

Technical Data Sheet

LA444

General Description

LA444 is a thixotropic compound suitable for filling and/or flooding the most common types of optical fiber cables, such as loose tube, slotted core, ribbon, etc.

Chemical manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party information:

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Performance in Optical fiber Cables

The chemical properties of the compound remain stable if kept in a temperature range between -60°C to +100°C; short exposures to temperatures up to 300°C will not affect them.

Cables manufactured with LA444 will show an excellent balance of properties and will pass both attenuation test at low temperatures and oil separation or drip test at high temperatures.

The compound does not affect inks generally used for optical fiber coating.

Processing

Gel may be pumped with the usual metering pump devices at room temperature (cold filling technology).

Constant quality ensures high-speed, trouble-free production.

Health, Safety Precautions, and Identification

LA444 was tested according to EU recommendations 83/467/EEC and 84/449/EEC and found to be nontoxic, nonirritant to eyes, nonirritant to skin and nonnutritive to fungus.

Good personal hygienic practice should be used, and prolonged contact with skin should be avoided.

Based on our current knowledge and available information, LA444 does not pose any health risks.

For further information, please refer to the Safety Data Sheet.

Packaging

Type of Packaging	Net Weight	Gross Weight	Pallet Type & Size
Pail	4 – 20 Kg	5 - 22 Kg	NA
Drum	170 Kg	200 – 765 Kg	Heat Treated Pallet – 48Wx48Lx48H in. (1 – 4 drums per pallet)
IBC (Disposable or Returnable)	850 Kg	893 Kg	Attached Metal Pallet – 48Wx40Lx46H in. (1 IBC per pallet)
EZ Box (Disposable)	850 Kg	908 Kg	Heat Treated Pallet – 46Wx46Lx55H in. (1 box per pallet)
Fluid Bag (Disposable)	850 Kg	890 Kg	Heat Treated Pallet – 49Wx45Lx48H in. (1 bag per pallet)
Stainless Still Tote (Returnable)	800 Kg	1,035 Kg	Attached SS Pallet – 44Dx67H in. (1 SS per pallet)
River City Tote (Returnable)	1,200 kg	1,360 Kg	Attached Plastic Pallet – 48Wx48Lx83H in. (1 RC per pallet)

Storage

Protect from moisture; storage life several years if store between -40°C and +85°C.

Characteristics

Density (20°C) ASTM D1475	- 0.83 ± 0.02	g/cm3	Cone Penetration DIN 51580, ASTM D937	> 200 (at -60°C) > 260 (at -40°C) > 360 (at 20°C)	1/10 mm
Flash Point DIN EN ISO 2592, ASTM D92	>220	°C	Volatiles (by weight) 80°C/ 24 hrs	< 0.5	%
Viscosity DIN 53019 (50s ⁻¹ , 20°C)	9,000 ± 1,000	mPa·s	Oxidation Induction Time ASTM D3895	> 100	Min
Yield Stress (20°C) (By means of flow curve)	>40	Pa	Oil Separation (FTM 791.C) 120°C/ 24 hrs	0	%

Compatibilities

- O. F. Coating - Compatible with O. F. coatings (UV Acrylate) commonly used in optical fiber cables.
- PET, PBT, PA, PC - Compatible with thermoplastic materials commonly used in optical fiber cables.
- PE - To be checked by the cable manufacturer; results are greatly influenced by material type.