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- Air release agents
- Surface modifiers
- Dispersing & wetting agents
 - For fillers loadings
 - For pigments dispersions
- Anti-separation agents





Our comprehensive portfolio enables solutions for various industries





Strong brands to empower your business

Water-based brands	Application	Solvent-based* brands
Dispex [®] / Dispex [®] Ultra	DISPERSING AGENTS	Efka [®]
Foamaster [®] / FoamStar [®]	DEFOAMERS	Efka [®]
Rheovis [®] (organic) / Attagel [®] (clays)	RHEOLOGY MODIFIERS	Efka®
Hydropalat [®]	WETTING AGENTS	Efka [®]
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Scope

Our portfolio accompanies formulators of thermoset systems, based on different matrix' resins (UPE, epoxies, vinyl esters ..) as used in a number of processes to deliver finished parts

- ✓ Continuous processes (e.g. **pultrusion**)
- ✓ Injection processes (e.g. Bulk Moulding Compounds thermoplastic injection is excluded)
- ✓ Compression processes (e.g. **Sheet Moulding Compounds**)

✓ Manual processes







COMPOSITES Lighter, stronger, better

Buildings, Boats, Automobiles and more

Reduce weight of composite parts while increasing their rigidity, resilience and performance

Optimize matrix properties and makes reinforcements more adaptable to specific applications

Stabilize pigments and fillers to prevent sedimentation in composite formulations

Improve flow, slip and rheology behavior – contributes to proper fiber wetting

Enhance quality of laminate finish and extends durability of composite material



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Air release agents for gelcoats and composites





Efka[®] PB 2720

Solution of deaerating substances, silicone-free



Application:

Efka® PB 2720 finds use in many processes, including casting.

Efka® PB 2720 is of standard use in UPE systems including gel-coats.

Efka® PB 2720 is a cost effective air release agent.

Performance highlights:

- Silicone-free air release agent, supports de-aeration during application of compounds or laminates
- Broadest UPE systems compatibility
- Suited for filled/reinforced thermoset systems such as UPE
- Synergistic effect with Efka FA 4644 / 4647

Characteristic Values:

Appearance	colorless, clear to slightly hazy liquid
Density at 20°C	~ 0.84 g/cm ³
Solvent	alkyl benzene/industrial spirit (boiling range 140–165°C)



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Surface modifiers for gelcoats and composites

Silicone free non-modified polyacrylates

- Efka FL 3750 (100%)
- Efka FL 3740 EH (100% active)
- Efka FL 3741 (100% active)
- Efka FL 3778 (70% active)

Silicone free fluorocarbon-modified polyacrylate

Efka FL 3277 (100% active)

Organically modified polysiloxane

Additional wetting

- Efka SL 3236 (100% Active)
- Efka SL 3035 (52% Active)
- Efka SL 3030 (15% Active)

Providingslip

Providing levelling

BASF We create chemistry

Efka[®] FL 3277 Surface modifiers - Fluorocarbon modified polyacrylate



Application:

Efka[®] FL 3277 is a surface modifier suited for BMC & gel-coats UPE. Efka[®] FL 3277 gives excellent levelling performance in solvent-free epoxies & polyurethane thick systems.

Performance highlights:

- Fluorocarbon modified polyacrylate
- Stronger anti-cratering effect
- Provides additional substrate wetting

Characteristic Values:

Appearance	slightly hazy, lightly colored liquid
Active ingredients	~ 98.5 %
Flash point	85 °C (185 °F)
	~ 1.470
Color	= < 2



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Wetting & dispersing agents for inorganics in gelcoats and composites



Low molecular weight dispersants - Indicative ranking in UPE systems



Wetting & dispersing agents for inorganics in gelcoats and composites



Efka® FA 4620 - ex: towards CaCO₃ / ATH in SMC compound

Viscosity reduction of different SMC formulations



Efka[®] FA 4620

Solvent-free wetting agent for inorganic powders in 100% systems, non aqueous compounds



Application:

Efka[®] FA 4620 is an acidic polyester wetting & dispersing agent.

Efka[®] FA 4620 finds use in compounds & gel-coats and fits well in most UPE based systems for example for SMC, gel-coats formulations.

Not designed for Co-accelerated systems.

Sustainability highlights:

Free of solvents

Performance highlights:

- Wetting & dispersing agent for fillers like CaCO3, ATH
- Improves wetting and incorporation of fillers
- Reduces viscosity of compounds or allows higher filler loading
- Contributes to a more suited rheology to the related processes
- Supports hiding power of TiO2

Characteristic Values:

Appearance	Clear brownish liquid
Gardner colour	< / = 8
Solids	~100%
Acid value	~ 290 mg KOH
Density	~ 1.25 g/cm ³



Wetting & dispersing agents for organics High molecular weight dispersants in composites & gelcoats

High molecular weight dispersing agents are especially suited for coloured organic pigments thus of special interest for pigment pastes in particular or for gel-coats.

Examples of most used dispersing agents

Polyurethane polymers: Efka® PU 4010 / Efka® PU 4063 / Efka® PU 4047 / Efka® PU 4050

Polyacrylate polymers: Efka® PA 4402 / Efka® PA 4401

Advanced polymers: Efka PX 473X grades



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Anti-separation agents for filled/unfilled UPE resin systems



Principle of interaction between UPE resin and LS or LP additives



Anti-separation agents for filled UPE resin systems



Efka® PU 4010's contribution to provide a homogeneous compound

Effect in a filled and pigmented compound



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