

### DOW SUSTAINABLE LOW FOAM SURFACTANTS FOR AUTOMATIC DISHWASHING

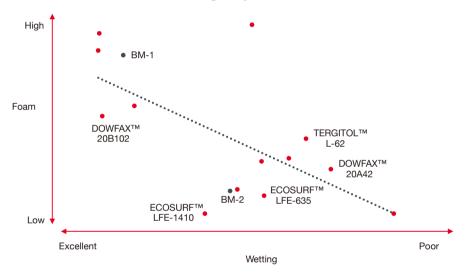
In commercial automatic dishwashing, low foaming and excellent wetting are two critical requirements. A dishwasher detergent should make water easier to penetrate and loosen soil, and suppress foam caused by protein soils such as egg and milk. While rinsing aid allows water to sheet off dishes instead of drying in droplets, thus helping to prevent spotting.

DOWFAX™ 20B102 / ECOSURF™ LFE Surfactant Series – Blends to achieve optimized performance of sheeting and foam control.

Low-foam nonionic surfactants from Dow, including ECOSURF™, DOWFAX™, TERGITOL™ and TRITON™ series, provide a variety of choices in developing high performance automatic dishwashing formulations

ECOSURF™ LFE series have outstanding low foam properties, while DOWFAX™ 20B102 exhibits excellent wetting performance. The blends deliver an optimized performance in your automatic dishwashing formulations.

### Foam / Wetting Properties of Individual Surfactants



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Foam evaluation: 0.1% surfactant aqueous solution, room temperature

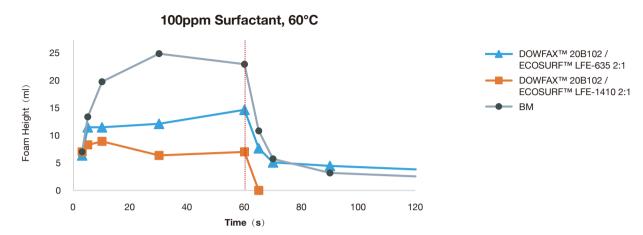
Wetting evaluation: 100ppm surfactant aqueous solution, room temperature, stainless steel

BM: Benchmark



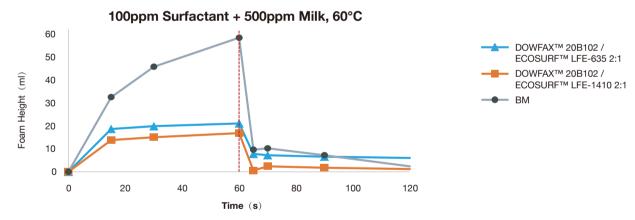
### **Excellent Low Foaming Properties**

DOWFAX™ 20B102 / ECOSURF™ LFE-635 (2:1 wt.) and DOWFAX™ 20B102 / ECOSURF™ LFE-1410 (2:1 wt.) Surfactants are low foam blends under bubbling test condition at 60°C. This makes them ideal to be incorporated into commercial automatic dishwashing formulations. Low foam blends enable you to control foam level during washing and to minimize defoamer usage.

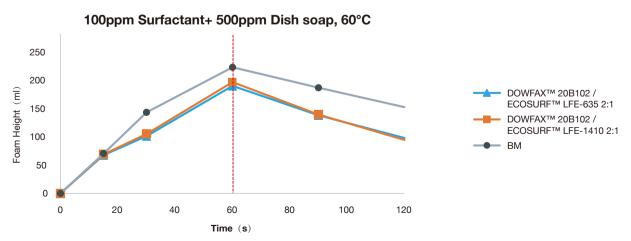


0-60s: air-blowing at 410ml/min; 60-120s: no air-blowing

DOWFAX<sup>™</sup> 20B102 / ECOSURF<sup>™</sup> LFE-635 (2:1) and DOWFAX<sup>™</sup> 20B102 / ECOSURF<sup>™</sup> LFE-1410 (2:1) surfactant blends effectively control foam generated by milk soil. Even in challenging condition with existence of manual dish soap, they generate less foam than the commercial benchmark.



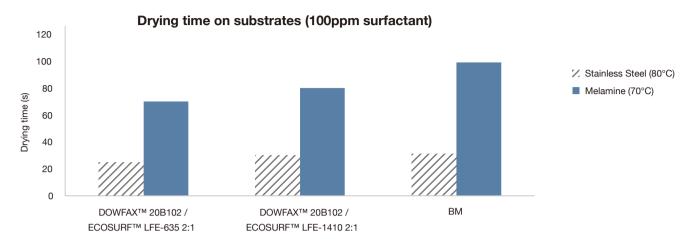
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0-60s: air-blowing at 200ml/min; 60-120s: no air-blowing

## **Reduce Drying Time**

DOWFAX™ 20B102 / ECOSURF™ LFE-635 (2:1) and DOWFAX™ 20B102 / ECOSURF™ LFE-1410 (2:1) surfactant blends have excellent wetting attributes on different dishware substrates (melamine, stainless steel, etc). It helps water sheet off dishes faster and reduce drying time or heat consumption to achieve comparable rinsing result.



# **Physical Properties**

	ECOSURF™ LFE-635	ECOSURF™ LFE-1410	DOWFAX™ 20B102	TERGITOL™ L-61	TERGITOL™ L-62
Actives (%)	100	100	100	100	100
Cloud Point, 1% (°C)	35	10	32	24	32
Pour Point (°C)	-42	5	-8	-32	-2
Surface Tension, 1% (mN/m)	32	35	31	40	41
Foam Height, 0.1% (mm, Ross-Miles, Initial/5min)	0/0	0/0	50/5	0/0	45/30

## **Environmental Profile**

ECOSURF™ LFE series, DOWFAX™ 20B102, and TERGITOL™ L series of surfactants help you upgrade the environmental profile of your commercial automatic dishwashing formulations.

Surfactants	Environmental Profile
ECOSURF™ LFE series	Readily biodegradable (OECD 301) Good aquatic toxicological profile (LC50/EC50 10-100mg/L) Qualified for US EPA Safer Choice Formulations WGK 1 (German Water Hazard Classification)
DOWFAX™ 20B102	Readily biodegradable (OECD 301)  Aquatic toxicity range of >1 mg/L in the most sensitive species tested
TERGITOL™ L series	Readily biodegradable (OECD 301) Excellent aquatic toxicological profile (LC50/EC50 >100mg/L)

# **Starting Formulations**

Rinsing aid #1 (excellent wetting)		
Citric acid/Phosphoric acid	1-2%	
Sodium cumene sulfonate	1%	
DOWFAX™ 20B102	6%	
ECOSURF™ LFE-635	3%	
Water	to 100%	

Rinsing aid #2 (extreme low foam)		
Citric acid/Phosphoric acid	1-2%	
Sodium cumene sulfonate	2%	
DOWFAX™ 20B102	6%	
ECOSURF™ LFE-1410	3%	
Water	to 100%	

Rinsing aid #3 (cost effective)		
Citric acid/Phosphoric acid	1-2%	
Sodium cumene sulfonate	2%	
ECOSURF™ LFE-635	6%	
ECOSURF™ LFE-1410	3%	
Water	to 100%	

Note: other ingredients (ex. dye) may be incorporated per formulation needs

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