

**TECHNICAL DATA SHEET** 

Crosslinkers

# CYMEL® MI-97-IX resin

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

CYMEL MI-97-IX resin is a partially iso-butylated melamine crosslinker supplied in a mixture of iso-butanol and xylene. Its fast drying behavior provides films with good early block resistance for stacking of parts and makes CYMEL MI-97-IX resin suitable for fast low temperature curing systems, like wood and paper coatings, providing very good film hardness, adhesion and appearance.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Fast reaction speed
- Good block resistance
- Good resistance properties

#### **APPLICATION AREAS**

· Acid curing wood coating formulations

# **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Range	Method
Clear Liquid	Visual
70 ± 2%	Pan, 1 hr/100°C
480-760 mPa-s	Dynamic Viscosity
0.4-0.7%	Sulfite Method
< 15	ISO 6271
	Clear Liquid 70 ± 2% 480-760 mPa-s 0.4-0.7%

# **SOLUBILITY**

Alcohols	Partial
Esters	Complete
Ketones	Complete
Aromatic hydrocarbons	Complete
Aliphatic hydrocarbons	Complete
Water	Insoluble
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#### **COMPATIBILITY**

Acrylic resins	Medium
Alkyd resins	Excellent
Polyester resins	Medium
Nitrocellulose	Excellent
Epoxy resins	Partial
Cellulose acetate butyrate	Partial

## **BACKBONE POLYMER SELECTION**

CYMEL MI-97-IX resin contains a combination of butoxymethyl, methylol and imino functionalities, making it a very effective crosslinker for backbone polymer resins containing hydroxyl functional groups, such as alkyd, polyester or acrylic resins. CYMEL MI-97-IX resin is very reactive and has a high tendency to self-condense at rather low baking temperatures, providing films with very good hardness, gloss, and resistance properties. Although the optimum level of CYMEL MI-97-IX resin should be determined experimentally, ratios of 25 to 35% based on resin solids are typically most effective.

#### **CATALYSIS**

CYMEL MI-97-IX resin responds best to sulfonic acid catalysts, such as CYCAT 4040 catalyst. For acid curing wood coating formulations, generally 6 to 10% CYCAT 4040 catalyst on total binder of the formulation is sufficient to obtain fast drying behavior at room temperature.

## **POT LIFE**

To extend catalyzed pot life of the formulation, addition of primary alcohols, such as n-butanol and ethanol, is required at concentrations of 10-25% on total resin solids. Faster evaporating alcohols will improve speed of dry.

# **STORAGE STABILITY**

CYMEL MI-97-IX resin has a shelf life of 4 years from date of manufacture when stored at temperatures between 5°C and 30°C. Although low temperatures are not detrimental to stability, the viscosity of the product will increase making the resin more difficult to pump or pour. Product viscosity can be returned to normal by gentle re-warming, however, care should be taken to avoid excessive localized heating as this can cause an irreversible increase in viscosity.

