Surfactants for emulsion polymerization EMEA





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1. About us

Sasol's Performance Chemicals business unit markets a broad portfolio of organic and inorganic commodity and speciality chemicals. Our business consists of four key business divisions: Organics, Inorganics, Wax and PCASG (Phenolics, Carbon, Ammonia and Speciality Gases). About 6300 people including employees from our Regional Operating Hubs in offices in 18 countries serve customers around the world with a multi-faceted portfolio of state-of-the-art chemical products and solutions for a wide range of applications and industries.

Our key products include surfactants, surfactant intermediates, fatty alcohols, linear alkylbenzene (LAB), short-chain linear alpha olefins, ethylene, petrolatum, paraffin waxes, synthetic waxes, cresylic acids, high-quality carbon solutions as well as high-purity and ultra-high-purity alumina. Our speciality gases subdivision supplies its customers with high-quality ammonia, hydrogen and CO2 as well as liquid nitrogen, liquid argon, krypton and xenon gases.

Our products are as individual as the industrial applications they serve, with tailor-made solutions creating real business value for customers. Ongoing research activities result in a continuous stream of innovative product concepts that help our customers position themselves successfully in future markets.

Our products are used in countless applications in our daily lives to add value, security and comfort. Typical examples include detergents, cleaning agents, personal care, construction, paints and coatings, leather and metal processing, hot-melt adhesives, bitumen modification, and catalyst support for automotive catalysts and a wide range of other specialty applications, including oil and gas recovery, aroma production, plastic stabilisation, and polymer production. Every day, our researchers explore ways to improve our products and develop innovations that improve the quality of people's lives.



2. Alkylphenol ethoxylate (APEO) free surfactants for emulsion polymerization

Sasol Performance Chemicals produces and markets a broad range of anionic and nonionic APEO free surfactants. These products exhibit excellent stabilisation properties in the emulsion polymerisation manufacturing processes of acrylic, vinylic, styrene-acrylic, vinylacrylic, and other polymer resin systems and help to improve end product performance in terms of appearance, mechanical resistance and storage stability.

2.1 Anionic surfactants

DACPON alcohol sulfates facilitate excellent particle size control and can also work as foaming agent.

ANIODAC DSN and MARLON linear alkylbenzene sulfonate salts are suitable emulsifiers for all types of monomers, yielding a low particle size, and are thus especially suited for the production of seed latexes. In addition, these products offer stability in hydrolysis and almost all reaction conditions.

ANIODAC, DACLOR, COSMACOL AES and MARLINAT alcohol ethoxy sulfates are suitable emulsifiers of various monomer emulsions, leading to a lower grit level and better stabilization of the latex compared to alcohol sulfates.

NOVELUTION PA 89N is a low-foaming anionic product with a very low CMC that allows for good performance with a low dosage. The surfactant yields a small particle size, excellent pre-emulsion stability and the opportunity to produce microemulsions.

Product	Alkyl chain structure	Appearance @ 25 °C	Ethoxylation degree	Active concentration	CMC @ 25 °C, ppm	Surface tension at CMC, mN/m
Fatty alcohol sulfate						
DACPON 27-23	C ₁₂₋₁₃ linear and branched	Clear liquid		27%	1,100	20
Linear alkyl benzene sulfona	te Na salt					
MARLON A323	C ₁₀₋₁₃	Clear liquid		23%	650	35
ANIODAC DSN25	C ₁₀₋₁₃	Clear liquid		25%	650	35
MARLON AMI80	C ₁₀₋₁₃ ; MIPA salt	Clear liquid		78%	1,100	32
MARLON ARL	C ₁₀₋₁₃	White powder		80%	600	35
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ANIODAC 11P7-27	C ₁₁ linear and branched	Clear liquid	medium	27%	800	30
DACLOR 27-1-23AL	C ₁₂₋₁₃ linear and branched	Clear liquid	low	27%	380	24
DACLOR 27-20-23NE	C ₁₂₋₁₃ linear and branched	Clear liquid	high	27%	1,000	30
ANIODAC 13P20-27	C ₁₃ branched	Clear liquid	high	27%	420	37
COSMACOL AES 27-2-24 NE	C ₁₂₋₁₄ linear	Clear liquid	low	27%	200	34
MARLINAT 242-28	C ₁₂₋₁₄ linear	Clear liquid	low	27%	200	34
COSMACOL AES 70-2-24 NE	C ₁₂₋₁₄ linear	Flowable paste	low	70%	200	34
MARLINAT 242-70	C ₁₂₋₁₄ linear	Flowable	low	70%	200	34
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COSMACOL AES 27-3-24 NE	C ₁₂₋₁₄ linear	Clear liquid	low	27%	140	30
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2.2 Nonionic surfactants

Sasol alcohol ethoxylates are versatile products that are used as co-surfactant in all types of formulations, improving latex stability and having a positive influence on the shelf life and the handling of the emulsions.

NONIDAC products are based on oxo alcohols and are good dispersing agents. NONIDAC products stabilize the polymer emulsion, improving freeze-thaw and electrolyte stability.

The **MARLIPAL 013** and **TRIDAC ISO** types are based on isotridecanol alcohol. They boast good wetting properties and low foaming behavior. They are useful as co-emulsifiers in almost all formulations, providing freeze-thaw and storage stability. In addition, a wide range of HLB values and ethoxylation degrees are available for a variety of applications.

EMULDAC and **MARLIPAL 1618** products are based on cetyl-stearyl alcohol, while **EMULGANTE CO** is based on cetyl oleyl alcohol. They are excellent dispersants and stabilizers, providing good monomer pre-emulsion stability. They are available in a wide range of HLB values and ethoxylation degrees to match all the requirements of any recipe.



	@ 25 °C	°C	degree	HLB	concentration
L_{11} linear and branched	White solid	71(3)	15	15,8	100%
C_{11} linear and branched	Clear liquid	n.a.	21	16,8	70%
C_{11} linear and branched	Clear liquid	n.a.	30	17.7	70%
branched	Clear liquid	55(2)	9	13.2	100%
inear	Liquid	n.a.	30	16.6	65%
L ₁₂₋₁₄ linear	Liquid	82(3)	30	17.4	70%
L ₁₂₋₁₅ linear and	Liquid	54(1)	3	7.8	100%
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c ₁₃ branched	Liquid	51 ⁽¹⁾	3	8.0	100%
₁₃ branched	Liquid	65(1)	5	10.4	100%
₁₃ branched	Liquid	73(1)	6	12.0	100%
₁₃ branched	Liquid	77(1)	8	12.8	100%
₁₃ branched	Liquid	55 ⁽³⁾	12	14.6	100%
and branched	Clear liquid	n.a.	30	17.4	70%
branched	Clear liquid	n.a.	40	18.0	70%
L ₁₆₋₁₈ linear	White solid	59(4)	1	2.9	100%
L ₁₆₋₁₈ linear	White flakes	78(3)	30	16.8	100%
L ₁₆₋₁₈ linear	White flakes	76(3)	50	18.0	100%
L ₁₆₋₁₈ linear	White flakes	75(3)	80	18.6	100%
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(1) 10 % active matter in 25 % BDG solution

(2) 1 % active matter in water

⁽³⁾ 1 % active matter in 10 % NaCl solution

⁽⁴⁾ 5 % active matter in 25 % BDG solution

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2.3 Special surfactants

The **MARLOX** products are alkoxylated fatty alcohols, generally they have good wetting properties and low viscosity at room temperature and low pour point. This type of products avoid gel phases when diluted in water and are readily soluble in water. In addition they have low foaming behavior, helping to decrease the usage of defoamer in formulations.

PLURODAC are EO/PO block copolymer, their properties depend from the selected grade. Products with high EO amounts works as co-emulsifier and dispersant, products with low EO act as low foamer.

	Product	Alkyl chain structure	Appearance @ 25 °C	Cloud point °C	Active concentration
Low foan	n surfactants				
	MARLOX FK 86	C ₁₀₋₁₂ linear	Clear liquid	39 (1)	100%
	MARLOX OP1	C_{11} linear and branched	Clear liquid	37 (2)	100%
	MARLOX 11009	$C_{\scriptscriptstyle 11}$ linear and branched	Clear liquid	10 (2)	100%
	MARLOX 11027	C ₁₁ linear and branched	Clear liquid	27 (2)	100%

EO-PO block copolymers

PLURODAC 44	Clear liquid	65 (2)	100%
PLURODAC 61	Clear liquid	23 (2)	100%
PLURODAC 62	Clear liquid	27 (2)	100%
PLURODAC 81	Clear liquid	19 (2)	100%
PLURODAC F-68	White flakes	72 (3)	100%

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3. Formulation examples

3.1 All acrylic

- Load the reactor with reagents listed under A except amonium persulfate and warm the solution up to 80 °C
- When temperature was reached start feeding 5% of B solutions and let react for 20 minutes
- Feed continuously residual pre-emulsion in 4.5 hours. After addition of pre-emulsion, use 10 g of water to clean line pumps. When feeding is finished let react at 80 °C for 60 minutes
- Start with redox turn C: add in 10 minutes first component, wait 5 minutes while cleaning the line with 1.5 g of water and add the second component in 10 minutes, wait 5 minutes while cleaning the line with 1.5 g of water
- Cool to 75 °C and add the components D following the same procedure described in the previous point C
- Cool the polymer emulsion down to 40 °C and add reagents listed under E

	Reagent	Amount (g)	Notes
A	Water	210	21%
	ANIODAC DSN 25	12.1	1.21%
	Ammonium persulfate	0.3	0.3%
В	Water	192.5	19.25%
	ANIODAC DSN 25	50.7	5.07%
	Butyl Acrylate	246	24.6%
	Methylmethacrylate	246	24.6%
	Methacrylic acid	1.0	0.1%
	Amonium persulfate	1.0	0.1%
	Water (cleaning)	10.0	1%
С	Tert-butylhydroperoxid (7%)	4.6	0.46%
	Sodium Formaldehyde Sulfoxylate (4%)	4.6	0.46%
D	Tert-butylhydroperoxid (7%)	4.6	0.46%
	Sodium Formaldehyde Sulfoxylate (4%)	4.6	0.46%
	Water (cleaning)	6.0	0.6%
E	Ammonia (25%)	3.0	0.3%
	Preservative	3.0	0.3%

SPD	Brookfield viscosity/RPM	Viscosity at 25 °C (mPa*s)
2	20	1000

Solid content at 150 °C 49.5%

pH at 10% in deionized water 9.4

Particle size/Z-average(nm)	PDI
98	0.03 (narrow distribution)

3.2 Styrene/acrylic

- Feed continuously residual pre-emulsion in 4 hours
- Add C and let react 1 hour at 80 °C
 - Cool to 45 °C and add D

	Reagent	An	nount (g)	Notes
А	Water	19	1.0	18.91%
	ANIODAC 11P7-2	7 7.0)	0.69%
	Sodium bicarbona	te 0.5	5	0.049%
В	Water	28	2.1	27.93%
	ANIODAC 11 P7-2	7 13	.0	1.28%
	NONIDAC 11P30-	70 19	.5	1.93%
	Styrene	23	2.2	23%
	Butyl Acrylate	23	2.2	23%
	Acrylamide	6.1	L	0.6%
	Methacrylic Acid	9.2	2	0.91%
	Ammonium Persu	lfate 2.5	5	0.25%
С	Ammonium Persu	lfate 0.7	7	0.07%
	Water	4.()	0.39%
D	NaOH (30%)	3.0)	0.346%
	Ammonia (25%)	3.0)	0.346%
	Preservative agen	t 3.0)	0.297%
	SPD	Brookfield viscosity/RP	M Viscosity	at 25 °C (mPa*s)
4		20		2500

Solid content at 150 °C 49.2%

- Load the reactor with product listed under A and warm up to 80 °C Prepare monomer pre-emulsion mixing under vigorous stirring products listed under B
- Start feeding the 5% of pre-emulsion in 10 minutes and let initiate for 30 minutes
- When feeding is finished let react at 80 °C for 60 minutes

3.3 Vam/VeoVa

- Load the reactor with reagents listed under A except cellulose and warm the solution up to 80 °C
- When 50 °C is reached, add hydroxyethyl cellulose
- When temperature was reached start feeding 10% contemporary B and C solutions and let react for 20 minutes
- · Feed continuously residual preemulsion in 5 hours
- When feeding is finished let react at 80 °C for 60 minutes
- Add the chaser solution D and leave reacting for additional 1 hour at 80 °C
- Cool the polymer emulsion down to 40 °C and add reagent listed under E

	Reagent	Amount (g)	Notes	
A	Water	300	38.47%	
	Hydroxyethyl cellulose	6.3	0.81%	
	NONIDAC 11P30 70	10.0	1.28%	
	ANIODAC 11P7 27	11.2	1.44%	
	Sodium bicarbonate	0.25	0.03%	
В	Vinyl acetate	339.8	43.58%	
	VEOVA	85.1	10.92%	
С	Water	24.0	3.07%	
	Ammonium persulfate	0.8	0.1%	
D	Water	0.77	0.09%	
	Ammonium persulfate	0.09	0.01%	
Е	Preservative	1.6	0.2%	

SPD	SPD Brookfie		Viscosity at	: 25 °C (mPa*s)
4	20		7000	
Solid content at 150 °C	54.5%	pH at 10% in de	ionized water	3.5

Particle size/Z-average(nm)	PDI	
227	0.7 (narrow distribution)	

The specification data and further general description as well as packaging of the individual product can be obtained from the corresponding product data sheet. Data on material safety, transport classes, toxicology and biogradability can be obtained from the material safety data sheets.

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