

# Bermocoll EBM 5500

Methyl ethyl hydroxyethyl cellulose

Bermocoll® EBM 5500 is a non-ionic, water soluble cellulose ether with enhanced enzyme resistance. It improves the consistency, the stability, and the water retention of water based products.

## Specifications

Appearance	Whitish powder
Particle size	98 % $\leq$ 500 $\mu$ m
Salt content	$\leq$ 6 %
Water content	$\leq$ 4 %

## Characteristics

pH, 1% solution	5-7
Surface activity	Weak
Viscosity at 20 °C (Brookfield LV), 1% solution	5000-6500 mPa.s

### Notes:

Bermocoll® EBM 5500 is a high viscosity grade of methyl ethyl hydroxyethyl cellulose.

## Applications

Bermocoll® EBM 5500 is a high viscosity cellulose ether with enhanced enzyme resistance for improving water retention, consistency and stability for latex based products.

## Storage

In unopened bags, Bermocoll® EBM 5500 can be stored for several years. In opened bags, the moisture content of Bermocoll® EBM 5500 will be influenced by the air humidity.

## Packaging and transport

Like many industrial processed powdery materials, cellulose ether dusts are combustible and can cause dust explosions. Dust formation must be avoided or kept to a minimum. Care should be taken to prevent ignition from heat, spark, open flames or hot surface. Bermocoll® EBM 5500 is packed in a polyethylene bags. Net weight 20 kg. We recommend emptying the bags from the bottom. The empty bags can be recycled or burned. In unopened bags, Bermocoll® EBM 5500 can be stored for several years. In opened bags, the moisture content of Bermocoll® EBM 5500 will be influenced by the air humidity. At the temperatures above 250 °C (480 °F), charring of Bermocoll® EBM 5500 will occur. At high temperatures and in contact with an open flame, Bermocoll® EBM 5500 will burn slowly with the characteristics of cellulose.

## Safety and handling

Bermocoll® EBM 5500 is used in latex paints for thickening and stabilizing effects, particularly when high storage viscosity combined with low application viscosity is required. Bermocoll® EBM 5500 is easily dispersed in cold water of pH 7 or less. Bermocoll® EBM 5500 can form lumps when added to an alkaline liquid. To avoid this, it should be added as a ready stock solution, as a slurry in slight acid water or in an organic solvent, or as a dry mix with other powder materials. The dissolving time after dispersion is influenced by the water pH. Alkaline additives can be used to speed up the dissolving process. At the temperatures above 250 °C (480 °F), charring of Bermocoll® EBM 5500 will occur. At high temperatures and in contact with an open flame, Bermocoll® EBM 5500 will burn slowly with the characteristics of cellulose.

## Certifications

Nouryon Chemicals AG has been certified according to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and OHSAS 18001.

## Additional information

Normal dosage is 0.2 - 0.7 % calculated on the total paint weight.

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