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Product Data

VUL-CUP[®] R Organic Peroxide Vulcanizing Agent and Crosslinking Agent

VUL-CUP[®] R organic peroxide is highly efficient, scorch resistant, low odor peroxide with broad utility as a vulcanizing agent for elastomers and plastics. The scorch resistance of **Vul-Cup[®]** makes it particularly interesting for transfer, injection, and rotational molding applications. Compounds containing **Vul-Cup[®]** may be extruded at higher rates because of the higher decomposition temperatures. Exothermic decomposition begins at approximately 194°F (90°C) and full decomposition occurs within minutes above 362°F (183°C).

Vul-Cup[®] R is a highly active bisperoxide. It is a mixture of the *para* and *meta* isomers of an, *a, a'*-bis (tert-butylperoxy)-diisopropylbenzene. **Vul-Cup[®] R** is a tan to yellow white, semi-crystalline solid.

General Sales Specifications

Test Methods are available on request

Assay, Peroxide Content, %	96.0 minimum
Flash point, Seta-CC, °F (°C)	168 minimum
Appearance	Free of foreign material

Typical Properties

Specific gravity at 25/25°C	0.95
Melting point, °F (°C)	95 - 113 (32 - 45)
Flash point, °F (°C)	200 (93)
Vapor pressure at 20°C, mm Hg	1.6

Outstanding Characteristics

Vul-Cup[®] R is used as a high temperature catalyst in the rubber and plastics industries. The use of **Vul-Cup[®]** stems from its ability to decompose and form free radicals, which, in turn promotes cross-linking. Peroxide cures result in cross-links of strong carbon to carbon covalent bonds between adjacent polymer chains.

Peroxide vulcanizates exhibit little or no added color, are stable to oxidation, and exhibit higher compression set resistance than sulfur-cured vulcanizates. Complete information about its utility can be found in Technical Bulletins ORC-101 (Fundamentals of Crosslinking) and ORC-301M (Vul-Cup[®] Organic Peroxide Vulcanizing Agent and Crosslinking Agent).

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Soluble Vul-Cup® organic peroxide disperses readily in polyethylene and copolymers of ethylene, natural and synthetic rubber compounds, silicone gum, and polyester resins. It is quite soluble in aliphatic, aromatic and ketone solvents, but less soluble in alcohols. It is insoluble in water.

Typical Uses

Vul-Cup® R can be used to cross-link most polymers, including unsaturated or halogenated elastomers and thermoplastic resins.

Available Forms:

Pail, steel, 30 lbs net wt.

Drum, steel, 110 lbs net wt.

Drum, steel, 400 lbs net wt.

Intermediate Bulk Container, stainless steel, 3,300 lbs net wt.

See MSDS for additional property and handling information.

Storage and Inventory Control

It is strongly recommended that strict control of inventory be observed at all time, taking care that the oldest material is used first. Keep container closed when not in use. Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area. Do not store near flammable materials. Avoid storing product near incompatible materials (see MSDS Sections 7 and 10). Keep away from heat, flame, sparks and other ignition sources. Do not store in direct sunlight.

Safety Guidelines

Commercial use of **Vul-Cup® R** requires that it decompose at a temperature dependent rate. **Vul-Cup®** can be stored safely up to 130°F, (54°C) but will lose assay/efficiency if stored for prolonged periods at this temperature. However, the handling temperature of **Vul-Cup® R** should never exceed 149°F (65°C) because above this temperature the rate of thermal decomposition and heat evolution can increase rapidly and violent decomposition may occur. The normal handling range for melting Vul-Cup® R is 131-149°F (55-65°C).

Product Safety

Read and understand the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) before using this product.

North American Regulatory Compliance

VUL-CUP® R Organic Peroxide is in compliance with requirements of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use as specified in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, subject to the limitations and requirements of each regulation under the following Section(s):

None

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European Regulatory Compliance

VUL-CUP® R Organic Peroxide is in compliance with the requirements of the Bundesgesundheitsamt für Verbraucherschutz und Veterinärmedizin (BgVV) of the Federal Republic of Germany for use in food packaging and food processing operations as specified in the BgVV Recommendations, under the following Chapters and subject to the provisions therein:

None

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