

Introduction

espol™ 12.00 is a non-accelerated orthophthalic polyester resins which rapidly wets out reinforcements. It is a general-purpose resin and has been specifically designed for non-critical and industrial applications. It is not suitable for boat construction, chemical resistance or mouldings in contact with food products.

Applications

espol™ 12.00 is designed for hand laminating, spray up & casting applications, it can be used with all types of E-glass fibres such as CSM, woven roving and multiaxial.

Formulation

espol™ 12.00 should be allowed to attain workshop temperature (25°C - 30°C) before use. Stir well by hand, or with a low shear mixer to avoid aeration, and then allow to stand to regain thixotropy. espol™ 12.00 requires the addition of accelerator and catalyst to start the curing reaction.

The recommended accelerator is Cobalt (1% solution in styrene) which should be added to the resin at 1 - 2% and thoroughly incorporated into the resin, using a low shear mechanical stirrer where possible.

The recommended catalyst is MEKP (50%) which should be added to the resin at 1 - 2% and thoroughly incorporated into the resin, using a low shear mechanical stirrer where possible.

(Please consult our Technical Support Department if other catalysts are to be used).

N.B. Catalyst and accelerator must not be mixed directly together since they can react with explosive violence.

Physical data - uncured

The following tables give typical properties of espol™ 12.00 when tested to IS 6746-1994 (Reaffirmed 2005).

Property	Unit	Liquid
Appearance	-	Pale Yellow
Specific gravity	-	1.10 - 1.14
Viscosity at 25°C*	cP	450 - 550
Acid Value	mg-KOH/gm	22 - 28
Volatile Content	%	30 - 36
Geltime at 30°C**	Minutes	9 - 15
Peak Exotherm Temp**	°C	170 - 190
Stability from date of manufacture when stored in accordance with storage recommendations.	months	3

*Viscosity measured using Brookfield (RVT Model) Viscosity SPL 1 / SPD 10

**100g resin + 2ml Co (1%) accelerator + 1.5ml MEKP (50%) Catalyst.

Physical data - cured

Property	Unit	Fully cured*
Barcol hardness		40
Deflection temperature under load* (1.80MPa)	°C	70
Tensile strength*	MPa	45 - 55
Tensile modulus*	MPa	3000 - 3100
Elongation at break*	%	1.5 - 2.5
Flexural strength*	MPa	70 - 90
Flexural modulus*	MPa	3000 - 3200

*Curing Schedule - 24 hours at 20°C, 6 hours at 80°C.

Post Curing

Satisfactory laminates for many applications can be made from espol™ 12.00 by curing at workshop temperature (25°C). For optimum properties, however, laminates should be post-cured before being put into service. The laminate should be allowed to cure for 24 hours at 25°C, and then be oven cured for a minimum of 6 hours 80°C.

Storage

espol™ 12.00 should be stored between 5°C and 25°C in the original, unopened container in a dry, well ventilated place. Protect from freezing and direct sunlight. Avoid contact with oxidising agents. If stored outside of these recommendations, shelf life will be significantly reduced.

Packaging

espol™ 12.00 is available in 35kg, 220kg and bulk containers.

Health and Safety

Please see separate Material Safety Data Sheet.

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