



Flexisorb™ AQ-50

UV Absorber for Textiles and Hard Surfaces

Overview

- Designed to impart effective UV protection to fabrics and hard surfaces
- Emulsifiable ultraviolet light absorber for aqueous systems
- Micro-emulsifies in cold water
- Based on well proven and accepted Benzotriazole UV absorber technology
- Provides uniform dispersion & coverage due to small particle size microemulsion
- Highly efficient
- Disperses with slow addition and good agitation
- WERCS ID number: WPS1344829
- WERCS Validation number: 1344829

Applications

- Carpeting and Upholstery
- Carpet shampoos & extraction cleaners
- Apparel
- Fabrics of all types
- Paints & Coatings
- Tire dressings
- Interior automotive surfaces
- Leather

Technical Information

Flexisorb AQ-50 is a highly effective UV absorber designed for use in water-based systems. Flexisorb AQ-50 forms clear microemulsions upon dilution in cold water. The very small and uniform particle size (<50nm) provides more uniform surface coverage than typical UV absorbers which can form unstable, large particle size dispersions resulting in non-uniform surface coverage.

Flexisorb AQ-50 is based on well proven and accepted benzotriazole chemistry. Unlike water soluble UV absorbers, Flexisorb AQ-50 forms an aqueous microemulsion of water-insoluble particles that evenly disperse to form a more durable UV protective coating than is possible with water-soluble alternatives. This product provides better shelf stability than paste type UV absorbers. Flexisorb AQ-50 is a liquid which dilutes in cold or room temperature water with good agitation and slow addition.

Typical Properties

PROPERTY	VALUE
Appearance	Clear, pale yellow to amber liquid
Odor	Mild
Ionic character	Anionic
Water solubility	Microemulsifiable
Active content, %	55.0±5.0
pH (1% aq.)	7±1
Density@25°C	1.05±0.02
Boiling Point	Approx. 100°C
Flash point	Does not ignite below 100°C
Storage	Stable to freezing
Shelf life	12 months

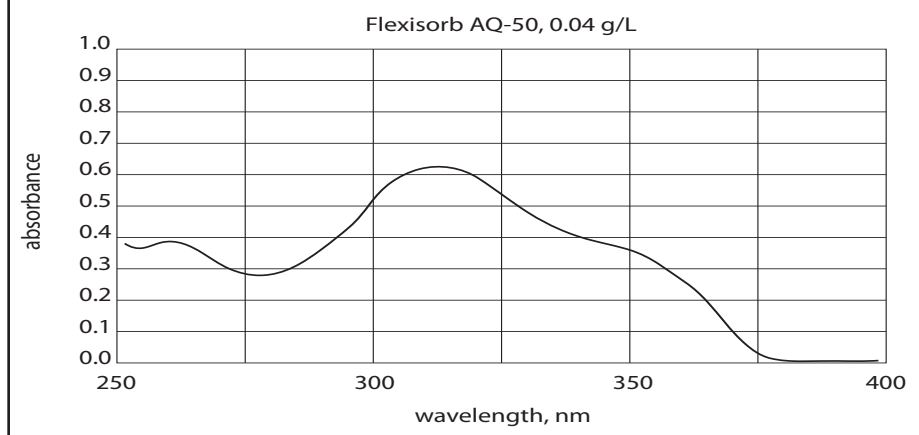
Packaging and Handling

Flexisorb AQ-50 is available in:
275 gallon totes (Net Wt. 2200 lbs)
55 gallon plastic drums (Net Wt. 440 lbs)
5 gallon pails (Net Wt. 40 lbs).

Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for information on the safe use, handling, and disposal of this product.

DOT Classification: Non-Regulated.

The following is an absorbance spectrum of a 0.04g/L microemulsion of AQ-50 demonstrating UV protection at low concentration



Whether you're looking for a replacement product, or an ingredient for a specific attribute, give us a call. We can provide assistance based upon your particular formulation requirements and composition; please feel free to contact us.

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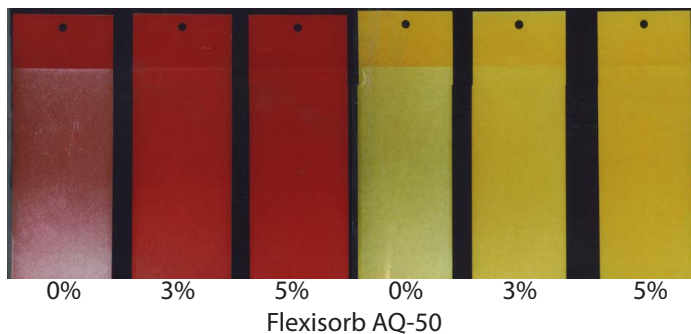
Flexisorb AQ-50: Water-dispersible UV absorber

Flexisorb AQ-50 is a self-emulsifiable Ultraviolet Light Absorber, designed for aqueous systems to impart UV protection to fabrics and hard surfaces. Combining proven benzotriazole UV absorbing chemistry with advanced microemulsion technology, Flexisorb AQ-50 is highly efficient.

The key benefit with Flexisorb AQ-50 is that the highly efficient benzotriazole-based UV absorber active ingredient is not water-soluble, but instead is micro-emulsifiable. This delivers a more durable UV protective treatment than obtainable with water-soluble UV absorbers. The very small particle size (<50nm) of the microemulsion formed with Flexisorb AQ-50 provides more uniform coverage for superior performance compared to competitive alternatives. Flexisorb AQ-50 forms a clear, stable microemulsion in cold water with good agitation, for advantages over paste type UV absorbers that require high shear agitation.

Recommended use levels vary from 0.25 to 5.0% depending on the application, application rate, and desired performance. Flexisorb AQ-50 can be added to most water based anionic, amphoteric, or nonionic coatings to provide protection against UV degradation. For cationic compatible systems, use Flexisorb AQ-51C.

The panel below illustrates the effectiveness of Flexisorb AQ-50 in protecting coatings against color change. In this example, Flexisorb AQ-50 concentrations are at 0%, 3% and 5% for each color. Note that after a 3 year Florida sun exposure, the 5% Flexisorb AQ-50 treated coating showed almost no degradation, while the untreated (0% panels) exhibited severe color change.



The following example formulations illustrate the flexibility of Flexisorb AQ-50:

Water Repellent for apparel and upholstery	
Ingredient	Wt. %
Water	to 100
Flexisorb AQ-50	0.25-1.0
Nonionic or anionic water repellent	10.0
Leather Cleaner and Conditioner	
Ingredient	Wt. %
Water	to 100
Flexisorb AQ-50	1.0-4.0
Flexicon LC-65	25.0-35.0
Vinyl/Tire Dressing	
Ingredient	Wt. %
Water	to 100
Flexisorb AQ-50	1.0-4.0
Flexiclean SS-100	0.5
Latex Paint	
Ingredient	Wt. %
Latex paint	96-98
Flexisorb AQ-50	2-4
Formulation notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slowly add Flexisorb AQ-50 to water first, while mixing with good agitation. • High shear is not necessary, but good agitation needs to be used for the water and during the slow addition of Flexisorb AQ-50. • Only add Flexisorb AQ-50 to cold or room temperature water. Do not add to warm or hot water. • Review product information for Flexipel AM-95, Flexicon LC-65, and Flexiclean SS-100 for product use details. 	

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