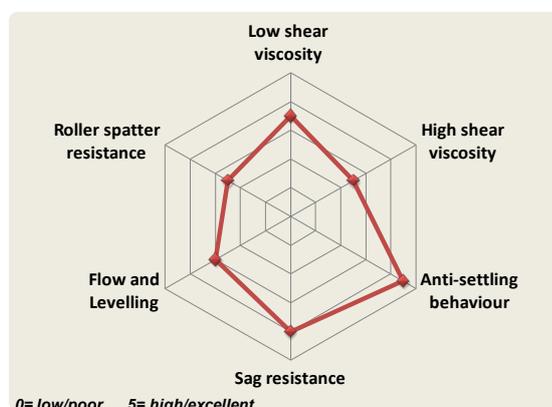


## RHEOLATE® FX 1080

### Associative Thickening Agent

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**RHEOLATE FX 1080** is a very low VOC, high efficiency, high active content polyether polyurethane thickener for the use in aqueous coatings. The product is supplied as a liquid, is convenient to handle and ready for immediate use.



#### CHEMICAL & PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance 20 °C	clear liquid
Active content	33 %
Density 20 °C (ISO 2811-2)	approx. 1070 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Viscosity, 23°C (ASTM D 2196)	5 - 15 Pa.s
Color, 50% in IPA (DIN-EN 1557)	max. 125 Apha
Solubility	soluble in water and water/glycol mixtures
Composition	hydrophobic urethane polymer in a mixture of solvents

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

#### APPLICATIONS

- **RHEOLATE FX 1080** is applicable in many aqueous systems such as emulsions, dispersions and emulsion paints e.g. based on polyacrylic-, polyvinyl-acetate homopolymers and most terpolymers.
- **RHEOLATE FX 1080** is recommended for a wide range of paint formulations, from gloss to matt finishes.

#### KEY PROPERTIES

- **RHEOLATE FX 1080** improves the anti-settling and sag resistance of aqueous paints by increasing the mid and low shear viscosity.
- **RHEOLATE FX 1080** acts as a binding agent in the coating and is totally compatible with the standard latexes used in emulsion paints.
- Paints made with **RHEOLATE FX 1080** have a higher degree of water resistance and increased scrub resistance than those made with cellulosic thickeners. Higher gloss levels in gloss emulsion paints are obtained by using **RHEOLATE FX 1080** as opposed to polyacrylates or cellulosic thickeners.
- Combining **RHEOLATE FX 1080** with a suitable pigment dispersant such as NUOSPERSE FX 600 gives outstanding gloss performance.
- For other emulsion paints we recommend the combination of **RHEOLATE FX 1080** and NUOSPERSE FX 504, for example.

Feature	Consequence
• based on a poly-ether polyurethane	- provides longterm viscosity stability - less sensitive to hydrolysis - decreased water sensitivity
• increases mid and low shear viscosity	- improved anti-settling properties and sag resistance
• non-elastic flow	- reduces roller spattering

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### INCORPORATION

**RHEOLATE FX 1080** may be added to the milling paste or during the let-down stage. Best results are obtained when using a part in the milling paste and a part during the let-down.

In some high PVC-formulations it may be useful to use **RHEOLATE FX 1080** in combination with cellulosic thickeners.

Dilution methods:

- A. Addition to the pigment grind:
 

**RHEOLATE FX 1080** as such can be incorporated together with the other liquid components of the mill-base.
- B. Addition during let-down or as post-additive:
 

**RHEOLATE FX 1080** should be diluted with water.

### LEVELS OF USE

The quantity of **RHEOLATE FX 1080** to be used is strongly dependent on the desired rheology and the composition of the paint-system. In most cases a concentration of 0.3 - 2.0% **RHEOLATE FX 1080** is sufficient. However, it is recommended to determine the optimum dosage for each case individually.

### HEALTH 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

**RHEOLATE FX 1080** should be stored frost-free.

### SHELF LIFE

**RHEOLATE FX 1080** has a shelf life of 3 (three) 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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