxy resins in solution formulations where ease of mixing and processing is required. The thermal stability offered by epoxy novolac resins is a widely accepted asset in pre-preg manufacture for electrical laminates where they improve the resistance to hot solder as well as elevated temperature service. They are also used in coating applications where an increased corrosion/chemical resistance is desired.

Typical Applications

This product is suitable for use in applications such as:

- Adhesives
- Casting and Tooling
- Composites
- Coil Coatings
- Marine & Protective Coatings
- Potting and Encapsulation

Safety and Handling

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Typical Properties¹

Epoxide Equivalent Weight, (g/eq)	176 - 181 ²	ASTM D-1652
Viscosity @ 25°C, (mPa.s)	500 - 1200	ASTM D-445
Density (g/ml) @ 25°C	1.14	ASTM D-1963
Color, Gardner	2 Max.	ASTM D-1544
Volatile Content, (wt. %)	14 - 16	DowM 101188-TE
Flash Point (°C)	-20 ³	ASTM D-93
Solvent	acetone	
Shelf Life, (Months)	24	

¹ Typical properties; not to be construed as specifications

² Based on solids

³ Based on acetone

materials prior to their use. For further handling information consult the Dow brochure entitled, *DOW Epoxy Resins Product Stewardship Manual, Safe Handling and Storage*, Form No. 296-00312-898.

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If your applications include food contact requirements, please contact your Dow representative for further information and forthcoming EC regulations. Also consult the Dow data sheet, *Food Additive Status for Epoxy Resins, Curing Agents and Epoxy Novolac Resins*, Form No. 296-01425.

Regulatory Status

The base epoxy resin component of D.E.N. 438-A85 epoxy resin solution is regarded as a polymer according to Council Directive 92/32/EEC of 30 April 1992; the 7th Amendment of Council Directive 67/548/EEC, and is, therefore, exempt from the European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (EINECS). In addition, Dow confirms that the chemicals and intentional additives which form the basis of this product are listed on EINECS. The acetone solvent component in this epoxy novolac solution is listed on EINECS under the registration number 200-662-2. With respect to China, please note that there is currently no formal Chinese Chemical Inventory legislation in place. The Chinese Authorities are in the process of drafting such legislation. There is in place an "Informal 1997 PRC Chemical Inventory List" and the above mentioned CAS Reg. Nr. is listed on it.

Chemical Inventory List

CAS Number*		28064-14-4/67-64-1
Europe	EINECS	Polymer/203-550-1
United States	TSCA	28064-14-4/67-64-1
Canada	DSL	28064-14-4/67-64-1
Australia	AICS	28064-14-4/67-64-1
Japan	MITI	7-2044/2-542
Korea	KECL	KE-28226/KE-29367
Philippines	PICCS	28064-14-4/67-64-1
China	Informal 1997 PRC Inventory	28064-14-4/67-64-1

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