

# **BYK-044**

Silicone-containing defoamer for aqueous printing inks and overprint varnishes.

## **Product Data**

Composition VOC-free (< 1500 ppm)

Emulsion of hydrophobic solids and polysiloxanes

## **Typical Properties**

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

Density (20 °C): 1.03 g/ml Non-volatile matter (10 min., 150 °C): 57 %

## **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.

## **Storage and Transportation**

Storage and transportation between 0°C and 40°C. Temperature-sensitive emulsion. If the temperature has exceeded or fallen below the recommended range, the product has to be tested before use and, if necessary, be re-emulsified at room temperature.

## **Applications**

## **Printing Inks**

## **Special Features and Benefits**

BYK-044 is recommended as a millbase defoamer, to defoam aqueous pigment concentrates and for overprint varnishes.

#### **Recommended Levels**

0.05-0.5 % additive (as supplied) based upon total formulation.

0.2-2 % additive (as supplied) in the pigment concentrates.

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

## **Incorporation and Processing Instructions**

Due to its high incompatibility, the defoamer must be incorporated at high shear forces to ensure a good distribution. Otherwise defects may occur in the system.



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