



UCARE™ Extreme Polymer

Features & Benefits

- Provides equivalent hair conditioning to some silicones
- Enhances dry and wet hair combing especially on damaged hair
- Restores hair hydrophobicity
- Reduces hair breakage
- Improves hair alignment and manageability
- Enhances silicone deposition on hair especially on damaged hair
- Provides soft styling benefit (ie. curl retention) in leave-on formulations
- Ease of formulation – no emulsification needed
- Enables clear products
- Acts as rheology modifier
- Helps increase natural content of formulation

Composition

- Polyquaternium-10

Applications

Areas of potential use for UCARE™ Extreme Polymer encompass a wide range of cosmetic and toiletry applications such as:

- Rinse-off conditioners
- Shampoos
- Leave-on conditioners
- Styling products
- Body washes

Typical Properties

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Property	Unit	Result
Appearance		White powder
Viscosity (1% Aqueous solution) — LV Spindle #4 @ 60rpm 25°C	cP	1900–3700
Volatiles	wt%	< 6
Nitrogen	wt%	1.50–2.20
Particle size, through 20 mesh, < 841 micron	%	95–100
Ash	wt%	< 4
Biodegradability		Inherent primary biodegradability with pre-adaptation according to OECD test(s) guidelines (reaches > 20% biodegradation in OECD test(s))

Description	UCARE™ Extreme Polymer is a polymeric, quaternary ammonium salt of hydroxyethylcellulose. The cellulosic polymer is derived from non-GMO and PEFC (Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification) certified wood pulp.
Recommended Use Level	Between 0.1–0.3 wt%.
Formulating Tips	<p>There are two methods for preparing UCARE™ Extreme Polymer for incorporation into formulation.</p> <p>Direct addition to the aqueous phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UCARE™ Extreme Polymer can be incorporated into the aqueous phase of the formulation directly without pre-dissolving in water. <p>Prior polymer hydration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydration of the polymer is accomplished by slowly adding the dry powder into agitated room temperature water and allowing it to mix until the solution is uniform and clear. • Hydration can be accelerated by heating the solution to 65°C. • Once the polymer is fully hydrated, simply add the solution directly to the surfactant system blend with mixing. • Hydration may be accomplished separately or as a first step in the manufacturing procedure.
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