

### **Butyl Acrylate, BA**

#### Acrylic acid butyl ester, Butyl prop-2-enoate

$$H_2C$$
  $CH_3$ 

#### Introduction

Butyl Acrylate (BA) is a clear, colorless liquid with a sharp, pungent odor. It's comprised of a polymerizable vinyl functional group on one end and a reactive ester group on the other end. It is slightly miscible with water, soluble in most organic solvents and has relatively low volatility. It's vapor is heavier than air. Butyl Acrylate copolymerizes readily with ethylene, styrene, vinyl acetate and (meth)acrylic acid. The added ester group imparts good low temperature properties such as durability, flexibility, elasticity, and adhesiveness.

#### **Applications**

Butyl Acrylate can be homopolymerized into PolyBA or co-polymerized with ethylene to form Ethylene-BA co- polymers which can be used to form a variety of thermoplastics as impact modifiers. These products exhibit high flexibility, good adhesiveness and photostability. PolyBA is a tough, leathery and flexible and polymers containing BA exhibit the following characteristics.

- Mechanical strength, flexibility, durability, elasticity, low volatility, low odor
- Weather resistance, moisture resistance, UV resistance
- Crosslinking sites, can be copolymerized with other acrylates
- Butyl Acrylate monomer is also used in the manufacture of inks, resins, caulks, adhesives, sealants, fibers, leather and packaging materials.

# Physical Properties

Property	Value
Formula weight	128.2
Appearance	Clear, colorless liquid
Odor	Strong ester, pungent, fruity odor
Specific gravity at 25 °C	0.894
Refractive index at 25 °C	1.416
Viscosity, cps at 25 °C	0.808
Boiling point at 760 mmHg	147 °C
Freezing point	-64 °C
Solubility in water	Slightly Soluble
Flash point, °C	105
Tg of homopolymer, °C	-45
Vapor Pressure, mm at 20 °C	3.97
Vapor Density, (air=1)	>1
Autoignition Temperature, °C	292 °C

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# Typical Composition

Property	Standard Specification	Typical Value
BA Assay	99.50% Min	99.70 wt%
MEHQ 15, 50, 105 ppm	10 – 20, 45-55, 90-120 ppm	Target
Water	0.05% Max	0.01%
Color	10 Max	4
Acidity as Acrylic Acid	0.009% Max	0.001%

## Handling **Precautions**

Before using this product, consult the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for details on product hazards, recommended handling precautions and product storage.

#### Storage

Consult the Safety Data Sheet (SDS). The monomer shelf life informs how long the material will remain stable under normal conditions. Never store expired material.

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