

D.E.R. 331

Liquid Epoxy Resin

Description

D.E.R.* 331* liquid epoxy resin is a reaction product of epichlorohydrin and bisphenol-A.

Introduction

D.E.R. 331 epoxy resin is a general purpose, widely used liquid epoxy resin. It is recognized as a standard from which many variations have been developed. A wide variety of curing agents is available to cure liquid epoxy resins at ambient conditions. The most frequently used are aliphatic polyamines, polyamides, amidoamines, cycloaliphatic amines and modified versions of these curing agents. These systems are sometimes cured at an elevated temperature to improve selected properties such as chemical resistance and glass transition temperature. Elevated temperature cures are necessary and long post-cures are required to develop full end properties if anhydride or catalytic curing agents are employed.

Typical Applications

This product is suitable for use in applications such as:

- Adhesives
- Casting and Tooling
- Civil Engineering
- Composites
- Automotive Coatings
- Can Coating
- Coil Coating
- Marine & Protective Coatings
- Photocure Industrial Coatings
- Potting and Encapsulation

Safety and Handling

The Dow Chemical Company provides its customers with a product specific Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) to cover potential health effects, safe handling, storage, use and disposal information. Dow strongly encourages its customers to review the MSDS on its products and other materials prior to their use. For further

Typical Properties¹

Epoxy Equivalent Weight, (g/eq)	182 - 192	ASTM D-1652
Percentage Epoxide, (%)	22.4 - 23.6	ASTM D-1652
Epoxide group Content, (m mol/kg)	5200 - 5500	ASTM D-1652
Viscosity @ 25°C (77°F), (mPa.s)	11000 - 14000	ASTM D-445
Color, Platinum Cobalt	75 Max.	ASTM D-1209
Hydrolyzable Chloride Content, (ppm)	500 Max.	RPM 105-D
Epichlorohydrin Content, (ppm)	5 Max.	RPM 900-A
Water Content, (ppm)	700 Max.	ASTM E-203
Density @ 25°C (77°F), (g/ml)	1.16	ASTM D-4052
Flash point, °C (°F)	252 (486)	ASTM D-93
Non-volatile Content, (wt%)	100	RPM 104B
Shelf Life, (Months)	24	

¹ Typical properties; not to be construed as specifications

handling information consult the Dow brochure entitled, *Dow Epoxy Resins Product Stewardship Manual Safe Handling and Storage*, Form No. 296-00312-898.

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Food Contact Statement

When properly formulated and cured for food contact applications, this resin will comply with the U.S. Food, Drugs and Cosmetics Act as amended under Food Additive Regulation 21 CFR 175.300. This use is subject to good manufacturing practices and limitations specified in each regulation, which should be consulted for complete details.

If your applications include food contact requirements, please contact your Dow representative for further information and forthcoming EC regulations. Also consult the Dow data sheet, *Food Additive Status for Epoxy Resins, Curing Agents and Epoxy Novolac Resins*, Form No. 296-01425.

Regulatory Status

This epoxy resin is regarded as a polymer according to the 6th Amendment of Council Directive 67/548/EEC and as a substance according to Council Directive 92/32/EEC of 30 April 1992; the 7th Amendment of that same directive. This product has been reported to the EC Commission as a No-Longer Polymer (NLP), is registered under NLP # 500-033-5, and is, therefore, exempt from the European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances (EINECS). In addition, Dow confirms that the chemicals and intentional additives which form the basis of this product are listed on EINECS. Please be informed that Dow utilizes CAS Reg. Nr. 2508-99-8 (bisphenol-A diglycidyl ether homopolymer) for bisphenol-A based liquid epoxy resins instead of CAS Reg. Nr. 25068-38-6 (bisphenol-A polymer with epichlorohydrin) which is utilized for similar resins in the market place. Both CAS numbers describe epoxy resins produced by the condensation of

Chemical Inventory List

CAS Number*		25085-99-8(25068-38-6)
Europe	EINECS	NLP#500-033-5
United States	TSCA	25085-99-8
Canada	DSL	25085-99-8
Australia	AICS	25085-99-8
Japan	MITI	7-1279
Korea	KECL	KE-24083
Philippines	PICCS	25085-99-8
China	Informal 1997 PRC Inventory	25085-99-8

* Please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or SDS for this product to ensure this CAS number is consistent with the product(s) you use.

epichlorohydrin with bisphenol-A.

With respect to China, please note that there is currently no formal Chinese Chemical Inventory legislation in place. The Chinese Authorities are in the process of drafting such legislation. There is in place an "Informal 1997 PRC Chemical Inventory List" and the above mentioned CAS Reg. Nr. is listed on it.

For more information on the regulatory status of this product, please refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) or SDS for this product.

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