Colloidal Performance Materials

NYACOL® TiSol EG

TiO₂ in Ethylene Glycol

Nyacol® TiSol EG is a colloidal dispersion of 10–30 nm TiO₂ particles dispersed in ethylene glycol. Nyacol® TiSol EG has been developed as an inorganic alternative to organic type UV blockers. TiSol EG is transparent, but still UV absorbing as a result of the small, highly dispersed nature of the TiO₂ dispersion. The product is intended to be added in PET synthesis and is supplied in fiber grade EG.

Figure 1 shows the typical particle size and particle size distribution using the Malvern Zetasizer instrument.

Nyacol® TiSol EG has been designed for PET packaging and PET fiber applications. In packaging, TiSol EG will enable the production of transparent bottles with inorganic UV blocking built into the package. In fibers, TiSol EG will enable bright, fine denier, UV blocking fibers. The amount of TiSol EG required will depend on the desired amount of UV blocking at particular wavelengths, and the thickness of the container PET wall.

Figures 2 and 3 show the absorbance (Figure 2) or transmission (Figure 3) as a function of wavelength and TiO₂ concentration. This information can be used to estimate starting point formulations for protecting the contents of PET packaging. Consult Nyacol Technical Service for a recommendation on initial formulation details.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

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<td>% TiO₂, wt.</td>
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<td>Particle size, nm</td>
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<td>%H₂O</td>
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Using TiSol EG

TiSol EG should be diluted to 1–2% TiO₂ with ethylene glycol before using to avoid problems with agglomeration. TiSol EG can be added in the primary ester exchange reactor or prior to polycondensation, depending on the available injection systems. Consult Nyacol Technical Service as needed.

Figure 1 – Typical Particle Size by Volume and Particle Size Distribution, Malvern
Figure 2 – Absorbance

Figure 3 – Transmission
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