# EcoSmooth™ Universal Fluid 1100

Discover the sensational versatility of our new bio-based and biodegradable carrier, a challenger to silicone fluid performance



Achieving a zero waste goal is a significant challenge for any beauty brand. One solution is to use ingredients made with or from upcycled materials. Dow is supporting brands' journey toward a more sustainable future by launching EcoSmooth<sup>TM</sup> Universal Fluid 1100, a biodegradable, renewable feedstock sourced material made with what is left from plant cultivation after harvesting.

As a worldwide silicone technology expert, Dow has looked extensively for technologies that can offer an honest comparable performance to silicone chemistry. EcoSmooth™ Universal Fluid 1100 addresses the challenges of replacing high-performing and cost-effective silicone fluids with naturally derived ingredients that have a positive impact on the environment.

INCI: Ethyl PG-Acetal Levulinate

Typical properties	
Property	Result
Appearance	Crystal clear liquid
Active content	100%
Viscosity	3.5 cPs
Flash point	111.5°C
Refractive index at 25°C	1.430
Volatility	Low
Specific gravity	1.03 at 23.9°C
Surface tension	31.03 mN/m at 22.2°C
Shelf life	2 years
China compliance	Not listed in the catalog of cosmetic ingredients
Biodegradability	Ultimately biodegradable (ASTM E 1720 -01*)
Source	Plant-based
Naturality origin index (ISO 16128)	0.7

These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications \*Similar guidelines to OECD Guideline 301B

### **Benefits for consumers**

- Support the formulation of organic/natural products:
  0.7 naturality origin index (ISO 16128)
- Ultimately biodegradable (ASTM E 1720 -01\*)
- · Good spreadability
- Non-greasy and non-tacky for a light feel
- · Soft skin feel
- Ease of formulation: highly compatible profile with cosmetic ingredients and fragrances

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# **Applications**

Recommended use levels:

• Facial skin care: 3-6%

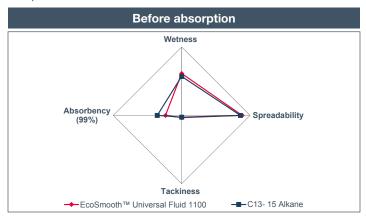
Foundation: 3-5%

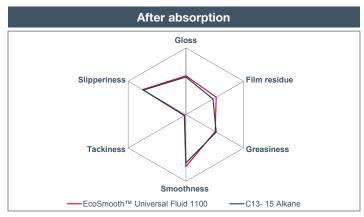
Make-up remover : 5-10%

• Non-spray hair care leave-on: 5-10%

# Sensory profile - Neat materials (18 panelists)

Comparison with C13-15 Alkane



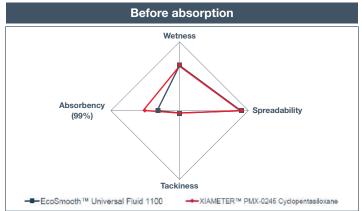


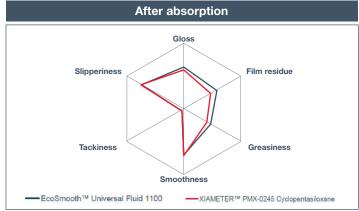
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Before absorbency, EcoSmooth™ Universal Fluid 1100 provides similar wetness, spreadability and tackiness to C13-15 Alkane. The difference in the asorbency parameter can be tackled by adding more volatile ingredients. After absorption, EcoSmooth™ Universal Fluid 1100 provides a similar sensory profile to C13-15 Alkane.

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Comparison with XIAMETER™ PMX-0245 Cyclopentasiloxane





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EcoSmooth<sup>™</sup> Universal Fluid 1100 can be an alternative to Cyclopentasiloxane, providing similar wetness, spreadability and tackiness before product absorption and a similar sensory profile after. The difference in the absorbency sensorial parameter can be tackled by adding more volatile ingredients.

#### Learn more

For more information about EcoSmooth™ Universal Fluid 1100, such as prototype formulations, please contact your customer service representative or visit our product page on <a href="https://www.dow.com/personalcare">www.dow.com/personalcare</a>.

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