

Butanox L-50

Methyl ethyl ketone peroxide, solution in dimethyl phthalate



Butanox® L-50 is an ideal catalyst used for curing promoted unsaturated polyester resins at room temperature. Low-hydrogen peroxide content reduces gel-coat porosity and provides improved curing of vinylester resins.

CAS number
1338-23-4

EINECS/ELINCS No.
215-661-2

TSCA status
listed on inventory

Specifications

Appearance, 20-25°C	Clear odorless liquid
Total active oxygen	8.9 %

Characteristics

Density, 20 °C	1.162 g/cm ³
Viscosity, 20 °C	(Ubbelohde) 22 mPa.s

Applications

Butanox® L-50 is a general purpose methyl ethyl ketone peroxide (MEKP) for room and elevated temperature cure of unsaturated polyester resins in the presence of a metal (cobalt) accelerator. Butanox® L-50 has a low hydrogen peroxide content which reduces gelcoat porosity and provides improved curing of vinyl ester resins.

Thermal stability

Organic peroxides are thermally unstable substances, which may undergo self-accelerating decomposition. The lowest temperature at which self-accelerating decomposition of a substance in the original packaging may occur is the Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT). The SADT is determined on the basis of the Heat Accumulation Storage Test.

SADT	60°C
Method	The Heat Accumulation Storage Test is a recognized test method for the determination of the SADT of organic peroxides (see Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria - United Nations, New York and Geneva).

Storage

Due to the relatively unstable nature of organic peroxides a loss of quality can be detected over a period of time. To minimize the loss of quality, Nouryon recommends a maximum storage temperature

Ts max.	30°C
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Note

When stored under these recommended storage conditions, Butanox® L-50 will remain within the Nouryon specifications for a period of at least 6 months after delivery.

Packaging and transport

Butanox® L-50 is packed in non-returnable, 1 gallon polyethylene containers of 8 lb net weight (4 per case). Both packaging and transport meet the international regulations. For the availability of other packed quantities contact your Nouryon representative. Butanox® L-50 is classified as Organic peroxide type D; liquid; Division 5. 2; UN 3105.

Safety and handling

Keep containers tightly closed. Store and handle Butanox® L-50 in a dry well-ventilated place away from sources of heat or ignition and direct sunlight. Never weigh out in the storage room. Avoid contact with reducing agents (e. g. amines), acids, alkalis and heavy metal compounds (e. g. accelerators, driers and metal soaps). Please refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for further information on the safe storage, use and handling of Butanox® L-50. This information should be thoroughly reviewed prior to acceptance of this product. The SDS is available at nouryon.com/sds-search.

Major decomposition products

Carbon dioxide, Water, Acetic acid, Formic acid, Propionic acid, Methyl ethyl ketone

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