

Technical Data Sheet

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Sodium Stearate

Sodium Stearate, being soluble in hot water, exhibits many properties quite different from the water insoluble metallic soaps. It is an extremely efficient lubricant and imparts antistatic properties when used in the lubrication of high-temperature thermoplastics. It is widely used in the formulation of metal working compounds and temporary protective coatings which can subsequently be stripped with steam or alkali cleaners. Sodium Stearate forms the basis of highly efficient, high-temperature, industrial cleaners. Sodium Stearate finds wide use as a thickening or gelling agent for a wide variety of aqueous-based systems; in paint, cosmetics, and pharmaceutical industries. Sodium Stearate is suitable for use in food packaging applications in accordance with FDA Code of Regulations; Section 175.105, 176.170, 177.2600, 181.29, and other CFR Sections.

Sodium Stearate should find application in the following areas:

- 1. <u>Greases</u>: As a gelling agent for mineral oil.
- 2. Paints: As a viscosity stabilizer in water or emulsion-based paints.
- 3. <u>Plastics</u>: As a gelling/thickening agent for plastisols.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

| % Moisture | 2.0 |
|---------------------------------------|------|
| % Free Fatty Acid | 0.75 |
| % Fineness, (through 100 mesh screen) | 99.5 |

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