

D.E.N. 438

Epoxy Novolac

Description

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

Introduction

D.E.N. 438 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 resin has multi-epoxy functionality (± 3.6). These additional reactive sites produce tightly cross-linked cured systems. This makes D.E.N. 438 epoxy novolac resin useful in adhesives, structural laminates, coatings and castings for elevated temperature service. The thermal stability of a phenolic backbone with the reactivity and versatility of a bisphenol-A epoxy resin are combined in D.E.N. 438 epoxy novolac resin. Laminates can be made using D.E.N. 438 epoxy novolac resin in combination with mica, synthetic glass-fiber or fiberglass reinforcement.

Typical Applications

This product is suitable for use in applications such as:

- Adhesives
- Casting and Tooling
- Composites
- Can Coating
- Coil Coating
- Marine & Protective Coatings
- Photocure Industrial Coatings
- Potting and Encapsulation

Safety and Handling

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Typical Properties¹

Epoxide Equivalent Weight, (g/eq)	176 - 181	ASTM D-1652
Viscosity @ 51.7°C, (mPa.s)	31000 - 40000	ASTM D-445
Density (g/ml) @ 25°C	1.22	D.I.N. 53217, Part 5
Hydrolyzable Chloride Content (ppm)	1500 Max.	RPM 105-D
Color, Platinum Cobalt	250 Max.	ASTM D-1209
Volatiles, (wt. %)	0.3 Max.	ASTM E-203
Flash Point (°C)	218	ASTM D-93
Shelf Life, (Months)	24	

¹ Typical properties; not to be construed as specifications

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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Food Contact Statement

When properly formulated and cured for food contact applications, this resin will comply with the U.S. Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act as amended under Food Additive Regulation 21 CFR 175.300. This use is subject to good manufacturing practices and limitations specified in each regulation, which should be consulted for complete details.

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

This semi-solid epoxy novolac resin is regarded as a polymer according to the 6th Amendment of Council Directive 67/548/EEC as well as according to Council Directive 92/32/EEC of 30 April 1992; the 7th Amendment of that same directive, 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. 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.

For more information on the regulatory status of this product, please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or SDS for this product

Chemical Inventory List

CAS Number*		28064-14-4
Europe	EINECS	Polymer
United States	TSCA	28064-14-4
Canada	DSL	28064-14-4
Australia	AICS	28064-14-4
Japan	MITI	7-2044
Korea	KECL	KE-28226
Philippines	PICCS	28064-14-4
China	Informal 1997 PRC Inventory	28064-14-4

* Please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or SDS for this product to ensure this CAS number is consistent with the product(s) you use.

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