

Solubility of Eastman[™] hydroquinone and derivatives

Hydroquinone and hydroquinone derivatives in the following list are used as intermediates for manufacturing a variety of products and as polymerization inhibitors for vinyl monomers and unsaturated polyester resins.

- Hydroquinone (HQ)
- Toluhydroquinone (THQ)
- Mono-tert-butylhydroquinone (MTBHQ)
- 2,5-Di-tert-butylhydroquinone (DTBHQ)

These hydroquinone derivatives are solids, and while Eastman offers them in powder form to facilitate handling, some customers prefer to predissolve these materials before use. Therefore, to aid in solvent selection, the solubilities of these products were determined in a variety of solvents. Since variations in solute, solvent, and conditions can produce different results, customers are urged to evaluate solubilities under specific use conditions.

Approximate solubility^a of Eastman[™] hydroquinone and derivatives in solvents and monomers [Wt %, 24°C (75°F)]

		OH	OH CH ₃	OH C(CH ₃) ₃	
	Flash point	OH	Т ОН	Т ОН	(CH₃)₃C´ 丫́́ OH
Solvents	тсс, °с (°F)	HQ	THQ	MTBHQ	DTBHQ
Glycol ether and glycol ether	ester solvents				
Eastman [™] EP solvent	49 (120)	27	34	47	30
Eastman [™] EEP solvent	58 (136) ^b	14	28	52	25
Eastman [™] EB solvent	62 (143)	24	32	42	27
Eastman [™] EB acetate	71 (160)	10	24	42	24
Eastman [™] DP solvent	93 (200)	30	_	44	—
Ester solvents					
Ethyl acetate	-4 (24)	18	50	50	31
Isopropyl acetate	2 (35)	10	24	44	24
Isobutyl acetate	21 (69)	5	18	41	21
n-Butyl acetate	27 (81)	10	21	41	24
Isobutyl isobutyrate	40 (104)	< 5	10	14	18
Amyl acetate	41 (106)	5	18	41	24
Eastman Texanol [™] ester alcohol	120 (248) ^c	10	14	14	18
Alcohols					
Methyl alcohol	10 (50)	30	48	>60	24
Ethyl alcohol, 95%	12 (54)	34	44	>60	21
Isopropyl alcohol, 99%	13 (55)	24	41	46	24
n-Butyl alcohol	36 (97)	21	30	47	21
2-Ethylhexyl alcohol	73 (164)	5	14	24	14
Ketones					
Acetone	-20 (4)	17	55	66	25
Methyl ethyl ketone	-9 (16)	30	41	41	14
Methyl n-propyl ketone	8 (46)	24	39	44	32
Methyl isobutyl ketone	16 (60)	18	30	46	30
Methyl isoamyl ketone	36 (96)	14	27	44	30
Methyl n-amyl ketone	39 (102)	18	30	24	30
Cyclohexanone	44 (111)	30	41	30	5

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Solvents/monomers	Flash point TCC, °C (°F)	он HQ	он THQ	MTBHQ	oh DTBHQ
Glycols					
Propylene glycol	104 (220)	23	26	41	10
Ethylene glycol	119 (246)	27	34	42	<5
Dipropylene glycol	138 (280)	27	27	24	18
Diethylene glycol	143 (290) ^c	32	34	41	14
Vinyl monomers					
Vinyl acetate	-7 (20)	2	6	29	8
Acrylonitrile	0 (32)	6	18	46	12
Methyl methacrylate	10 (50)	5	16	41	19
Ethyl acrylate	16 (60)	5	18	44	22
Butyl acrylate	40 (103)	2	11	39	15
Acrylic acid	54 (130)	<1	6	23	3
Methacrylic acid	77 (170)	<0.5	<1	7	<1
Miscellaneous					
Water	_	7	7		Insoluble
Benzene	-11 (12)	Insoluble		_	_
Toluene	7 (45)	Insoluble	_	Insoluble	_
Ethyl benzene	23 (74)	—	—		—
Xylene	28 (83)	Insoluble	—		—
Styrene monomer	30 (86)	<5	<5	<5	<5
Triethyl phosphate	99 (210) ^d	32	41	41	10

^aProperties reported here are typical of average lots. Eastman makes no representation that the material in any particular shipment will conform exactly to the values listed.

^bSetaflash Point

^cCleveland Open Cup

^dPensky-Martens Closed Cup



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