

Silquest™ A-178

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Description

Momentive Performance Materials Silquest A-178 silane is a coupling agent for glass fiber and particulate filler reinforced composites. It is a 100% active methacrylamido functional silane that may be used to promote adhesion between a wide range of resins and substrates and reinforcements. It is also useful as a monomer in the synthesis of organic polymers. It functions as a moisture- activated crosslinking agent.

Key Features and Benefits

The chemical structure of Silquest A-178 silane offers a number of important benefits:

Features	Typical Benefits			
100% Active Ingredient	Contains no flammable or combustible solvent.Offers low VOC emissions			
Methacrylamido Group	 Reactive with a large number of resin systems, such unsaturated polyester, vinyl ester, acrylic, polybutylene and polyolefins Compatible with many typical glass fiber size and coating ingredients, such as film formers, anti-static agents, surfactants, lubricants and other coupling agents Improves hygrothermal aging properties of glass fiber and particulate filler-reinforced composites Provides glass fiber protection Improves strand integrity for better fiber processing and composite fabrication 			

Typical Physical Properties

Physical Form	Liquid
Color	Clear and colorless
Active Ingredients, %	100
Specific Gravity, 25/25°C	1.0186
Boiling Point at 760 mmHg, °C	379
Flash Point, Pensky-Marten Closed Cup ASTM D 93, °C (°F)	101.7 (215)

Solubility

Silquest A-178 silane is soluble in methanol, ethanol, acetone, toluene, methyl Cellosolve® solvent (Dow Chemical Company) and water. It reacts with water and alcoholic solvents. In water, a concentration of one weight percent is stable for greater than 72 hours.

Chemical Structure

$$CH_2 = CCNHCH_2CH_2CH_2Si(OCH_2CH_3)_{3-a}(OCH_3)_a$$

$$CH_3$$

Silquest A-178 silane is a mixture of ethoxy and methoxy esters. The average value of a is 1.

Potential Applications

Silquest A-178 silane is recommended for evaluation in instances where inorganic surfaces such as glass fibers, particulate fillers or metals are combined with organic polymers, for example, unsaturated polyester, vinyl ester, acrylic, polybutylene and polyolefins. This silane is often applied to the inorganic surface from an aqueous solution. The treating solution can be quite simple, consisting of only silane, water and a small amount of acid to adjust the pH. These solutions are used commonly in finishing of heat-cleaned woven glass fabrics or treating particulate fillers. More complex solutions often are used when treating glass fibers used for reinforcing organic resins. These treating solutions may contain (in addition to Silquest A-178 silane) water-soluble organic polymers or emulsions of organic polymers as film formers, lubricants, anti-static agents, wetting agents, water, acids or buffers and other silane coupling agents. A reference that contains lists of commercial products used in

preparing glass fiber sizes is <u>The Manufacturing Technology of Continuous Glass</u>
<u>Fibres: Glass Science and Technology 6,</u> second edition, K. L. Loewenstein, Elsevier, New York (1983).

The performance of Silquest A-178 silane in glass fiber-reinforced composites is illustrated in Table 1. The single-end, water sized glass fibers were finished with a 0.5 weight percent solution of Silquest A-178 silane in water. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 3.5 with glacial acetic acid. The sized single-end roving was then dried. Glass fibers were also treated with Silquest A-174* silane,

3-methacryloxypropyltrimethoxysilane, as a control. Pultruded glass rods were fabricated using these glass fibers and an unsaturated polyester resin (Aropol® 7241, Ashland Chemical Inc.).

Table 1: Performance of Silquest A-178 Silane and Silquest A-174 Silane in Glass Fiber Application

Property	Silquest A-174 Silane	Silquest A-178 Silane
Glass Flexural Strength 2.54 cm Span, grams	28	42
360° Twist Abrasion Test, minutes	1.3	1.2
As Molded Composite Flexural Strength, MPa	814	786
Composite Flexural Strength After 24 hr. Water Boil, MPa	717	717

Silquest A-178 silane may also be used as a monomer in thesynthesis of organic polymers, such as acrylics, styrenics and vinylacrylics. The silane is incorporated into the polymer backbone andfunctions as a crosslinking agent and adhesion promoter. Amidefunctionality provides different solubility and physical properties than ester functionality. The polymers may be useful in coatings, sealants and adhesives.

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