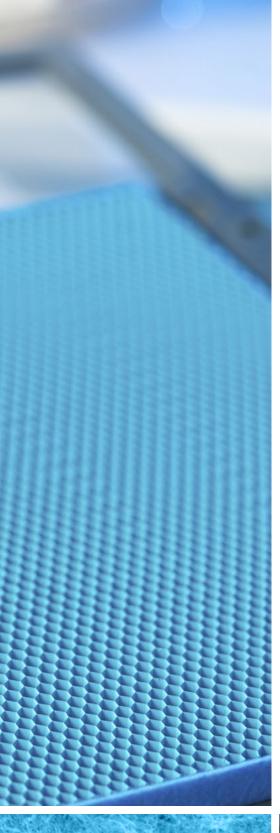


**Product Selection Guide** 

### **Binders for Textile & Nonwoven Markets & Applications**

Leading the Way to Environmentally Advanced Binders



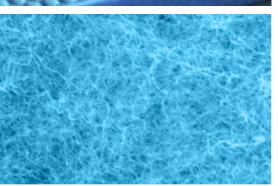


## Adhesive Solutions for the Global Nonwovens Industry

Dow Adhesives offers the global nonwovens industry a portfolio of fiber binding solutions that covers multiple applications, both in the single-use and durable segments.

Dow's low and ultra-low formaldehyde binding technologies suit nonwovens end uses, spanning from wipes to clothing, from medical to filtration, automotive to wall coverings, and more.

The RHOPLEX™ and RHOPLEX ECO™ Technology Platforms build upon the innovative approach to acrylic emulsion technologies which made Dow a pioneer in ultra-low formaldehyde binders. This technology helps address the regulatory challenges in the nonwovens market and enables Dow to keep refining and integrating the range of soft and hard binders, providing tailored solutions in terms of bonding strength, flexibility, and durability.





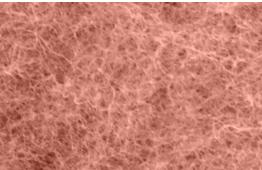
The portfolio of binders can deliver selected combinations of benefits valuable for specific end-uses:

- Durability and consistency of strength in wet and wash conditions, or in exposure to alcohols, solvents, or dry cleaning processes
- Targeted haptic and mechanical responses, like softness, firmness, resiliency and compression recovery, and flexibility
- Specific fluid management performance, from hydrophobic to hydrophilic
- Dedicated features like heat-sealability or controlled residual tackiness

In conjunction with our robust product portfolio, customers are supported by the technical expertise of Dow Adhesives specialists. As a world-leading supplier of water-based acrylic adhesives, Dow works with customers to grow and succeed together in both existing and emerging markets.







# Product Selection Guide for Binders for Nonwoven Markets & Applications

WIPES		PRODUCT	TG °C	DESCRIPTION					
End Use Applications: • Personal care	Key Properties: • Soft/medium	RHOPLEX™ ECO-3482	-27	APE-free, ultra-low formaldehyde acrylic emulsion; excellent wet tensile strength, very soft hand, excellent wash durability, self-crosslinking, good color and formulation stability, excellent runnability					
wet wipes • Industrial &	hand • Solvent & water	RHOPLEX™ NW-1402	-11	Acrylic binder designed for excellent mechanical stability in nonwoven applications					
household dry wipes	resistance; absorbency • Flexibility & strength • Wet & lotion;	RHOPLEX™ HA-8	-10	General purpose acrylic binder that imparts a soft hand to nonwovens					
		RHOPLEX™ ECO-3988	+7	APE-free, low formaldehyde, high solids acrylic binder with outstanding water and solvent resistance					
	skin contact	RHOPLEX™ E-358	+8	High solids acrylic binder with outstanding water and solvent resistance					
HYGIENE		PRODUCT	TG °C	DESCRIPTION					
End Use Applications:	Key	HYPOD™ 8503	-53	Polyolefin dispersion; softness					
<ul><li>Diapers</li><li>Adult</li></ul>	Properties: Softness Strength Absorbency Heat sealability Skin contact	RHOPLEX™ NW-1845K	-21	APE-free, ultra-low formaldehyde, styrenated acrylic emulsion; ideal combination of hydrophobicity, toughness, and film strength					
incontinence • Feminine		RHOPLEX™ NW-1402	-11	Acrylic binder designed for excellent mechanical stability in nonwoven applications					
hygiene		RHOPLEX™ HA-8	-10	General purpose acrylic binder that imparts a soft hand to nonwovens					
		RHOPLEX™ NW-1715K	-6	APE-free hydrophobic styrene acrylic binder; salt stable and heat sealable; especially suited for polyester fiber applications without other associated formaldehyde					
AUTOMOTIVE		PRODUCT	TG°C	DESCRIPTION					
End Use Applications: • Noise	Key Properties: • Strength	RHOPLEX™ ECO-3482	-27	APE-free, ultra-low formaldehyde acrylic emulsion; excellent wet tensile strength, very soft hand, excellent wash durability, self-crosslinking, good color and formulation stability, excellent runnability					
reduction • Hood & trunk liners	<ul><li>Temperature resistance</li><li>Moisture</li></ul>	RHOPLEX™ ST-954	-23	APE-free soft acrylic binder that provides nonwovens with the highest durability, including excellent tensile strength, soft hand, and very good solvent resistance					
<ul> <li>Several other applications</li> </ul>	resistance • Recovery	PRIMAX™ 210K	-7	Durable, suitable for backcoating, good low temperature flexibility, good shear stability					
		RHOPLEX™ ECO-3988	+7	Low formaldehyde, excellent wash and dry clean durability					
		RHOPLEX™ ECO-100	+35	APE-free, ultra-low formaldehyde acrylic emulsion; provides a firm hand, high strength, very good durability to wash, self-crosslinking, good color and formulation stability, excellent runnability					
		RHOPLEX™TR-407	+34	APE-free, all-purpose acrylic binder that provides outstanding color stability and good processability; especially suited for highloft applications					
		RHOPLEX™ HA-16	+35	General purpose acrylic binder designed for applications requiring both stiffness and durability					



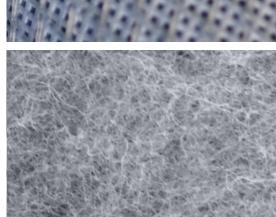






FILTRATION		PRODUCT	TG °C	DESCRIPTION
End Use	Key	RHOPLEX™ E-32NP	+5	Versatile acrylic binder designed to provide outstanding solvent resistance
Applications:  • Air & liquid	Properties: • Strength	RHOPLEX™ E-358	+8	High solids acrylic binder with outstanding water and solvent resistance
filtration	<ul><li>Stiffness</li><li>Hydrophobicity</li><li>Flutability</li></ul>	RHOPLEX™TR-407	+34	APE-free, all-purpose acrylic binder that provides outstanding color stability and good processability; especially suited for highloft applications
	UF/PF compatibility     Recovery	RHOPLEX™ ECO-100	+35	APE-free, ultra-low formaldehyde acrylic emulsion; provides a firm hand, high strength, very good durability to wash, self-crosslinking, good color and formulation stability, excellent runnability
	ŕ	RHOPLEX™ HA-16	+35	General purpose acrylic binder designed for applications requiring both stiffness and durability
		RHOPLEX™ GL-618	+36	APE-free acrylic (saturant), hydrophobic, low-foaming acrylic binder that offers excellent stability with UF resins in glass mat applications
		RHOPLEX™ ECONEXT 1101	+58	Stiff, hydrophobic, pleatable, ultra-low formaldehyde acrylic binder
		AQUASET™ 100	+100	Formaldehyde-free acrylic solution polymer (replacement for aminoplast resins); good tensile strength, durability, flame response
WALLCOVERINGS & DECORATIVE LAMINATES		PRODUCT	TG °C	DESCRIPTION
Key Properties:		RHOPLEX™ ECO-3482	-27	APE-free acrylic binder for wood pulp nonwoven applications combining softness and durability; ultra-low formaldehyde
<ul><li>Hydrophobicity</li><li>Stiffness</li><li>Strength</li></ul>	<ul><li>Hand – soft to hard</li><li>Hydrophilic or</li></ul>	RHOPLEX™ ECO-3988	+7	APE-free, low HCHO, high solids acrylic binder with outstanding water and solvent resistance; low formaldehyde; mid Tg
<ul><li>Excellent flexibility</li><li>Dimensional</li></ul>	hydrophobic behavior • Softness	RHOPLEX™ 52	+17	High performance binder with excellent stain blocking capability; adheres well to a variety of substrates
stability • Opacity	Resistance to alcohol & water	RHOPLEX™ ECO-100	+35	APE-free acrylic binder for wood pulp nonwoven applications that provides very good durability to wash; ultra-low formaldehyde; high Tg
HIGHLOFT		PRODUCT	TG °C	DESCRIPTION
End Use	Key	RHOPLEX™TR-653	-17	APE-free acrylic binder designed to impart excellent resilience to nonwovens
Applications:  • Abrasive pads	Properties: • Strength	RHOPLEX™ E-32 NP	+5	Versatile acrylic binder designed to provide outstanding solvent resistance
<ul><li> Air filters</li><li> Fiber fill</li><li> Insulation</li></ul>	Durability     "Bounce-backability"	RHOPLEX™TR-407	+34	APE-free, all-purpose acrylic binder that provides outstanding color stability and good processability; especially suited for highloft applications
	Sprayability	RHOPLEX™ HA-16	+35	General purpose acrylic binder designed for applications requiring both stiffness and durability





#### Binders for Textile Markets & Applications

For the textiles marketplace, Dow offers a comprehensive portfolio of high-performing, water-based acrylics binders and formulation ingredients suitable for applications, such as pigment printing, coating, and flocking. In conjunction with

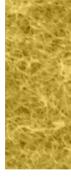
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For more information regarding any of these products, or to discuss how Dow Adhesives can help advance your next project, please contact your Dow sales or TS&D representative.

PIGMENT PRINTIN	NG	PRODUCT	TG °C	DESCRIPTION						
End Use Applications:	Key Properties:	RHOPLEX™ K-3	-27	Specially recommended to improve abrasion resistance of durable-press fabrics, as well as modify hand (soft hand); excellent mechanical stability especially for spraying applications						
<ul><li>Clothing/ apparel</li></ul>	<ul><li>Wash durability</li><li>Dry cleaning resistance</li><li>Color development</li></ul>	RHOPLEX™ ECONEXT 919	-25	High solids, ultra-low formaldehyde modified acrylic binder specifically designed for high add-on pigment printing applications						
	Crock fastness     Soft hand	RHOPLEX™TR-934 HS	-23	Excellent all-purpose binder for applications requiring soft, flexible, and durable properties						
	• UV resistance	RHOPLEX™ NW-1845K	-21	APE-free, ultra-low formaldehyde, styrenated acrylic emulsion; ideal combination of hydrophobicity, toughness, and film strength						
COATING & BACK	COATING	PRODUCT	TG °C	DESCRIPTION						
End Use Applications:	Key Properties:	RHOPLEX™ ECO-1291	-25	Soft, non-tacky, wash and dry clean durability, specifically designed for crushed foam coated curtain fabrics						
<ul><li> Tablecloths</li><li> Tents/parasols</li><li> Canvas covers</li></ul>	Dimensional stability Opacity Hand – soft to hard Hydrophilic or hydrophobic behavior Foamability Durability to UV, heat, water, solvents, and ozone	RHOPLEX™ E-2780	-10	Designed for crushed-foam applications offering excellent flexibility; self-reactive binder that offers excellent water and solvent resistance						
Curtains     Automotive		RHOPLEX™ HA-8	-10	Multipurpose, self-reactive backcoating binder that provides good durability						
& furniture upholstery		RHOPLEX™ AC-2235M	+17	Coatings binder for artist canvas						
ирпоисту		RHOPLEX™TR-407	+34	APE-free, all-purpose acrylic binder that provides outstanding color stability and good processability						
	Dry cleaning resistance	RHOPLEX™ GL-618	+36	APE-free acrylic, hydrophobic, low-foaming acrylic binder that offers excellent stability UF resins in glass mat applications						
FLOCKING		PRODUCT	TG °C	DESCRIPTION						
End Use	Key	RHOPLEX™TR-934 HS	-23	Excellent all-purpose binder for applications requiring soft, flexible, and durable properties						
Applications:  • Upholstery	Properties:  • Abrasion resistance  • Resistance to dry cleaning  • Washability	RHOPLEX™ NW-1402	-11	Acrylic binder designed for excellent mechanical stability in nonwoven applications						
Automotive     Packaging		RHOPLEX™ E-32NP	+5	Versatile acrylic binder, designed to provide outstanding solvent resistance						
Clothing/ apparel	Flexibility at low temperature	RHOPLEX™ E-358	+8	High solids acrylic binder with outstanding water and solvent resistancew						







### **Product Summary**

PRODUCT	RODUCT PHYSICAL PROPERTIES		REACTIVITY				APPLICATIONS									
		% SOLIDS		SELF CROSSLINKING	CROSSLINKABLE	IONIC NATURE	LOW OR ULTRA LOW FORMALDEHYDE*	WIPES	HYGIENE	AUTOMOTIVE	FILTRATION	WALLCOVERINGS & DECORATIVE LAMINATES	ніснгоғт	PIGMENT PRINTING	COATING & BACKCOATING	FLOCKING
HYPOD™ 8503	-53	42	9.8			Anionic			•							
RHOPLEX™ ECO-3482	-27	43	5.5	•		Anionic	VV	•		•		•				
RHOPLEX™ K-3	-27	46	2.6	•		Nonionic								•		
RHOPLEX™ ECO-1291	-25	50	3.3	•		Anionic									•	
RHOPLEX™ ECONEXT 919	-25	57.5	7		•	Anionic	VV							•		
RHOPLEX™ ST-954	-23	45.5	3.5	•		Anionic				•						
RHOPLEX™TR-934 HS	-23	47	2.6	•		Anionic								•	•	•
RHOPLEX™ NW-1845K	-21	44	7		•	Anionic	VV		•					•		
RHOPLEX™TR-653	-17	35	8.5	•		Anionic							•			
RHOPLEX™ NW-1402	-11	45.5	2.6	•		Nonionic		•	•							•
RHOPLEX™ E-2780	-10	48.5	2.6	•		Anionic									•	
RHOPLEX™ HA-8	-10	45.5	3	•		Nonionic		•	•						•	
PRIMAX™ 210K	-7	50	3		•	Anionic	<b>V</b>			•					•	
RHOPLEX™ NW-1715K	-6	44	6.2		•	Anionic	VV		•							
RHOPLEX™ E-32NP	5	46	2.5		•	Nonionic					•		•			•
RHOPLEX™ ECO-3988	7	54.5	7.8	•		Nonionic	<b>V</b>	•		•		•				
RHOPLEX™ E-358	8	60	7	•		Nonionic		•			•					•
RHOPLEX™ 52	17	45	9		•	Anionic	VV					•				
RHOPLEX™AC-2235M	17	46.5	8.5		•	Nonionic	<b>V</b>								•	
RHOPLEX™ HA-12	19	50	9.4		•	Nonionic						•				
RHOPLEX™TR-407	34	45.5	2.5	•		Anionic				•	•		•		•	
RHOPLEX™ ECO-100	35	44	5	•		Anionic	VV			•	•	•				
RHOPLEX™ HA-16	35	45.5	2.6	•		Nonionic				•	•		•			
RHOPLEX™ GL-618	36	47	8.6	•		Anionic					•				•	
RHOPLEX™ ECONEXT 1101	58	45	7		•	Anionic	VV				•					
AQUASET™ 100	100	53	3.8	•		Nonionic	VV				•					

✓✓: Ultra Low Formaldehyde – No formaldehyde or formaldehyde-generating materials are intentionally added
✓: Low formaldehyde – Less than 100 ppm free formaldehyde, significantly reduced level of total formaldehyde emissions upon curing Note: The Physical Properties are only typical values and not specifications.





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