

Product Bulletin

BIO-SOFT® N25 SERIES

Product
Name

Chemical
Structure

CAS
Registry No.

$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{-O}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_y\text{H}$ $n = 11\text{-}14$
 $y = \text{average moles of ethoxylation}$

68131-39-5

Chemical
Description

Applications

Alcohol ethoxylates based on a synthetic C12-15 alcohol base

The BIO-SOFT N25 series is a line of high active nonionic surfactants. The BIO-SOFT N25 series products are stable in both aqueous acidic and alkaline solutions, allowing for application in a wide range of products. The alcohol ethoxylates containing between one and five moles of ethoxylation are primarily useful in oil-based systems.

Functional Properties

- Detergent
- Excellent wetting agents
- Low (BIO-SOFT N25-3) to moderate (BIO-SOFT N25-7, BIO-SOFT N25-9) foam production
- Emulsification
- Solubilizer
- Can be used in conjunction with anionic, amphoteric and cationic surfactants

End Product Uses

- Laundry products
- Textiles
- Hard surface cleaners
- Paints
- Hand dishwashing presoaks
- Pesticides
- Rug cleaners
- HI&I machine-based, low foam cleaning (BIO-SOFT N25-3 only)

Typical
Properties

	<u>BIO-SOFT N25-3</u>	<u>BIO-SOFT N25-7</u>
Appearance at 25 °C.....	Clear to slightly hazy liquid	Clear liquid to white paste
Average No. Moles EO.....	3	7.25
HLB.....	8.0	12.2
pH, 5% aqueous.....	6.0-8.0	—
Density, g/ml (lbs/U.S. gal).....	0.926 (7.71)	0.960 (8.00)
Actives, %.....	99.5 min.	99.5 min.
Color, APHA.....	50 max.	50 max.
Pour Point, °C (°F).....	8 max (46 max.)	17-21 (63-70)
Viscosity at 38 °C (100 °F), cps.....	17	29
Cloud Point (1% aqueous), °C (°F).....	N/A	46-54 (115-129)
Flash Point, PMCC, °C (°F).....	>94 (>201)	>94 (>201)
RVOC, U.S. EPA, %.....	0	0
Preservative.....	Not required	Not required

	<u>BIO-SOFT N25-9</u>
Appearance at 25 °C.....	white paste
Average No. Moles EO.....	9
HLB.....	13.3
pH, 1% Aqueous.....	5.5-6.5
Density, g/ml (lbs/U.S. gal).....	0.960 (8.00)
Actives, %.....	99.5 min.
Color, APHA.....	50 max.
Pour Point, °C (°F).....	22-26 (72-79)
Viscosity at 38 °C (100 °F), cps.....	31
Cloud Point (1% Aqueous), °C (°F).....	68-78 (154-172)



Flash Point, PMCC, °C (°F)..... >94 (>201)
RVOC, U.S. EPA, %..... 0
PreservativeNot required

Biodegradability

The BIO-SOFT N25 Series products are readily biodegradable. A detailed biodegradability statement is available upon request.

Toxicity

The BIO-SOFT N25 Series products are slightly toxic orally ($LD_{50} \geq 1800\text{mg/kg}$). Undiluted the BIO-SOFT N25 Series products are severe skin and eye irritants while a 1% dilution generally causes slight to mild skin irritation. A detailed mammalian toxicity statement is available upon request.

Storage & Handling

Normal safety precautions (i.e., gloves, safety goggles) should be employed when handling BIO-SOFT N25 Series products. Avoid contact with eyes, nose or prolonged skin contact. Wash exposed areas thoroughly after handling material.

While diluting the BIO-SOFT N25 Series products, as with all alcohol ethoxylates, they are prone to gelling. If the product is diluted into water, heating may be required to minimize or eliminate gel formation.

It is recommended that the BIO-SOFT N25 Series products be stored in sealed containers and kept in a cool, dry place. If the products are frozen, they should be heated gently and stirred to ensure they are homogeneous before use.

Standard Packaging: The BIO-SOFT N25 Series products are available in 55-gallon drums (450lb/205 kg) and in bulk quantities.

Clearances

All components of the BIO-SOFT N25 Series products are listed in the following countries; the registration number of the active ingredient is listed in parentheses: United States (TSCA 68131-39-5), Europe (NLP 500-084-3), Canada (DSL 68131-39-51), Australia (AICS 68131-39-5), Korea (ECL KE-13388) and Philippines (PICCS 68131-39-5).

The BIO-SOFT N25 Series is available as Kosher Certified.

The BIO-SOFT N25 Series is approved for use under EPA 40CFR 180.910, pre- and post-harvest, 180.930.

BIO-SOFT N25-7 meets the U.S. EPA Safe Choice Program's surfactant screen and is listed on www.cleangredients.org (an on-line database for green formulators). For further information, visit www.cleangredients.org. Additional Stepan ingredient listing can be found at www.stepan.com.

Product Stewardship

This product bulletin has been written in accordance with ACC's Product Stewardship guidelines.

Additional Safety Information

A Safety Data Sheet is available upon request.



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