Wax Additives

Additives to improve haptic, visual and mechanical properties.
Wax additives from Deuteron: Additives to improve haptic, visual and mechanical properties.

**Definition:** A substance is termed a wax if it is kneadable at 20 °C, is firm to brittle in hardness, exhibits a coarse to fine crystalline structure, has a coloured translucency or is opaque but not glassy, melts above 40 °C without decomposing and is free-flowing (with low viscosity) at only a little above the melting point, demonstrates a consistency and solubility that are highly temperature-independent and can be polished with light pressure. If one or more of the above characteristics is not given, the substance is not a wax as defined by the German Society for Fat Science (DGF).

(Adapted from Römpp Dictionary of Chemistry)

The addition of waxes to coatings can have a positive effect on the mechanical, haptic and visual characteristics of the surface. Waxes give the film surface a lower surface adhesion and often result in a fine, consistent surface finish. The following characteristics can be improved through the use of waxes:

- Anti-blocking effect/stackability
- Scratch resistance
- Reduced static and dynamic friction
- Surface smoothness
- Sanding properties
- Haptic/touch sensation
- Matting
- Anti-sedimentation
- Oxygen inhibition
- Release agent properties
- Dirt repellency

We can offer you wax additives based on the types marked green.
Our wax additives, based on polyethylene, polypropylene or polyamide, are used by our customers all over the world in a wide range of applications. The chemical characteristics of our waxes enable them to be used to influence many of the features of your surfaces and coatings. Profit from the versatility our products offer you.

/ Advantages at a glance:

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- Matting
- Matting for 100 % UV-Systems
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Waxes serve to improve slip and lubricating properties by creating a barrier on the surface that resists penetration or scratching. This effect is used to simulate a higher level of hardness. Depending on the system, waxes generate uniform effects from satin to matt that contribute to scratch resistance and anti-blocking. Used together with silica or other solids, systems may be created that are well stabilised against settling whose individual components could otherwise form a hard sediment.

Waxes are also used as organic matting agents or to support the matting agent. The most important waxes are unmodified and modified polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP) and polyamide (PA) types. For use as a matting agent or supporting additive for matting, polyolefin waxes are usually the most suitable.

The following principle also applies to the matting of coated surfaces with waxes: the larger the particles, the stronger the effect. The matting properties of waxes are however of relatively limited effectiveness compared with those of specialised matting agents. If matt or dull matt surfaces are required rather than satin gloss, additional matting agents must be used in combination. Suitable agents for combination include all organic (polymethyl urea resin) and inorganic (silica) matting agents. Generally, spherical particles do not matt as efficiently as irregularly shaped particles. This also applies to the matting agents we offer based on polymethyl urea resin, which have an amorphous structure and better mechanical properties. Apart from the type of wax, its suitability and ability to achieve specific characteristics is a function of particle size. The best types for use as sanding aids are generally polyamide waxes.
**Deuteron UV RMP**
Powdered variant of Deuteron UV RM-products for matting of radical curing 100 % UV-coatings. Also, suitable as a wax additive for any other systems. It improves surface smoothness, friction and abrasion resistance as well as gliding and anti-block effects. Stronger matting effect compared to other waxes.

**Deuteron-OG 250**
Stabilised, aqueous paraffin dispersion with low paraffin melting point; an additive for the production of aqueous “soft-feel” coatings. This product is highly hydrophobic.

**Deuteron OG 330**
Aqueous dispersion of a polyethylene wax, PTFE modified. Improves surface gloss and abrasion and rub resistance of aqueous coatings.

**Deuterol Paraffindispersion**

**Gloss comparison in a solvent-based 2C acrylic lacquer.**

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Typical values of our wax additives / wax-based additives.

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