

KURARAY POVAL & EXCEVAL

Technical data sheet

Characteristics

Polyvinyl alcohol (PVOH) having varying degree of polymerization and hydrolysis.

Recommended Uses

Ranging from emulsion polymerization aid to binder for pigments in paper applications.

Form supplied

Granules / fine powder with defined grain size.

Specifications

The data are determined by our quality control for each lot prior to release.

Partially saponified grades

Grade name	Viscosity ¹⁾ [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile content [%]	Ash ²⁾ (NaOAc) content [%]	pH
KURARAY POVAL					
5-74	4.2-5.0	72.5-74.5	97.5 ±3.0	≤0.4 (1.06)	5.0-7.0
30-75	28.0-33.0	74.0-76.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
3-80	2.8-3.3	78.5-81.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
26-80	21.0-31.0	78.0-81.0	97.5 ±2.5	No spec	5.0-7.0
32-80	29.0-35.0	78.0-81.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
40-80	37.0-45.0	78.0-81.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
48-80	45.0-51.0	78.5-80.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.2 (0.5)	5.0-7.0
5-82	4.5-5.2	80.0-83.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
3-85	3.4-4.0	84.2-86.2	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
3-88	3.2-3.6	87.0-89.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
4-88	3.5-4.5	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
6-88	5.0-6.0	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
8-88	7.0-9.0	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
13-88	11.5-14.5	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
18-88	16.5-19.8	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0

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KURARAY POVAL 23-88	21.5-24.5	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
26-88	24.5-27.5	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
32-88	30.0-34.0	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
40-88	38.0-42.0	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
47-88	45.0-49.0	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
95-88	80.0-110.0	87.0-89.0	97.0 ±3.0	≤0.4 (1.06)	5.0-7.0

Ultra low saponified grades

Grade name	Viscosity ¹⁾ JIS K 6726 [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile content [%]	Ash ²⁾ (NaOAc) content [%]	pH
KURARAY POVAL LM 25	3.0-4.0	33.0-38.0	98.5 ±1.5	No spec	No spec
LM 20	3.0-4.0	33.0-42.0	98.5 ±1.5	No spec	No spec
LM 10 HD	4.5-5.7	38.0-42.0	98.5 ±1.5	No spec	No spec
LM 22	3.0-4.0	47.0-53.0	98.5 ±1.5	No spec	No spec

Defoamed grades

Grade name	Viscosity ¹⁾ JIS K 6726 [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile content [%]	Ash ²⁾ (NaOAc) content [%]	pH
KURARAY POVAL 22-88 SB	20.5-24.5	87.0-89.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
17-94	14.5-18.5	92.5-94.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
28-98 K	25.0-31.0	98.0-99.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0

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Fully saponified grades

Grade name		Viscosity ¹⁾ [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile content [%]	Ash ²⁾ (NaOAc) content [%]	pH
KURARAY POVAL	30-92	28.0-32.0	91.5-93.3	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0
	17-94 NA	14.5-18.5	92.5-94.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.06)	5.0-7.0
	55-95	50.0-60.0	95.0-96.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
	3-98	3.2-3.8	98.0-99.0	97.0 ±3.0	≤0.6 (1.58)	5.0-7.0
	4-98	4.0-5.0	98.0-98.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0
	6-98	5.0-7.0	98.0-98.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0
	10-98	9.0-11.0	98.0-98.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0
	20-98	18.5-21.5	98.0-98.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0
	30-98	28.0-32.0	98.0-98.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0
	56-98	52.0-60.0	98.0-98.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0
	60-98	54.0-66.0	98.0-99.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	5.0-7.0
	15-99	12.5-17.5	99.0-99.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0
	28-99	26.0-30.0	99.0-99.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	5.0-7.0

Fine powder grades

Grade name		Viscosity ¹⁾ [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile content [%]	Ash ²⁾ (NaOAc) content [%]	pH
KURARAY POVAL	3-85 S4	3.4-4.0	84.2-86.2	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
	4-88 S2	3.5-4.5	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
	8-88 S2	7.0-9.0	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
	18-88 S2	16.5-19.8	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
	22-88 S2	20.5-24.5	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
	23-88 S2	21.5-24.5	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0
	47-88 S2	45.0-49.0	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.5 (1.32)	4.5-7.0

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Low ash grades

Grade name		Viscosity ¹⁾ DIN 53015 [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile content [%]	Ash ²⁾ (NaOAc) content [%]	pH
KURARAY POVAL	4-88 LA	3.4-4.5	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.09 (0.24)	4.5-7.0
	8-88 LA	7.0-9.0	86.7-88.7	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.09 (0.24)	4.5-7.0
	4-98 LA	4.0-5.0	98.0-98.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.09 (0.24)	4.5-7.0
	56-98 LA	52.0-60.0	98.0-98.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.09 (0.24)	4.5-7.0
	28-99 LA	26.0-30.0	99.0-99.8	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.09 (0.24)	4.5-7.0

Specialty grades

Grade name		Viscosity ¹⁾ JIS K 6726 [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile content [%]	Ash ²⁾ (NaOAc) content [%]	pH
KURARAY POVAL	6-77 KL	5.2-6.2	74.0-80.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤1.2 (3.0)	5.5-7.5
	3-86 SD	2.4-3.40	83.0-88.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤1.4 (3.5)	5.0-7.0
	25-88 KL	20.0-30.0	85.0-90.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤1.2 (3.0)	5.0-7.0
	L 8	5.0-5.8	69.5-72.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤1.0 (2.7)	5.0-7.0
	L 9	5.5-6.1	69.5-72.5	98.5 ±1.5	≤1.0 (2.7)	5.0-7.0
	L 10	5.0-7.0	71.5-73.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤1.0 (2.7)	5.0-7.0
	L 508	6.0-7.0	71.5-73.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.2 (0.4)	5.0-7.0
	L 9-78	6.0-6.7	76.5-79.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤1.2 (3.0)	5.0-7.0
	25-98 R	20.0-30.0	98.0-99.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.55 (1.5)	No Spec

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EXCEVAL grades

Grade name		Viscosity ¹⁾ JIS K 6726 [mPa•s]	Degree of hydrolysis [mol%]	Non-volatile content [%]	Ash ²⁾ (NaOAc) content [%]	pH
EXCEVAL	RS-1713	15.5-21.0	92.0-94.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	No spec
	RS-1717	23.0-30.0	92.0-94.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	No spec
	RS-2817 SB	23.0-30.0	95.5-97.5	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	No spec
	RS-2117	25.0-30.0	97.5-99.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	No spec
	AQ-4104	3.5-4.5	98.0-99.0	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	No spec
	HR-3010	12.0-16.0	99.0-99.4	97.5 ±2.5	≤0.4 (1.0)	No spec

1) of a 4 % aqueous solution at 20 °C DIN 53015 / JIS K 6726

2) calculated as Na₂O

Additional data, valid for all KURARAY POVAL grades

Non-volatile content min. 94 % (after 3 hours' drying at 105 °C/DIN 53189). Methanol content: less than 3 %. pH of a 4 % solution in distilled water (DIN 19261): 4.5-7. Bulk density (DIN 53466): approx. 0.4-0.6 gcm⁻³, depending on grade. The first number in the nomenclature denotes the viscosity of the 4 % aqueous solution at 20 °C as a relative measure for the molar mass of the KURARAY POVAL. The second number denotes the degree of hydrolysis of the polyvinyl acetate from which the KURARAY POVAL grade is derived.

Properties and uses

Polyvinyl alcohols are water-soluble polymers manufactured by alcoholysis of polyvinyl acetate. The properties of the various grades are mainly governed by the molecular weight and the remaining content of acetyl groups.

Partially saponified grades

KURARAY POVAL as adhesive promoter

KURARAY POVAL as an adhesive raw material is used in a similar manner as natural products such as casein as well as starch and its degraded derivatives (for example dextrans) as raw material for the production of aqueous adhesive solutions. Compared to dextrans and casein KURARAY POVAL has the advantage of a more uniform chemical structure and greater adhesion, being obtained with minimum raw material requirements.

Water-activated adhesives

Remoistenable adhesives are employed mainly in the paper processing industry. Very familiar uses are the gumming of paper on the reverse side (e.g. postage stamps and labels) and the application of gum to the flaps

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of envelopes and Jiffy®-type bags. Partially saponified KURARAY POVAL grades with low to medium viscosity, e.g. KURARAY POVAL 4-88 are particularly suitable for this function. To produce the adhesive, KURARAY POVAL solutions of up to 30 % are applied according to the viscosity requirements, these solutions containing additions of preservative and defoamer if necessary. The open time of the adhesive depends on the grade of KURARAY POVAL employed. Increasing viscosity of a 4 % KURARAY POVAL solution is generally accompanied by decreasing open time. An applied quantity of some 10 g KURARAY POVAL 4-88 solid per m² allows the production of coatings with very good remoistening properties and the following advantages:

- high degree of flatness during storage under fluctuating air humidity
- colorless, flexible coatings
- minimal blocking tendency, even in high air humidity
- fast setting after reactivation

Modification of emulsion adhesives

Aqueous solutions of KURARAY POVAL can be added to polymer emulsions already stabilized with polyvinyl alcohol. This affects the:

- extension of the open time
- increase of the setting speed
- influence on the rheology

The open time is very important in such operations like the manual or machine bonding of wood and paper. In a number of polymer emulsions the addition of KURARAY POVAL solution increases the bonding speed considerably. Additions of up to 10 % of an approx. 15 % solution of KURARAY POVAL to the polymer emulsion have proved to be suitable for this purpose.

The choice of KURARAY POVAL grades is primarily dependent on the viscosity required in the ready-to-use adhesive. Generally speaking, preference should be given to partially saponified KURARAY POVAL grades on account of their faster solubility at lower temperatures. In emulsion adhesives suitable for application by dip wheel or roller on applicator machines the addition of KURARAY POVAL solutions has the advantage of largely preventing skin formation during processing.

KURARAY POVAL as protective colloid

KURARAY POVAL grades, preferably of the partially hydrolysed range, are used as protective colloids in the polymerization of polymer emulsions. Because of their ability to anchor to the surface of the polymer particles that form, they help to stabilize the polymer emulsion during and after polymerization. Those KURARAY POVAL types influence not only particle size distribution but also the application properties such as viscosity, stability to stirring, the freeze/thaw stability, pigment compatibility, electrolyte stability and open time of the emulsion.

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KURARAY POVAL as a binder in textile sizes

A binder in sizes is based on its good penetration capacity and good adhesion properties on all types of fibrous material. The excellent film characteristics of KURARAY POVAL like high cohesion and toughness, low electrostatic charging and redissolving capacity of the dried film in water complete the characterisation of this polymer as suitable agent for this purpose.

KURARAY POVAL as a versatile auxiliary aid in paper applications

Due to its broad property profile KURARAY POVAL is frequently used as a co-binder in paper coatings. The particular suitability of KURARAY POVAL in pigmented coatings is based on

- its outstanding carrier properties of optical brightening agents
- its excellent colloidal protection becoming effective in high solids pigment formulations which establishes a smooth viscosity profile
- its good water retention in coating colors
- its high binding strength in paper coatings which can be related to polymer cohesion as well as to good adhesion to the fibre and to the pigment particles, respectively

Low molecular weight KURARAY POVAL grades such as KURARAY POVAL 4-98 are the preferred polyvinyl alcohols to be used in paper coatings. KURARAY POVAL possesses remarkable barrier properties. Due to its insolubility in most organic solvents, surfaces treated with KURARAY POVAL repel hydrophobic products such as oil, grease and fat. Furthermore, KURARAY POVAL displays excellent mechanical strength properties if applied as a film on paper or paperboard. Therefore, it fits well as a surface sizing agent. Many special paper grades are produced using KURARAY POVAL, such as

- silicon base paper, to be used as release paper for PSA labels
- banknote paper and grades with high folding endurance
- thermo-reactive paper for bar code labels or facsimile machines
- film casting (release) paper
- ink-jet paper

Specialty grades

Properties and uses

At the same degree of hydrolysis, the carboxylate polymer (K-types), has stronger hydrophilic property than conventional PVOH even at a lower degree of hydrolysis. Therefore, ®K-Grades such as e.g. KURARAY POVAL 6-77 KL has a good affinity to hydrophobic substances such as polyester, polystyrene etc. as well as a good water solubility. Due to its advantageous hygroscopic property, films produced from K Grades are soft and flexible at standard condition (20° C, 65% RH) or under higher humidity. K Grades can react with aluminium sulphate $Al_2(SO_4)_3$ to form a gel, enabling K Grades to work effectively in the field of paper sizing. Furthermore, K Grades is less sensitive to salting-out effects, judged with comparable conventional PVOH.

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L-Polymer grades are polyvinyl alcohol grades that have been developed to be used as primary suspending agents for vinyl suspension polymerization. The desired grain size can be obtained at low level of L-Polymer. Also a precise control of the particle size distribution is achieved and PVC grains tend to be more spherical using L-Polymer grades. PVC grains of good porosity are produced while maintaining a satisfactory bulk density. The plasticizer speed, the “fish eyes” count and the residual vinyl chloride monomer level are drastically improved using L-Polymer grades.

R Grade is water-soluble polymer, which molecular structure contains peculiar functional groups, i.e., silanol groups. The silanol groups are reactive with inorganic substances such as silica or alumina. R Grade can be applied with inorganic substances to form water resistant films. R Grade is mainly used as a binder for inorganic substances and as a surface coating agent for organic materials which contain inorganic substances such as e.g. paper.

Industrial Safety and Environmental Protection

Not classified as a dangerous substance or preparation according to the current criteria of chemical legislation, or of the EU Directives 67/548/EC. A safety data sheet is available on request.

Special remarks

Status as governed by foodstuffs legislation

Refer to the KURARAY POVAL webpage for regulatory information.

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