Technical Information PVC-TI 7

Processing Additive

PVC Plastisol Applications
BYK-P 4100

An Additive to Improve and Influence the Processing of PVC Plastisol Applications

What does “Improving or Influencing the Processing of PVC Plastisol” mean?
It improves the release properties
• from metal parts (e.g., gelling drum)
• from release paper
• from flat screens and molds

It can influence the cell structure of chemically blown foams
• to improve the indentation recovery
• to increase air permeability

Additional Benefits of BYK-P 4100
• no negative influence on intercoat adhesion
• free of silicones, stearates or waxes
• FDA § 175.300 and EU-Dir 2002/72EC compliant

BYK-P 4100 in Comparison to Commonly Used Products

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<th>Silicones, waxes, stearates</th>
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<td>During processing</td>
<td>• incompatible with PVC</td>
<td>• more compatible with PVC</td>
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<td>• risk of migration, plate out</td>
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<td>Foam cell structure</td>
<td>• no influence on open cell structure, indentation recovery or foam breathability</td>
<td>• more open cells resulting in better indentation recovery and increased air permeability</td>
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Comparison of Mechanism

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Polar groups • PVC compatible groups
How to Start when Using BYK-P 4100 for Release:
To improve the release properties of a pre-gelled or gelled plastisol from a drum, to obtain more turns or uses of release paper and better flat screen or mold release, we would recommend starting with a dosage of 0.1% and 2.0% depending on the formulation. A typical dosage is 0.5%.

Recommendations for Chemical Foams:
Concerning the use of BYK-P 4100 to achieve an open cell structure to improve indentation recovery and air permeability, the following needs to be considered.
Only certain PVC types are recommended for open cell foams. An open cell structure can only be achieved, when formulation ingredients and process parameters are balanced to each other. The use of BYK-P-4100 can lead to increased water absorption. A recommended starting dosage, depending on the PVC resin type, is between 1% and 2%.

BYK-P 4100 Improves the Release from, e.g., Metal Surfaces

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Cross Section of a Chemical Foam Formulation

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[Control: closed cells on the surface, no water absorption]
[1% BYK-P 4100: open cells on the surface, high water absorption]
BYK Additives

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• Rheological additives
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• Viscosity depressants
• Waxes
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Application Areas

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• Coil coatings
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• Industrial coatings
• Leather coatings
• Marine paints
• Molding compounds
• Paper coatings
• Pigment concentrates
• Polyurethane foams
• Powder coatings
• Printing inks
• Protective coatings
• PVC plastisols
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