

LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED

Rheological Additive for Solvent Borne Paint and Coatings

General Information

LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED is a self-activating and easily dispersible rheological additive, for solvent-borne systems from low to medium polarity that gives thixotropic effect, sag control and prevents pigments from long-term storage settling.

The nature of **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED** is a bentonite clay, organically modified with a quaternary alkylammonium compound.

Table 1 Chemical-physical properties

Properties	Description
Composition	organically modified smectite
Physical form	white fine powder
Bulk density	0,4-0,6%
Moisture	< 3%

Applications

LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED is employed in a wide range of manufacturing processes:

- Oil based paints (either industrial or architectural)
- Marking paints
- Road marking paints
- Wood paints

- Primers
- Bituminous
- Adhesives
- Cosmetics and personal care products

for architectural paints production, anticorrosive paints, road marking paints, primers, bituminous emulsions, and wood paints. **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED** shows good performance in solvents like aliphatic mineral spirits and aromatic solvents. Low polarity binders like alkyds and terpenes, petroleum derivatives are also compatible with **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED**.

Incorporation

LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED belongs to the unconventional type of self-activating organoclays. It does not require neither strong mechanical energy to disperse nor a chemical (polar) activator to reach the proper level of delamination of the organo-bentonite platelet stacks.

LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED can be added at any point in the paint manufacturing process and can be even used in post-addition to correct the final viscosity of a certain batch. Low temperature might be a





cause of slow dispersion **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED** is added under low shear.

Pregel formation it's not needed to employ **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED** and in order to develop its full rheological properties. If however a pregel is convenient for production sites that has this step in their daily routine, this won't show the same high viscosity of a conventional organoclay activated gel. **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED** is not effective as a gellant in a solvent alone, but it provides the same rheological properties when added to the complete system.

Dosage

Level of addition strongly depends on the type of system and on the degree of thickening or other properties desired. For

house and industrial paints, typical levels are between 0.2% and 0.8% of **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED**. For primers and printing inks, higher levels are required (0.5-1.0%). For strong anti-sagging properties, up to 3.0% can be used. Compared to other products of its type it is also proved to be more versatile in terms of compatibility to a wide range of formulations.

Storage stability and packing

Storage is advisable in a dry, sheltered place in closed bags. **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED** rheological additive is available in 25 kg net paper bags. **LAVIOSA ARGIMEL® ED** has a shelf life of 3 (three) years from date of manufacture.

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