

Plasticizers & Coalescents

K-FLEX[®] 975P Product Description

Emerald[®] K-FLEX 975P is a blend of diethylene glycol dibenzoate, dipropylene glycol dibenzoate and propylene glycol dibenzoate. K-FLEX 975P was created to offer a broad range of compatibility with polar polymers.

K-FLEX 975P has been found to perform well in the following applications:

- Plastics
- Melt compound flexible vinyl applications
- Architectural latex coatings as a low VOC coalescent/plasticizer
- Other coatings, including graphic arts applications, waterborne overprint varnish and waterborne flexographic ink
- Latex adhesives

Due to its lower freeze point, K-FLEX 975P also has better handling properties than other modern binary dibenzoate blends. For this new product additional applications are being considered such as in latex caulks and sealants. Another benefit provided by K-FLEX 975P is that it is considered a low vapor pressure-volatile organic compound (LVP-VOC) by Rule 310 of CARB, meaning that K-FLEX 975P is not considered a VOC in California for applications such as latex caulk.

Specifications

Acidity, as benzoic acid, maximum, %.....	0.3
Assay, as benzoate ester, minimum, %.....	98.0
Color, maximum, APHA.....	150

Typical Properties

Assay, as benzoate ester, %.....	>98
Boiling point, 5 mmHg, °C.....	215
Boiling point, 750 mmHg (extrapolated), °C.....	>350
Color, APHA.....	80
Density, ASTM D1475, 25°C, g/mL.....	1.15
Density, ASTM D1475, 25°C, lbs/gal.....	9.6
Flash point, ASTM D92, °C.....	202
Freeze point, °C.....	4
Glass point, by DSC, °C.....	-54
Moisture content, %.....	0.02
Refractive index, 25°C.....	1.5375
Solubility, in water, %.....	0.006
Solubility, water in, %.....	1.31
Solubility parameter, Small's, Hildebrands.....	9.9
Specific gravity, 25/25°C.....	1.15
Surface tension, ASTM D1331, 25°C, dynes/cm.....	44.8
Vapor pressure, 25°C (extrapolated), mmHg.....	3.59 x 10 ⁻⁶
Viscosity, Brookfield RVT, 20 RPMs at 25°C, cps and mPa·s.....	73
Viscosity, kinematic, 25°C, cSt.....	63
VOC, ASTM D2369, %.....	2.0

Regulatory Information

FDA Coverage:

- 21 CFR 175.105 – Adhesives (PART 175 – INDIRECT FOOD ADDITIVES: ADHESIVES AND COMPONENTS OF COATINGS, Subpart B – Substances for Use Only as Components of Adhesives)
- Emerald K-FLEX® 975P may be used as a plasticizer at a level not to exceed 20% in an adhesive under 21 CFR 176.170 and 21 CFR 176.180 provided the adhesive is separated from the food by a functional barrier.

Global Inventories:

K-FLEX® coalescents and plasticizers are included on or exempted from many global inventories. Please reference the product safety data sheet (SDS) for current global inventory status and other regulatory information. Current SDS's can be found on our website at www.kflex.emeraldmaterials.com or can be requested from product.compliance@emeraldmaterials.com.

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