

BISPHENOL A EPOXY DIACRYLATE

INTRODUCTION

EBECRYL® 3720 is a bisphenol A epoxy diacrylate that is the industry standard in performance and consistency. It exhibits light color and fast cure response. Films of EBECRYL® 3720 cured via exposure to ultraviolet light (UV) or electron beam (EB) demonstrate high surface hardness, gloss and excellent chemical resistance. EBECRYL® 3720 finds broad use in UV/EB applications, such as inks, coatings, and overprint varnishes and offers improved formulation stability.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

EBECRYL® 3720 is characterized by:

- Light color
- Fast cure response
- Good stability

UV/EB cured properties based on EBECRYL® 3720 are characterized by the following performance properties:

- High gloss
- Excellent chemical resistance
- High surface hardness

The actual properties of UV/EB cured products also depend on the selection of other formulation components such as reactive diluents, additives and photo initiators.

SUGGESTED APPLICATIONS

Formulated UV/EB curable products containing EBECRYL® 3720 may be applied via direct or reverse roll, offset gravure, metering rod, slot die, knife over roll, air knife, curtain, immersion and spin coating methods, as well as screen printing. EBECRYL® 3720 is recommended for use in:

- Paper upgrading
- Overprint varnishes
- Screen inks
- Wood sealers
- Fast cure coatings
- Laminating adhesives
- Coatings for paper, paperboard, wood, chipboard and rigid plastics

SPECIFICATIONS

Acid value, mg KOH/g	max. 2
Appearance	Clear liquid
Color, Gardner	max. 1
Epoxy content, %	max. 0.4
Viscosity, 65.5°C, mPa.s	1500 - 2500

TYPICAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

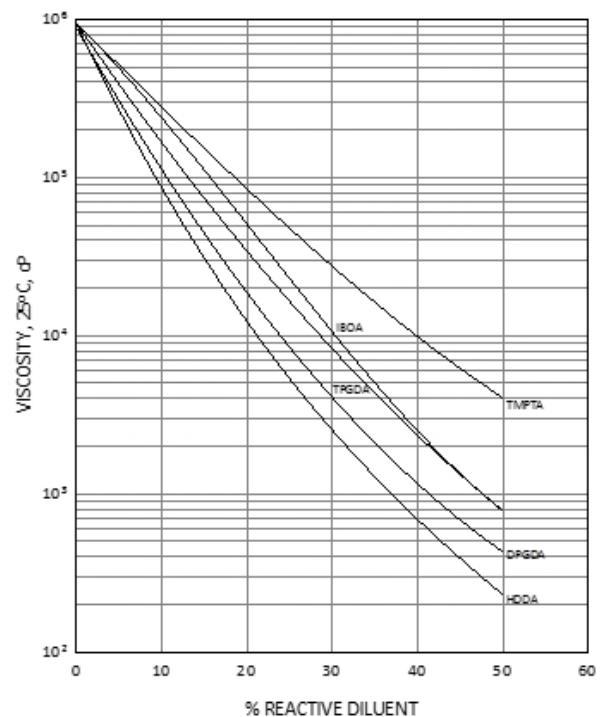
Density, g/cm ³ at 25°C	1.17
Functionality, theoretical	2
Oligomer, % by weight	100

TYPICAL CURED PROPERTIES

Tensile strength, psi (MPa)	11000 (76)
Elongation at break, %	8
Young's modulus, psi (MPa)	204000 (1407)
Glass transition temperature, °C	67

GRAPH I

EBECRYL® 3720 - VISCOSITY REDUCTION WITH REACTIVE DILUENTS



VISCOSITY REDUCTION

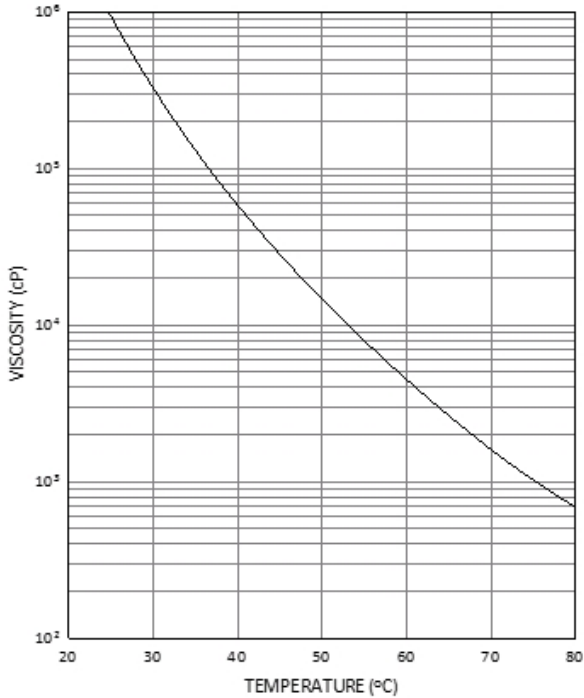
Graph I shows the viscosity reduction of EBECRYL® 3720 with 1,6-hexanediol diacrylate (HDDA)⁽¹⁾, isobornyl acrylate (IBOA)⁽¹⁾, trimethylolpropane triacrylate (TMPTA)⁽¹⁾ and tripropylene glycol diacrylate (TPGDA)⁽¹⁾. Although viscosity reduction can be achieved with non-reactive solvents, reactive diluents are preferred because they are essentially 100 percent converted during UV/EB exposure to form a part of the coating or ink, thus reducing solvent emissions. The specific reactive diluents used will influence performance properties such as hardness and flexibility.

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Graph II illustrates the change in viscosity of EBECRYL® 3720 with increasing temperature.

GRAPH II

EBECRYL® 3720 - VISCOSITY VS. TEMPERATURE



PRECAUTIONS

Before using EBECRYL® 3720, see the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for information on the identified hazards of the material and the recommended personal protective equipment and procedures.

STORAGE AND HANDLING

Care should be taken not to expose the product to high temperature conditions, direct sunlight, ignition sources, oxidizing agents, alkalis or acids. This might cause uncontrollable polymerization of the product with the generation of heat. Storage and handling should be in stainless steel, amber glass, amber polyethylene or baked phenolic lined containers. Procedures that remove or displace oxygen from the material should be avoided. Do not store this material under an oxygen free atmosphere. Dry air is recommended to displace material removed from the container. Wash thoroughly after handling. Keep container tightly closed. Use with adequate ventilation.

See the SDS for the recommended storage temperature range for EBECRYL® 3720.