PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18

Linear Thermoplastic Polyurethane

PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18 is an elastic, linear, aromatic polyurethane with an extremely high crystallization speed and a low thermoplasticity level.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Supply form	***: White or slightly yellowish pellets without talcum or any other antiadherents in the formulation.*** *(The mentioned colour differences do not affect the quality of the adhesive)*	
Viscosity @ 20ºC *(Brookfield RVF sp.2, 20 rpm solution at 15% in MEK)*	***: 1600 - 2000 mPa.s***	*(MQSA Nº 40 A)*

PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

Density @ 20ºC	: Approx. 1.19 g/cm^3.
Hydroxyl number	: Approx. 0.1 %
Hydrolysis Resistance	: Good
Minimum Activation Temperature	: Approx. 50 ºC.

SOLUBILITY

PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18 is soluble in acetone, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), cyclohexanone, dimethyl formamide, tetrahydrofurane (THF). Diluting solvents such as toluene and ethyl acetate can be added.
The solvents and diluents should be water-free (max. 0.1 %), so as to avoid subsequent side reactions during crosslinking with isocyanates.

SOLUTIONS

PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18 should be dissolved in closed tanks, and the use of a variable speed agitator is advisable. The final viscosity figures can vary, depending on the stirring process and on the solvent/diluents ratios.

Please see our technical sheet on **""Process for obtaining solutions based on PEARLSTICK®"**.

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APPLICATIONS

PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18 is used for the production of adhesives for bonding plasticized PVC to plasticized PVC or other materials such as leather, textiles, rubber, elastomeric PU etc. in the shoe industry.

The adhesives based on **PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18** show.

- High green strength values.
- Easier heat activation (wide range of activation temperatures).
- Long and high hot-tack (tack retention).

PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18 may be suitable as a raw material for the production of one-component adhesives.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

A safety data sheet on **PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18** is available, with all safety information. When solutions are prepared, the usual safety practices in the handling of chemicals should be observed, i.e.: good ventilation in the working area, good skin protection and protective goggles.

PACKAGING

PE bags containing 25 kg. n.w.
Pallets of 750 kg. n.w.

STORAGE

PEARLSTICK® 45-60/18 should be stored in a **cool (15-25ºC) and dry place**, for periods that should not exceed 6 months, in well-closed packaging.

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