

Eastman solvents for coatings/inks

Features and benefits

	Comments	Key performance features	Key benefits
Ketones			
Eastman MAK	Non-HAP Possible xylene replacement Readily biodegradable	• Excellent solvent activity	 Dissolves a wide range of polymers and yields solutions with low viscosities
		• Low density	Combined with high solvent activity, helps meet VOC guidelines
		 Slow evaporation rate 	 Good flow and leveling of air-dry and baked coatings
		• Low surface tension	• Improves atomization, wetting, flow, and leveling
		 Urethane grade 	• Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
		• Flash point above 100°F	Safety and possible labeling
Eastman MIAK	Non-HAP Readily biodegradable Possible xylene replacement	• Excellent solvent activity	 Dissolves a wide range of polymers and yields solutions with low viscosities
		• Low density	Combined with high solvent activity, helps meet VOC guidelines
		 Slow evaporation rate 	 Good flow and leveling of air-dry and baked coatings
		• Low surface tension	• Improves atomization, wetting, flow, and leveling
		 Urethane grade 	• Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
Eastman MPK	 Non-HAP (can contain up to 10% MIBK) Possible toluene, MEK, MIBK replacement Readily biodegradable 	Excellent solvent activity	Dissolves a wide range of polymers and yields solutions with low viscosities
		• Low density	• Combined with high solvent activity, helps meet VOC guidelines
		Medium evaporation rate	 Provides good balance of application and drying characteristics, particularly for air-dry, high-solids alkyd enamels
		Urethane grade	Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
		• Ultrahigh-purity grade available	Meets Boeing specifications
Eastman C-11	 Non-HAP Predicted to be readily biodegradable 	Very slow evaporation rate	Good flow and leveling in high-bake and coil-applied coatings
ketone		Moderate solvent activity	Dissolves many thermoplastic polymers and low-molecular- weight oligomers
		• Low density	Beneficial in low-VOC coatings
		High flash point	• Reduces fire hazard
		• Low water	Low susceptibility to moisture pickup
Eastman MIPK	• Non-HAP • Readily biodegradable	Excellent solvent activity	Dissolves a wide range of polymers and yields solutions with low viscosities
		• Low density	Combined with high solvent activity, helps meet VOC guidelines
		Medium evaporation rate	Provides good balance of application and drying characteristics
Eastman DIBK	Non-HAP Readily biodegradable	Good solvent activity	Dissolves a wide range of polymers
		• Low density	Helps meet VOC guidelines
		Low surface tension	Enhances substrate wetting while providing flow and leveling
		High blush resistance	Successful application of coatings under high humidity conditions
		Low water solubility	Low susceptibility to moisture pickup
		Slow evaporation rate	Good flow and leveling in high-bake coatings

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Esters			
Eastman methyl acetate, high purity	Non-HAP VOC exempt	Excellent solvent activity	Dissolves a wide range of polymers and yields solutions with low viscosities
	 Readily biodegradable 	• Low MIR value	Helps formulators of aerosol coatings meet MIR guidelines
	Limited water solubility	 Higher electrical resistance, less hydrophilic, higher flash point than acetone 	Can replace acetone with no sacrifice in VOC content
		• Low odor	Suitable for odor-sensitive applications
		Urethane grade	• Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
Eastman IBIB	Non-HAP Possible xylene replacement	Moderate solvent activity	Improves resistance to crazing of plastic substrates
		• Low MIR value	 Helps formulators of aerosol coatings meet MIR guidelines
		Slow evaporation rate	 Good flow and leveling of air-dry and baked coatings
		• Low density	Helps reduce VOCs
		High blush resistance	 Successful application of coatings under high humidity conditions
		 Low surface tension 	 Improves atomization, wetting, flow, and leveling
		Urethane grade	Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
		 Low water solubility 	 Minimizes water pickup during storage
		High electrical resistance	Electrostatically applied coatings with good transfer efficiency
		 Low-cost ester solvent 	Lower formulation cost
Eastman <i>n</i> -butyl	• Non-HAP	 Good solvent activity 	Dissolves a wide range of polymers
propionate	Possible xylene	 Slow evaporation rate 	 Good flow and leveling in air-dry and baked coatings
	replacement • Readily biodegradable	• Mild odor	Useful in odor-sensitive applications
		Low surface tension	 Improves atomization, wetting, flow, and leveling
		• Low water solubility	Minimizes water pickup during storage
		Urethane grade	Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
		High electrical resistance	 Helpful when formulating electrostatically applied coatings with good transfer efficiency
		Low MIR value	Useful for formulating aerosol coatings for California market
Eastman	• Non-HAP	Slow evaporation rate	 Good flow and leveling in air-dry and baked coatings
2-ethylhexyl		Low MIR value	 Helps formulators of aerosol coatings meet MIR guidelines
acetate		• Low surface tension	 Improves atomization, wetting, flow, and leveling
		 Low water solubility 	Minimizes water pickup during storage
		Urethane grade	Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
		High electrical resistance	Electrostatically applied coatings with good transfer efficiency
Eastman ethylene	Non-HAP Predicted to be readily biodegradable	Slow evaporation rate	 Good flow and leveling in air-dry and baked coatings
glycol diacetate		Low MIR value	 Helps formulators of aerosol coatings meet MIR guidelines
		High blush resistance	Successful application of coatings under high humidity conditions
Eastman <i>n</i> -propyl	• Non-HAP	 Good solvent activity 	Dissolves a wide range of polymers and resins
propionate	Predicted to be readily	Urethane grade	Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
	biodegradablePossible toluene	Low MIR value	Helps formulators of aerosol coatings meet MIR guidelines
	replacement	• Mild odor	Suitable for odor-sensitive applications
		High electrical resistance	 Electrostatically applied coatings with good transfer efficiency
		• Low surface tension	Enhances substrate wetting
		Medium evaporation rate	Suitable for air-dry and baked coatings
Ether esters			
Eastman EEP	• Non-HAP	Excellent solvent activity	Broad resin solubility and low solution viscosity
	• Readily biodegradable	Slow evaporation rate	Good flow and leveling and high DOI
		Linear structure	• Faster solvent release
		High boiling point	Low-molecular-weight acrylic resins with good polydispersity
		• Low water solubility	Minimizes water pickup during storage
		High autoignition temperature	Satisfactory for coil coatings
		• Low surface tension	Improves atomization, wetting, flow, and leveling
		High electrical resistance	Electrostatically applied coatings with good transfer efficiency
		High blush resistance	Allows application of coatings under high humidity conditions
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Glycol ethers			
Eastman EP	Predicted to be readily	 Slow evaporation rate 	Good flow and leveling and high DOI
solvent	biodegradable	• Low odor	Suitable for odor-sensitive applications
		Linear structure	Faster solvent release
		High blush resistance	Allows application of coatings under high humidity conditions
		Good coupling efficiency	Improved solution homogeneity
		Solvent activity/polar balance	Improves resistance to crazing of plastic substrates
Eastman DP	• LVP-VOC	Slow evaporation rate	Good flow and leveling and high DOI
solvent	 Predicted to be readily biodegradable 	• Low odor	Suitable for odor-sensitive applications
		Linear structure	Faster solvent release
		High blush resistance	Allows application of coatings under high humidity conditions
		Good coupling efficiency	Improved solution homogeneity
		Solvent activity/polar balance	Improves resistance to crazing of plastic substrates
Eastman DE	• LVP-VOC	Slow evaporation rate	Good flow and leveling and high DOI
solvent	 Readily biodegradable 	• Low odor	Suitable for odor-sensitive applications
		Linear structure	• Faster solvent release
		 Good coupling efficiency 	Improved solution homogeneity
		Solvent activity/polar balance	Improves resistance to crazing of plastic substrates
Eastman EEH solvent	Non-HAP LVP-VOC Readily biodegradable	High coalescing efficiency	Low coalescing aid level required to obtain good film integrity, proper color formation, good touch-up properties, and good scrub resistance
		• Low water solubility	Minimizes wicking of coalescing aid into porous substrates in latex coatings
		Good hydrolytic stability	Chemically stable in low- to high-pH coatings
		Low surface tension	Improves wetting, flow, and leveling
		Slow evaporation rate	In electrodeposition primers/coatings, reduces volatilization from dip tanks and provides good flow and leveling of the coating in the baking oven
Glycol ether este	ers		
Eastman EB	Readily biodegradable	Slow evaporation rate	Good flow and leveling and high DOI
acetate	, ,	High solvent activity	Broad resin solubility
		High blush resistance	Allows application of coatings under high humidity conditions
		Urethane grade	Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
		High boiling point	Suitable for coil coatings
		High electrical resistance	Electrostatically applied coatings with good transfer efficiency
Eastman DB	• LVP-VOC • Readily biodegradable	Slow evaporation rate	Good flow and leveling and high DOI
acetate		High solvent activity	Broad resin solubility
		High blush resistance	Allows application of coatings under high humidity conditions
		High boiling point	Suitable for coil coatings
		High electrical resistance	Electrostatically applied coatings with good transfer efficiency
Eastman DE	• LVP-VOC	Slow evaporation rate	Good flow and leveling and high DOI
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		High blush resistance	-
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		High electrical resistanceUrethane grade	Electrostatically applied coatings with good transfer energy Suitable for use with moisture-sensitive polymers
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Ester alcohol			
Eastman Texanol™	 Non-HAP Readily biodegradable LVP-VOC Not classified as a VOC per EU Solvent Emissions Directive 	 Good solvent activity 	Dissolves a wide range of polymers and resins
ester alcohol		 Very high flash point 	• Low flammability rating
		Slow evaporation rate	 Flow-out solvent in screen inks and high-bake enamels; sweetener solvent in lithographic inks



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