

## Dermacryl® 79 polymer

### Very water resistant film-forming polymer

INCI: Acrylates/Octylacrylamide Copolymer

Globally, consumers are becoming increasingly aware of the need to protect their skin from the harmful effects of UV radiation. Demand for these products has driven the sun care market to become the fastest growing personal care sector over the last few years. New trends have emerged as consumers redefine what is important in their sun protection products: higher Sun Protection Factor (SPF) values, broad spectrum protection, enhanced water and rub-off resistance, more aesthetically pleasing products, and convenience.

The advent of newly popular forms such as alcohol-based aerosol and non-aerosol sprays has created a challenge for formulators as they try to achieve water resistance in these non-traditional systems. Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is the ideal choice for these systems due to its alcohol solubility.

Dermacryl 79 polymer is a hydrophobic, high molecular weight, carboxylated acrylic copolymer. Films of Dermacryl 79 polymer are inherently moisture resistant, making it the ideal ingredient for use in water resistant products. Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer can also be used to hold active ingredients on the site of application by imparting resistance to abrasion or rub-off.

### Recommended applications

- Recreational sun protection products
- Daily wear moisturizers with SPF
- Tinted sun protection products
- Color cosmetics
- Face, body, hand, and foot creams and lotions

### Features and benefits

| Features                                 | Benefits   |
|--|--|
| Film-formation                           | Proven water resistance and SPF retention<br>Resistant to rub-off  |
| Solubility in ethanol                    | Easy to use<br>No neutralization required in alcoholbased products<br>Excellent performance in alcoholbased properties |
| Solubility in water, with neutralization | Broad application areas  |
| Broad acceptability                      | Safety tested for use in spray applications<br>Globally approved   |

### Suggested use levels, as supplied

| Application                | % active |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Sun protection             | 1.0-5.0  |
| SPF daily wear moisturizer | 0.5-3.0  |
| Tinted sunscreens          | 0.5-5.0  |
| Color cosmetics            | 1-10     |
| Creams and lotions         | 0.5-3.0  |

## Formulation guidelines

### Solubility

As supplied, Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is soluble in ethanol, isopropanol and fatty alcohols, but is insoluble in water. The polymer becomes water soluble/dispersible by neutralizing the carboxyl groups with a suitable water soluble base, such as triethanolamine, 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol (AMP), ammonium hydroxide, or potassium hydroxide. For effective solubilization/dispersion, 100% neutralization of the carboxyl groups is generally recommended. Likewise, Dermacryl 79 polymer can be solubilized into an oil system by fully neutralizing the polymer with a long chain amine, such as dimethyl stearamine.

### Neutralization

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is carboxylated and is normally neutralized with a suitable alkaline material in formulation. The formulator can use materials such as triethanolamine, 2-amino-2-methyl-1-propanol, ammonium or potassium hydroxides, or long chain amines. The amount of base required to neutralize the carboxyl groups in Dermacryl 79 polymer can be determined by the following relationships:

$$B = \frac{W * A * N * E}{1000}$$

Where:

B = weight of base needed (grams)

W = weight of Dermacryl 79 polymer used

A = acidity (meq/g) of Dermacryl 79 polymer

N = % neutralization required (decimal)

E = equivalent weight of base

A specific example of 100% neutralization of 100 grams of Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer with triethanolamine:

$$B = \frac{100 \times 2.4 \times 100 \times 149.2}{1000} = 38.5 \text{ grams TEA}$$

W = 100 grams

A = 2.4 meq/g

N = 1.00

E = 149.2 meq/g

## Incorporation

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer can be formulated into the water phase or the oil phase of emulsions. It can also be formulated into alcohol or hydro-alcoholic systems.

### Water phase incorporation

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is typically incorporated into the water phase with neutralization. Neutralization levels of 80-100% are recommended. The neutralizing agent (i.e., TEA) may be added to the water phase and heated to 80°C before adding the polymer. The Dermacryl 79 polymer may then be slowly sifted in with good agitation and mixed for 20 minutes. To simplify addition of Dermacryl 79 polymer into the water phase, pre-slurry together the neutralizing agent, glycol or glycerin, and Dermacryl 79 polymer.

The recommended slurry ratio is 2 parts Dermacryl 79 polymer to 5 parts polyol. Add enough alkali to the slurry to neutralize the Dermacryl 79 polymer and any other ingredients that require neutralization (i.e. Carbomer). This pre-slurry should then be immediately added to the water phase of the emulsion. The polymer dispersion in the water phase will appear slightly opaque.

### Oil phase incorporation

Water resistance may also be attained by incorporating Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer into the oil phase. Long chain amines, added at 80-100% neutralization levels, are the neutralizing agents of choice. Prior to adding the polymer, all oil phase ingredients (including neutralizing agent) should be combined and heated to 80°C. Dermacryl 79 polymer should then be slowly sifted in using good agitation and mixed for one half hour. If using fatty alcohols that are solid at room temperature, it will be necessary to heat these fatty alcohols above their melting temperature, begin mixing, and then add the Dermacryl 79 polymer with mixing.

### Incorporation into alcoholic systems

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is soluble in and can be easily incorporated into alcoholic systems. In the mixing vessel, begin stirring the alcohol. Slowly sift in the Dermacryl 79 polymer. If neutralization is required, neutralize with base after the polymer is in solution.

### Incorporation into hydro-alcoholic systems

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer can be easily incorporated into hydro-alcoholic systems. First, add the alcohol to the mixing vessel and begin stirring. Add the Dermacryl 79 polymer to the alcohol, in a polymer to alcohol ratio of no greater than 1:4. Once the Dermacryl 79 polymer is in solution, neutralize with a base. For a clear system, Dermacryl 79 polymer should be neutralized at least 90%. Finally, add the water, UV filters and other formulation ingredients.

In all cases, grittiness is an indication of poor dispersion caused by either under neutralization or improper incorporation. Grittiness can be eliminated by adjusting the neutralization level, the temperature or the mixing time used.

## Compatibility

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is compatible with a broad range of ingredients commonly used in cosmetic formulations. Because Dermacryl 79 polymer is anionic, compatibility must be evaluated when formulating with cationic raw materials. The polymer's solubility may decrease in the presence of high concentrations of non-polar products, such as paraffin waxes.

## Performance properties

### SPF retention from an alcohol-based system

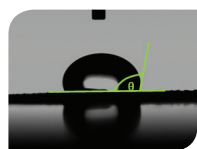
Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is soluble in ethanol without neutralization making it the ideal choice for alcohol-based sunscreen sprays. The following table shows a target SPF 30 and SPF 50 formulation and the in-vivo SPF measurements for static and 80 minute very-water resistance.

| Ingredient            | 2364-52A<br>SPF 30<br>% | 2622-18<br>SPF 50<br>% |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Ethanol               | 69.00                   | 63.00                  |
| Dermacryl 79 polymer  | 3.00                    | 3.00                   |
| Avobenzene            | 3.00                    | 3.00                   |
| Octocrylene           | 2.00                    | 5.00                   |
| Homosalate            | 12.00                   | 13.00                  |
| Ethylhexyl Salicylate | 5.00                    | 5.00                   |
| Benzophenone-3        | 4.00                    | 6.00                   |
| Glycerin              | 2.00                    | 2.00                   |
| Label SPF Static      | 33                      | 54                     |
| Label SPF 80 min VWR  | 33                      | 50                     |

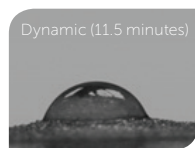
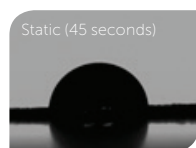
## Film properties

### Contact angle

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer maintains integrity after water exposure, allowing for the formulation of durable and long-lasting products.



Model systems (2mg/cm<sup>2</sup> dosage) applied to pre-hydrated Vitro Skin® (N-19). Drop of deionized water was placed on sample substrate  $\theta$  measured of image captured within 45 seconds (static) and after 11.5 minutes (dynamic)



Dermacryl 79:  
 $\theta = 82.4 \pm 2.86$

### Shine – gloss meter

Evaluation of gloss was performed with the films cast from model systems containing Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer on black and white opacity charts. Gloss was measured on the scale of 0-90 degrees at a 60° angle. 0-20 degrees is considered a matte finish, 21-69 degrees is considered a semi-gloss finish, and 70-90 degrees is considered a high gloss finish. Gloss meter evaluations on model SPF systems containing Dermacryl 79 polymer showed a lower shine performance, 28.1 degrees on a white background and 30.9 degrees on a black background. Dermacryl 79 polymer provides a low shine film when applied in ethanol-based sunscreen systems.

### SPF retention from an emulsion

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer can be made soluble in water by neutralizing with a water soluble base, making it an option for formulating water resistant emulsions. The following table shows two formulations, one with Dermacryl 79 polymer and one without, and their in-vivo SPF measurements before and after 80 minute immersion in water. The use of Dermacryl 79 polymer in this formulation increases the static SPF and maintains the actives on the skin after an 80 minute immersion in water.

| Ingredient  | 12689-125C2<br>with<br>Dermacryl 79<br>% | 12689-125C3<br>no polymer<br>% |
|---|--|--------------------------------|
| Phase A   |  |                                |
| Water   | 54.84                                    | 57.20                          |
| Carbomer  | 0.20                                     | 0.20                           |
| Structure® XL starch  | 1.70                                     | 1.70                           |
| Phenoxyethanol,<br>Methylparaben,<br>Butylparaben, Ethylparaben,<br>Propylparaben | 1.00                                     | 1.00                           |
| Phase B   |  |                                |
| Glycerin  | 5.00                                     | 5.00                           |
| Dermacryl 79 polymer  | 2.00                                     |                                |
| Triethanolamine 99%   | 0.76                                     | 0.40                           |
| Phase C   |  |                                |
| Ethylhexyl<br>Methoxycinnamate  | 7.50                                     | 7.50                           |
| Benzophenone-3  | 6.00                                     | 6.00                           |
| Ethylhexyl Salicylate   | 4.00                                     | 4.00                           |
| Octocrylene   | 9.00                                     | 9.00                           |
| Glyceryl Stearate   | 2.50                                     | 2.50                           |
| Stearic Acid  | 2.50                                     | 2.50                           |
| Isostearyl Alcohol  | 1.00                                     | 1.00                           |
| DEA Cetyl Phosphate   | 2.00                                     | 2.00                           |
| SPF static  | 32                                       | 21                             |
| SPF 80 immersion  | 30                                       | 17                             |

pH 6.5-7.5

pH 5.7-6.7



## Storage and handling

Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is supplied as a white, free-flowing powder. Some settling will occur in the drum during shipping. Dermacryl 79 polymer can be stored at ambient conditions. When not in use, the drums should be kept covered to prevent contamination and moisture absorption from the atmosphere.

## Health and safety

A health and safety summary for Dermacryl 79 film-forming polymer is available on request. Information on Dermacryl 79 polymer relating to EU Cosmetics Directive 76/768/EEC is also available upon request. The suitability of the final formulations should be confirmed in all respect by appropriate evaluation. The marketer is advised to evaluate the final formulation with regard to performance and health and safety.

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