

# Aqueous Dispersions of Colloidal Antimony Pentoxide Flame Retardant Additives

NYACOL® A1530, A1530G, A1540N, A1550, A1550pH7

Nyacol Nano Technologies, Inc. offers aqueous colloidal antimony pentoxide as a synergist with halogenated flame retardants in textiles, adhesives, coatings and water-based systems.

### ADVANTAGES OVER CONVENTIONAL ANTIMONY TRIOXIDE SYSTEMS

- Better penetration of the substrate.
- Less pigmenting or whitening effect for deep mass tone colors.
- Easier handling and processing. Liquid dispersions will not clog spray guns.
- Translucency for coatings, films and laminates.
- Easy compounding; no special dispersing equipment required.
- High FR efficiency for minimal added weight or change in hand.

#### **PRODUCTS**

NYACOL A1530, A1530G, A1540N, A1550 and A1550pH7 are water-based dispersions of nano-sized antimony pentoxide used with halogenated flame

retardants to increase their efficiency when used in flame retardant treatments of materials such as textiles, nonwovens, adhesive latices, and coatings.

#### TYPICAL PROPERTIES

|  | A1530 | A1530G | A1540N | A1550 | A1550pH7 |
|--|-------|--------|--------|-------|----------|
| Antimony Pentoxide (Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> ), % by weight: | 29    | 29     | 38     | 48    | 48       |
| _pH:   | 5     | 5      | 8      | 5     | 7        |
| Viscosity in centipoise:   | 5     | 5      | 5      | 10    | 10       |
| Specific Gravity:  | 1.37  | 1.37   | 1.60   | 1.81  | 1.80     |

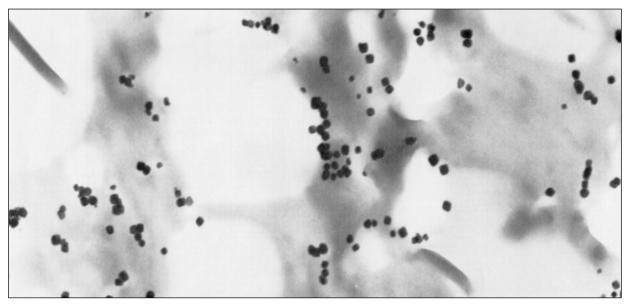
#### FORMULATING GUIDELINES

The total amount and ratio of flame retardants needed depend upon the severity of the test requirements and the material being treated. In most cases, optimum flame retardant performance in a halogen/antimony system is attained when the halogen and antimony are used at a 3:1

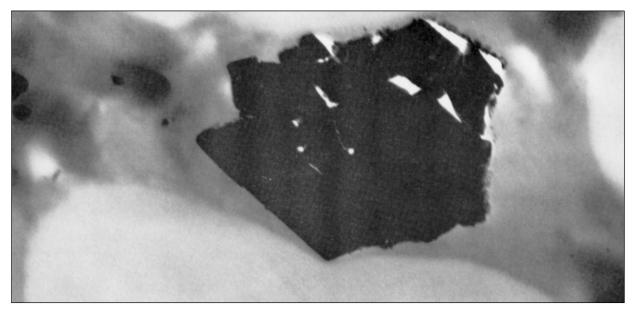
mole ratio. Exceptions are PVC and PVDC latices, which contain high levels of chlorine, so we recommend that the antimony pentoxide be added to your formulation until the complete system passes the required flame test.



Electron Micrographs
ANTIMONY OXIDES IN ACRYLONITRILE BUTADIENE STYRENE
Approximately 55,000 magnification



NANO-SIZED PARTICLES OF NYACOL ANTIMONY PENTOXIDE Average size approx. 0.03 microns



PIGMENT GRADE ANTIMONY TRIOXIDE Average size approx. 1.0 microns



#### FORMULATION EXAMPLE

This simple FR application for the finishing of nonwoven polyester fiber padding for automotive interiors consists of a 'hard' PVC latex, NYACOL A1550 or A1550pH7, water and some ammonia solution: To 10 parts NYACOL A1550 or A1550pH7, add 40 parts water with

sufficient ammonia to bring the pH to 9. Mix the water and the A1550 or A1550pH7, and add 50 parts PVC latex. These ingredients are mixed, sprayed onto the nonwoven padding, and heat-cured.

#### **TEXTILE FINISHES**

Complex textile finishes often contain additives such as softeners, anti-soil agents, anti-static agents and cross-linkers, and are beyond the scope of these guidelines. Please contact Nyacol Nano Technologies, Inc. for

recommendations for commercial manufacturers of flame retardant textile finishes that use NYACOL brand antimony pentoxide.

#### COMPOUNDING INFORMATION

NYACOL A1530, A1530G, A1550 and A1550pH7 aqueous dispersions are supplied at approximately pH 5 or pH 7 and, in nearly all applications, should have the pH adjusted before compounding with any latex. This adjustment assures full utilization of the colloidal particles without agglomeration or latex destabilization. Follow the latex manufacturer's recommendations for the optimum pH. Neutralize using ammonium hydroxide, which will volatilize during the drying and curing of latex film.

Please note: Never add NYACOL A1550 or A1550pH7 directly to a latex, but dilute to 40% Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> or less.

It is essential to dilute either the NYACOL dispersion or the latex with as much water as is practical before mixing these ingredients. Neoprene-type or PVDC latices often recommend avoiding the use of ammonia. A 15% solution of sodium hydroxide can be used, or use NYACOL A1540N, which is neutralized with sodium hydroxide.

NYACOL A1530 and A1530G: Typical latices require an approximate pH of 9. This will require approximately 0.5 kilograms of 28% ammonium hydroxide to 10 kilograms of A1530 and A1530G. Add with good mixing.

NYACOL A1550 and A1550pH7: Dilute with water to 40% Sb<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> or less, then neutralize with ammonium hydroxide.

NYACOL A1540N: As an alternative we recommend NYACOL A1540N, 40% pentoxide dispersions which are neutralized with sodium hydroxide.

#### STORAGE AND HANDLING

NYACOL antimony pentoxide sols should be stored in a cool dry area. Shelf life is guaranteed for one year. Mixing in the drum may be necessary if the product is stored for an extended amount of time.

See the Safety Data Sheet for specific handling recommendations. Please note that these products should be protected from freezing. Should the product freeze, thaw the material and remix before use.

## **PACKAGING**

|          | SIZE                        | WEIGHT                             |  |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| A1530    | 55 gallon drum / 208 liters | 600 pounds net / 272 kilograms net |  |
| A1530G   | 55 gallon drum / 208 liters | 600 pounds net / 272 kilograms net |  |
| A1540N   | 30 gallon drum / 113 liters | 375 pounds net / 170 kilograms net |  |
| A1550    | 30 gallon drum / 113 liters | 450 pounds net / 204 kilograms net |  |
| A1550pH7 | 30 gallon drum / 113 liters | 452 pounds net / 205 kilograms net |  |



### **CUSTOM PRODUCTS**

Nyacol Nano Technologies, Inc. can vary specific properties such as the particle size distribution, pH, concentration, and packaging for your specific

application. Contact us for details on availability, price and minimum order size for custom products.

#### **NON-FR PRODUCTS**

Nyacol Nano Technologies, Inc. also manufactures colloidal materials for the ceramic, catalyst, metal casting and oil refining industries. These products include oxides of aluminum, antimony, cerium, tin,

yttrium and zirconium. Custom products are also available. Contact Nyacol Nano Technologies, Inc. for information on these products.

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