# **BENGEL<sup>®</sup> 958**

Rheological additive for low to medium polarity binders and solvents

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**BENGEL 958** demonstrates easier dispersibility compared to conventional organoclays. It provides good thixothropy, sag resistance, and anti settling properties.

It is an easy dispersible grade, and provides great flexibility in manufacturing procedures.

It is recommended to be used in systems like air dry long oil alkyd enamels, polyurethane sanding sealers, general industrial maintenances, printing inks, sealants and aliphatic systems.

## **CHEMICAL & PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

Composition	organic derivative of a bentonite clay
Color	milky white to slight grey
Form	fine powder
Moisture	3.0 % max
Granularity (through 325 mesh)	≧95
LOI (loss on ignition)	36 - 40
FOG (dispersed in xylene)	≦50 microns

These are typical properties not to be used for specification purposes.

# APPLICATIONS

**BENGEL 958** is an efficient replacement for BENGEL 908, in aliphatic systems, especially for applications where the easy dispersibility attribute can be utilized to advantage.

**BENGEL 958** demonstrates excellent anti-settling performance in sanding sealer formulations. In long oil alkyds **BENGEL 958** demonstrates superior thixotropy and sag resistance performance.

# **KEY PROPERTIES**

BENGEL 958 Rheological Additive

- Easy to incorporate, even at less than optimum dispersion conditions
- Simplified manufacturing
- · Eliminates the need for pregels
- Eliminates the need for polar activator
- Provides good sag control and pigment suspension properties
- Provides consistent development of rheological properties
- Cost effective

### INCORPORATION

**BENGEL 958** is an easy dispersible grade that increases flexibility in paint manufacturing. In view of its easy dispersibility, it is largely recommended to be added in-situ. It is also possible to add it at any point in the manufacturing process. It performs well under less than optimum dispersion condition. A polar activator is not required.

There is generally no need to make pregel. If you have equipment constraints, the pregel technique can be used with **BENGEL 958**. This is particularly useful under less than optimum incorporation conditions, as it greatly improves paint performance compared with conventional organoclays.

General paint making equipment, e.g. ball mills, media mills, sand mills will also provide sufficient shear to effectively incorporate and activate **BENGEL 958**. For improved performance in very low polarity solvent based systems, a polar activator is recommended.

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### LEVELS OF USE

Recommended use levels for **BENGEL 958** Use levels are typically 0.2 to 1.5 % by weight of the system. The optimum level to be used is very much dependent on the formulation, efficiency of incorporation technique and equipment. A study to determine the optimum level is always encouraged.

### HANDLING AND SAFETY

Before using this product please consult our Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for information on safe handling and storage. The SDS can be found on the company website.

### STORAGE RECOMMENDATIONS

Store in a cool, dry location

#### SHELF LIFE

**BENGEL 958** rheological additive has a shelf life of 4 (four) years from date of manufacture

### QUALITY ASSURANCE

Since 1992 the company is a holder of the ISO 9001/ ISO 9002 certificates, which guarantees that all operations are conducted according to the stipulated standards.

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