Formulation Additives

Technical Data Sheet

FoamStar® ST 2436
(old: FoamStar® A36)

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Product Description

FoamStar® ST series represents a novel series of defoamers based on new defoamer chemistry. It is the first new defoamer chemistry in over 30 years. FoamStar® ST series of defoamers is effective in high gloss paints and coatings based on acrylic, styrene acrylic and vinyl acrylic latex.

FoamStar® is a defoaming molecule that defoams by a different mechanism. Unlike conventional defoamers (mineral oil or silicone), FoamStar® defoams on a molecular level. It also has wetting properties not found in other conventional defoamers.

Chemical Composition

Molecule compounded in an enhanced mineral-oil system

Properties

Product Specifications

Density	8.03 lbs/gal
Viscosity at 25 ˚C	80 – 110 cps
Wt/gal at 25 ˚C	7.8 – 8.1 lbs

Typical Characteristics

Appearance	light yellow clear to slightly hazy liquid
Dispersability (10 % in water)	non-dispersible
Active substance	100%
Color, APHA	200 max

These typical values should not be interpreted as specifications.

Applications

FoamStar® ST 2436 has the following advantages:

- Does not reduce gloss of high gloss paints and coatings
- Effective in difficult to defoam high gloss formulations.
- Very fast bubble-break versus conventional defoamers
- Effective against Microfoam
- Does not separate or settle
- Easy-to-incorporate
- Good persistence
- Effective in tint bases

FoamStar® ST 2436 can be used at levels of 0.25 % to 0.50 % based on total weight of paint depending on the individual paint formulation. FoamStar® addition may be equally divided between the grind and let-down stages. Its effectiveness is the same in the grind and the let-down.

Safety

General The usual safety precautions when handling chemicals must be observed. These include the measures described in Federal, State, and Local health and safety regulations, thorough ventilation of the workplace, good skin care, and wearing of protective goggles.

Material Safety Data Sheet All safety information is provided in the Material Safety Data Sheet for FoamStar® ST 2436.

Storage

FoamStar® ST 2436 is subject to appropriate storage under the usual storage and temperature conditions, our products are durable for at least 1 year. FoamStar® ST 2436 is shipped in 55 gallon (200 liter) steel drums (400 lbs.) and plastic totes (1900 lbs.) and 5-gal pails (40 lbs.). If subjected to below freezing temperatures, product may congeal or stratify. Warm to room temperature and mix well before using.

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