

# Dextrol™ and Strodex™ phosphate ester surfactants **Surfactant Selection Guide**



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# Complete solutions for coatings

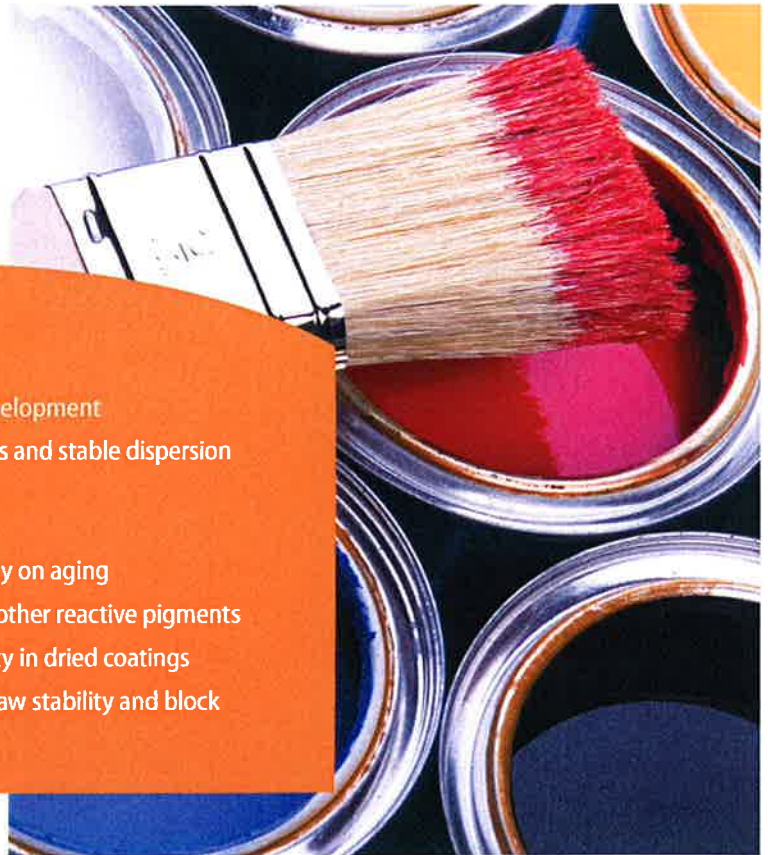
Dextrol™ and Strodex™ phosphate ester surfactants from Ashland Specialty Ingredients are leading technologies within our ever-expanding portfolio of high-performance additives for paints and coatings. These proprietary, specialty surfactants can be used in both alkyd and water-based paints, colorant systems, and as stabilizers in emulsion polymerization of latex resins.

Dextrol and Strodex surfactants have been developed for high performance in a variety of end-use applications by engineering specific chemistries under precisely controlled reaction conditions. These unique additives can improve stability and performance by replacing the wetting agents and supplementing the dispersants you are currently using. They will also improve compatibility with predispersed ingredients.

In waterborne coatings applications, Dextrol and Strodex surfactants are valued for their superior ability to improve dispersion of pigments. This enhances color development and hiding, as well as gloss in finished paint. The unique phosphate ester chemistry also can inhibit flash rusting over ferrous substrates, improve surface wetting and reduce water sensitivity in paints.

## Key benefits:

- Improved gloss
- Enhanced color development
- More homogeneous and stable dispersion systems
- Improved wetting
- More stable viscosity on aging
- Stabilized TiO<sub>2</sub> and other reactive pigments
- Low water sensitivity in dried coatings
- Improved freeze-thaw stability and block resistance



# Versatile surfactants for use in emulsion polymerization and specialty applications



Resin manufacturers rely on Dextrol OC-series surfactants as stabilizers in the polymerization of vinyl, acrylic and copolymer resin emulsions. These unique surfactants enable manufacturers to develop superior resins offering enhanced color acceptance and gloss, improved mechanical and storage stability, and better resistance to heat and light degradation. Dextrol and Strodex surfactants also can be used in a variety of other industries and applications including paper coatings, agricultural chemicals and printing inks. Contact the technical experts at Ashland Specialty Ingredients for specific recommendations and technical support.

## Paints and Coatings

- Waterborne latex paints and coatings
- Water inclusion in alkyd paints

## Universal colorant systems

## Polymer emulsions and dispersions

## Printing

- Printing inks
- Overprint varnishes
- Paper coatings

## Reliable service and support

As the global leader in rheology and performance-enhancing additives for paints and coatings, Ashland Specialty Ingredients has sales offices, production facilities, laboratories and applications specialists across North America, Europe and Asia. We are dedicated to supporting new product development, technical assistance and customer support. We utilize state-of-the-art analytical and testing resources and constantly assess market trends to develop the next generation of additives to help you improve the performance and value of your paint and coating products.



# Phosphate esters - free acids

| Product                   | Salt Form | Chemical Description/<br>Moles of EO                        | Typical Active Content [%] | Typical Viscosity [cPs at 25° C] | Surface Tension: 0.1 Active wt% in water; pH ~7 [dynes/cm] | Relative Solubility in Water |
|---------------------------|-----------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Dextrol OC20/22           | H         | Phosphate Ester of Nonylphenol Ethoxylate (10 moles)        | 97                         | 5,600                            | 35.3   | Hydrophilic                  |
| Dextrol OC15 <sup>1</sup> | H         | Phosphate Ester of Nonylphenol Alcohol Ethoxylate (6 moles) | 97                         | 3,600                            | 30.3   | Hydrophobic                  |
| Dextrol OC110             | H         | Phosphate Ester of Nonylphenol Alcohol Ethoxylate (3 moles) | 97                         | 36,000                           | 33.4   |                              |
| Dextrol OC93Z             | H         | Phosphate Ester of Tridecyl Alcohol Ethoxylate              | 99                         | 3500                             |  | Hydrophilic                  |
| Dextrol OC70              | H         | Phosphate Ester of Tridecyl Alcohol Ethoxylate (10 moles)   | 97                         | 800                              | 36.2   | Hydrophobic                  |
| Dextrol OC60 <sup>1</sup> | H         | Phosphate Ester of Tridecyl Alcohol Ethoxylate (6 moles)    | 97                         | 800                              | 30.1   |                              |
| Dextrol OC40              | H         | Phosphate Ester of Tridecyl Alcohol Ethoxylate (3 moles)    | 97                         | 800                              | 26.5   |                              |
| Strodex FT-100            | H         | Phosphated Alcohol  | 99                         | 4000                             | 50   | Hydrophilic                  |
| Strodex LH-55             | H         | Phosphate Ester of Nonylphenol Ethoxylate                   | 80                         | 10,000                           |  | Hydrophobic                  |
| Strodex SE-100            | H         | Phosphate Coester of Aliphatic Ethoxylate Mixture           | 96                         | 200                              | 27.9   |                              |
| Strodex P-100             | H         | Phosphate Coester of Alcohol and Aliphatic Ethoxylate       | 98                         | 600                              | 29.8   |                              |
| Strodex MO-100            | H         | Phosphated Alcohol  | 98                         | 1,300                            | 43   |                              |
|                           |           |   |                            |                                  |  |                              |

★ Highly recommended

■ Recommended

● Can be used



<sup>1</sup> Most popular

| VOC<br>(According to<br>EPA Method 24) | Application              |                   |                         |                                    |                            | Property Improvements |       |                        |                              |                     |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
|  | APEO-free<br>Alternative | Co-<br>Dispersant | Colorant<br>Preparation | Water Inclusion<br>in Alkyd Paints | Emulsion<br>Polymerization | Wetting & Flow        | Gloss | Paint<br>Stabilization | Freeze-Thaw<br>Stabilization | Block<br>Resistance |
| Not Detectable                         | APE                      | ●                 | ■                       |                                    | ★                          |                       |       | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | APE                      | ■                 | ★                       |                                    | ★                          | ■                     | ●     | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | APE                      | ■                 | ■                       |                                    | ★                          | ★                     | ■     | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         |                          | ●                 | ●                       |                                    |                            |                       |       | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         |                          | ●                 | ■                       |                                    | ★                          |                       |       | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | ✓                        | ■                 | ★                       |                                    | ★                          | ■                     | ●     | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | ✓                        | ■                 | ■                       |                                    | ★                          | ★                     | ■     | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         |                          | ■                 | ●                       | ■                                  |                            |                       |       |                        |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | APE                      |                   |                         |                                    |                            |                       |       |                        |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         |                          | ●                 |                         |                                    | ■                          |                       |       | ■                      |                              |                     |
| 1%                                     | ✓                        | ★                 | ★                       |                                    |                            | ★                     | ★     | ●                      | ●                            | ■                   |
| Not Detectable                         |                          | ●                 | ★                       |                                    |                            |                       |       | ●                      |                              |                     |

### Did you know?

The Ashland Specialty Ingredients family of performance additives for paint and coatings also includes Aquaflo™ non-ionic synthetic associative thickeners, Natrosol™ HEC, Natrosol Plus modified HEC, Culminal™ and Combizell™ methylcellulose derivatives, pHLEX™ neutralizing agents, and Advantage™ and Drewplus™ foam control agents.

# Phosphate esters - neutralized salts

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| Dextrol OC-7525              | Dextrol OC-70         | NH <sub>4</sub> | 10   | 25                         | 600                              | 36.2   | Hydrophilic<br><br>Hydrophobic   |
| Dextrol OC-78N               | Dextrol OC-70         | Na              | 10   | 89                         | 15,000                           | 36.2   |   |
| Dextrol OC-6025              | Dextrol OC-60         | NH <sub>4</sub> | 6  | 25                         | 600                              | 26.5   |   |
| Dextrol OC-180 <sup>1</sup>  | Dextrol OC-60         | K               | 6  | 45                         | 600                              | 30.1   |   |
| Dextrol OC-50 <sup>1</sup>   | Dextrol OC-15         | Na              | 6  | 90                         | 6,000                            | 30.3   |   |
| Dextrol OC-4025              | Dextrol OC-40         | NH <sub>4</sub> | 3  | 25                         | 600                              | 26.5   |   |
| Dextrol OC-45N               | Dextrol OC-40         | Na              | 3  | 82                         | 8,600                            | 26.5   |   |
| Strodex FT-50K               | Strodex FT-100        | K               | Phosphated Alcohol                                 | 50                         | < 100                            | 50   | Hydrophilic<br><br>Hydrophobic |
| Strodex SEK-50D              | Strodex SE-100        | K               | Phosphate Coester Aliphatic Ethoxylate Mixture     | 50                         | 100                              | 27.9   |   |
| Strodex TH-100               |                       | K               | Proprietary Blend                                  | 81                         | 300                              |  |   |
| Strodex TH-4427              |                       | K               | Proprietary Blend                                  | 97                         | 200                              |  |   |
| Strodex FT-428               |                       | K               | Proprietary Blend                                  | 92                         | 800                              |  |   |
| Strodex PLF-100              |                       | Na              | Phosphate Coester                                  | 82                         | 1500                             |  |   |
| Strodex LFK-70 <sup>1</sup>  |                       | K               | Phosphate Coester                                  | 70                         | 400                              | 35.8   |   |
| Strodex PSK-28               |                       | K               |  | 55                         | 50                               | 28.4   |   |
| Strodex NB-20                | Proprietary Blend     | Na              |  | 99                         | 500                              |  |   |
| Strodex PK-90 <sup>1</sup>   | Strodex P-100         | K               | Phosphate Coester Alcohol and Aliphatic Ethoxylate | 90                         | 7,000                            | 29.8   |   |
| Strodex PK-95G               | Strodex P-100         | K               | Phosphate Coester Alcohol and Aliphatic Ethoxylate | 80                         | 1700                             | 29.8   |   |
| Strodex PK-80N               | Strodex P-100         | K               | Phosphate Coester Alcohol and Aliphatic Ethoxylate | 68                         | 1000                             | 29.8   |   |
| Strodex PK-OVOC <sup>1</sup> | Strodex P-100         | K               | Phosphate Coester Alcohol and Aliphatic Ethoxylate | 35                         | 280                              | 30.5   |   |
| Strodex MOK-70               | Strodex MO-100        | K               | Phosphated Alcohol                                 | 70                         | Partial Gel >100K                | 36.9   |   |
| Strodex KM-OVOC              | Strodex MO-100        | K               | Phosphated Alcohol                                 | 40                         | < 100                            | 43   |   |
| Strodex EHK-70               |                       | K               | Phosphated Alcohol                                 | 70                         | Partial Gel >100K                | 43   |   |

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| Not Detectable                         |                          | ●             | ★                       |                                 | ★                          |                       |       | ■                      |                              |                     |
| 4%                                     |                          | ●             | ■                       |                                 | ■                          |                       |       | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         |                          | ■             | ★                       |                                 | ★                          | ●                     | ●     | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | ✓                        | ★             | ★                       |                                 | ■                          | ★                     | ●     | ★                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | APE                      | ★             | ★                       |                                 | ■                          | ★                     | ●     | ★                      |                              |                     |
| 4.5%                                   |                          | ■             |                         |                                 | ★                          | ■                     |       | ●                      |                              |                     |
| 10%                                    |                          | ■             | ■                       |                                 | ■                          | ■                     |       | ●                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         |                          | ★             | ●                       | ★                               |                            |                       |       |                        |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | ✓                        | ●             | ●                       | ●                               |                            | ●                     |       | ●                      |                              |                     |
| <1 %                                   | ✓                        | ★             |                         |                                 |                            | ■                     |       | ★                      | ■                            |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | ✓                        |               |                         |                                 |                            |                       |       | ■                      | ■                            |                     |
| 0.8%                                   |                          |               |                         |                                 |                            |                       |       | ■                      | ★                            |                     |
| 7%                                     |                          | ★             |                         |                                 |                            |                       |       |                        |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         |                          |               |                         |                                 |                            |                       | ■     | ■                      |                              |                     |
| 8%                                     |                          |               |                         |                                 |                            | ●                     |       | ■                      |                              |                     |
| Not Detectable                         | APE                      |               |                         |                                 |                            | ■                     | ■     |                        | ★                            |                     |
| <1%                                    | ✓                        | ★             | ●                       |                                 |                            | ★                     | ★     | ■                      | ●                            | ■                   |
| 10%                                    | ✓                        | ★             | ■                       |                                 |                            | ★                     | ★     | ●                      | ●                            | ■                   |
| 14%                                    | ✓                        | ★             | ■                       |                                 |                            | ★                     | ★     | ●                      | ●                            | ■                   |
| Not Detectable                         | ✓                        | ★             | ■                       |                                 |                            | ★                     | ★     | ★                      | ●                            | ■                   |
| 3%                                     |                          |               | ■                       |                                 |                            |                       |       | ●                      |                              |                     |
| < 4%                                   |                          | ●             | ■                       |                                 |                            |                       |       | ●                      |                              |                     |
| 3%                                     |                          | ●             | ■                       | ■                               |                            |                       |       | ●                      |                              |                     |

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