



Technical Data Sheet  
for Europe, Middle East and Africa

## PRIMAL™ AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer

### Product Description

PRIMAL™ AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer is an APEO-free\* hydrophobic acrylic emulsion polymer for interior and exterior high performance coatings.

\*APEO is not intentionally added and is not knowingly introduced from another raw material.

### Application

The composition of PRIMAL™ AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer provides very hydrophobic film, leading to excellent water resistance and reduced liquid water permeability. PRIMAL AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer also shows improved colour acceptance and alkyd compatibility. The polymer interacts efficiently with associative thickeners, leading potentially to lower formulation cost. The pure acrylic backbone of PRIMAL AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer ensures the high standard of gloss and tint retention, as well as crack, chalk and alkali resistance. Coatings based on PRIMAL AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer show very good wet and dry adhesion and a good dirt pick-up resistance.

### Typical Properties<sup>1)</sup>

Appearance	Milky white liquid
MFFT	14 °C
Solids content	45 ... 46
pH	7.7 ... 8.7
Density	1.06 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Viscosity (Brookfield LV, spindle 3 @ 60 rpm, 25°C)	max 1500mPa·s

<sup>1)</sup> Please note that the values shown are typical values for your guidance. They are not to be taken as specifications and are subject to certain variability. Please consult the sales specifications for details.

### Formulation Guidelines

PRIMAL™ AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer demonstrates wide formulation latitude for interior and exterior applications. Below are some guidelines to help formulators:

**Dispersants:** OROTAN™ 1124 product was found to give good performance in semi-gloss coating formulations based on PRIMAL AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer. The versatile and effective dispersant OROTAN 731A ER product is also an excellent choice.

**Defoamers:** In all systems, the best results were achieved by using BYK-022 or BYK-018 in the grind and BYK-024 or BYK-1660 as letdown defoamer. We suggest using 0,3% BYK-022 in grind and 0,2% BYK-024 in letdown.

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**Rheology Modifiers:** PRIMAL™ AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer has been designed to give good response to associative thickeners. HEUR thickeners like ACRY SOL™ RM-5000 product or ACRY SOL RM-2020 product were found to be the most suitable to achieve remarkable flow properties. If higher low shear viscosity is required, the addition of low level of ACRY SOL RM-8W product can be done without affecting flow and application performance. When more in-can structure is desired, the rheological profile may be modified by adding small amounts of ACRY SOL SCT-275 product or ACRY SOL RM-12W product.

PRIMAL AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer in combination with ACRY SOL RM-12W product offers the opportunity to formulate “thixotropic like” coatings.

**Coalescent and co-solvents:** A water immiscible coalescent like Texanol at a level of 8% on binder solids is highly suggested, ensuring good film formation, acceptable block resistance and enhanced exterior durability. We recommend only low levels of cosolvent like propylene glycol in the formulations, because this is sufficient to provide good flow and open-time.

## Health and Safety Considerations

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## Storage and Handling

PRIMAL™ AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer should be stored at temperatures between 5°C and 40°C in tightly sealed containers. Avoid freezing of the material! Local legislation on storage must be followed.

PRIMAL AC-337 ER Acrylic Emulsion Polymer is protected against microbial attack during transportation and storage in not opened original packaging. To avoid problems with microbial attack during processing and in opened packaging attention should be paid on hygiene. In some cases it could make sense to add biocides to avoid problems with microorganisms.

We recommend using the product under safety precautions as described in the SDS. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Large quantities should be handled in a correctly ventilated area. Material can create slippery conditions.

As the product contains water corrosion-resistance equipment should be used for processing. Low shear pumps like diaphragm pumps should be used.

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