



# **DISPERBYK-2118**

Solvent-free wetting and dispersing additive for solvent-borne and solvent-free pigment concentrates and printing inks (medium-polarity to non-polar). Main use is to disperse carbon blacks and phthalocyanine pigments.

#### **Product Data**

# Composition

Block copolymer with pigment affinic groups

## **Typical Properties**

The values indicated in this data sheet describe typical properties and do not constitute specification limits.

Amine value: 16.5 mg KOH/g Density (20 °C): 1.01 g/ml Non-volatile matter (10 min., 150 °C): 100 %

## **Food Contact Legal Status**

For the current food contact legal status, please contact our product safety department or visit www.byk.com for further information.

# **Applications**

# **Coatings and Printing Inks**

### **Special Features and Benefits**

DISPERBYK-2118 deflocculates pigments and stabilizes them by means of steric hindrance. The deflocculating property of the additive results in increased gloss, color intensity, transparency or hiding power, and a reduced mill base viscosity. DISPERBYK-2118 is recommended for use in pigment concentrates and solvent-borne printing inks, particularly for medium-polarity to non-polar flexographic and gravure printing inks based on alcohol-soluble cellulose nitrates. Main use is to disperse carbon blacks and phthalocyanine pigments (blue and green).

# **Recommended Use**

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#### **Recommended Levels**

Amount of additive (as supplied) based upon pigment:

Inorganic pigments: 5-10 % Titanium dioxides: 1-5 % Organic pigments: 20-40 % Carbon blacks: 10-75 %

The above recommended levels can be used for orientation. Optimal levels are determined through a series of laboratory tests.

#### **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

Wetting and dispersion additives should generally be added to the millbase. Only in this way can they be fully effective. In the case of binder-free grinds, the solvent components of the millbase are pre-mixed with the additive whilst stirring and before the pigment is added. If the grinds contain binder, the binder, solvent and additive should be homogenized prior to adding the pigment.







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