Technical Information Bulletin

Antifreeze Additive Packages

WEBA Technology makes inhibitor systems for blending glycol and water to make antifreeze/coolants that cover most industry and OEM specifications. Our additive packages allow the finished fluid manufacturer to make everything from automotive light-duty to heavy-duty diesel antifreezes, both conventional and extended life. Our formulations include traditional conventional light and heavy duty, Hybrid Organic Acid Technology (HOAT), NOAT and OAT (Organic acid technology), Poly-organic Acid Technology (POAT) and Multi-Functional Organic Acid Technology for both light and heavy-duty applications. Our series of OAT inhibitors are the latest technology for making long-lasting coolants. The METALGUARD® antifreeze additive packages provide proven corrosion prevention, fluid longevity and ease of blending. WEBA Technology’s comprehensive technical expertise and customer support services will assist with problems, the pursuit of new business and new product development.

METALGUARD® A70 is Formulated to meet these Industry Standards

- ASTM D 3306
- ASTM D 4985
- TMC of ATA RP 302A

Nearly all of OEM automotive light-duty and heavy-duty specifications are patterned after or identical to the ASTM standard specifications given above. For individual OEM specification compliance contact your sales representative. Note that the ASTM specifications listed include the key performance tests (ASTM D1384, D4340, D1881, D2570, D2809).

Technical Support

WEBA Technology can answer questions about ASTM standards and industry specifications as well as help with many other questions relating to antifreeze and glycols. To confirm that your finished product meets the required industry specifications, WEBA’s laboratory can help you with problem solving and testing associated with any products containing our inhibitor package.

Quality Control

WEBA Technology’s additive packages must pass all our quality control tests prior to shipment. They are tested for conformance with product specifications and industry standards. Certificate of analysis are provided with every shipment. Complete ASTM performance tests are available by request.

METALGUARD® A70

Conventional Automotive Light Duty Antifreeze Additive Packages for use with Ethylene and Propylene Glycol

Description and Applications

METALGUARD A70 is more than just a conventional additive package which meets both automotive and some heavy-duty specifications. It utilizes proprietary technology to provide superior performance quite economically and possesses several advantages associated with organic extended life additive packages, including lower dissolved solids levels and the absence of sometimes objectionable inhibitor components. METALGUARD A70 contains additives to minimize hot surface scaling while also preventing heat transfer surface fouling due to minor oil leakage.

The METALGUARD A70 additive package produces antifreeze that meets ASTM D3306, the specification for light-duty and automotive service and ASTM D4985, the specification for diesel and other heavy-duty applications. A proprietary combination of substituted tolytriazoles and phosphonocarboxylates controls corrosion of steel, cast iron and aluminum. The soft or yellow metals (copper, brass and solder) are protected by a mercaptobenzothiazole/tolytriazole system. METALGUARD A70 also contains antiscalants and dispersants to prevent inorganic salt scaling on heat exchange surfaces and organic fouling due to minor oil leakage into the cooling system.

Compliance with the many dissimilar antifreeze specifications in today’s market also make it important to know what your additive package does not contain. Many European automobile warranties require that nonphosphate antifreezes be used; for many Japanese vehicle warranties, silicate-containing antifreezes are not allowed. Many U.S. vehicle and engine producers do not allow amine-containing antifreezes to be used in their cooling systems. METALGUARD A70 was designed with all of these considerations in mind: it is a low silicate formulation (to meet ASTM D4985) and contains no phosphates or nitrogen-containing compounds, such as amines.

METALGUARD A70 can be blended with either ethylene or propylene glycol, and it can also be used with either virgin or high-quality reclaimed glycol from distillation units, reverse osmosis membranes, and most flocculation/filtration systems. WEBA recommends that you send a sample of any non-virgin glycols that you are considering for use with any of WEBA’s additive packages to a laboratory for testing and forward the results to us. We will help you determine if any pretreatment will be necessary prior to blending antifreeze to ensure compliance with all required specifications.

Typical Product Specifications

As concentrated METALGUARD A70 inhibitor package:
- Visual: Clear to cloudy, light yellow liquid
- Specific Gravity; 70F/21°C: 1.200-1.250
- pH: 13.0-14.0

As concentrated Antifreeze (EG and METALGUARD A70®):
- Specific Gravity; 70°C/21°C: 1.110-1.125
- pH: 9.5-10.8 (ASTM 7.0-11.0)
- Reserve Alkalinity: 10 ml min.
- Freeze Point @ 50%: -34°F max.

*Specifications available by request for propylene glycol base.
Blending and Use Instructions

**Blending**: Upon opening the drum, stir thoroughly. Do not use high speed agitation. If you use only a portion of the drum (i.e. a few gallons at a time) you need to mix the drum of additive prior to pulling out the required amount. If you use the entire drum to make a bulk blend you do not need to mix the drum prior to use.

**To make antifreeze concentrate**: First charge the desired quantity of glycol to the blending tank. Heat the glycol to 50°F (10°C) or higher. For reclaimed glycols adjust its pH range to a range of 7.0-9.0, as required. Maintain the minimum temperature throughout the blending procedure. Good agitation is vital to making a consistent and proper product; agitate for 30-60 minutes after the addition of the additive package.

Based on the quantity of glycol being treated, add 2.2% by volume of the additive package while agitating or circulating glycol. Use 2.0 x 55-gallon drums (110 gallons) per 5,000 gallons (416 liters per 18,925 liters of glycol).

**To make 50/50 (50% glycol/50% water)**: Follow glycol instructions in concentrate section above, and then add 1.1% by volume of the additive package using the previous instructions. Use 1.0 x 55 gallon drum (55 gallons) per 5,000 gallons (208 liters per 18,925 liters) of 50% glycol/50% water mixture.

**Antifoam**: Although this additive package has antifoam as part of the formulation, depending upon your glycol base additional antifoam may need to be added to pass ASTM foam test. Antifoam may be purchased in 5-gallon (18.93L) pails from WEBA Technology.

**Dye**: If you purchase undyed additive, the last step is to add the color of dye that you wish to use. If you need help determining dye colors or use rates you may contact us. We can help you to select the proper color for the antifreeze you wish to make. Dye can be ordered from WEBA Technology or from the dye company of your choice. We recommend and use dyes from Robert Koch Industries www.kochcolor.com.

**Testing**: Test your finished product to be sure it conforms to specifications. See below paragraph on quality control.

**Storage**: Store concentrated the additive package above of 60°F (15.5°C) at all times. If a container arrives very cold to your warehouse, immediately place it in a hot room for 1-2 days then stir thoroughly prior to use. Once a container is opened there is a possibility of the liquid phase evaporating, so close the container tightly after each use. High temperatures, above 90°F (32°C), for an extended period of time may also cause degradation of the inhibitors. If you are in an area of the country with continuous high heat store the additive in a cooler area of your warehouse.

**Water Quality And Dilution**: When antifreeze concentrate is diluted to 50% by volume with water, the water of dilution must be of acceptable quality. Deionized water is the best to use, but other sources of water are acceptable as long as they contain less than 100 ppm total hardness measured as calcium and magnesium compounds. Higher hardness levels may cause excessive inhibitor consumption, scale deposits and metal pitting.

**Quality Control Procedures**: WEBA Technology strongly recommends that all antifreeze producers have an internal, complete quality control program in place for manufacturing and testing of all products made for sale.

The specifications listed in this bulletin are based on antifreeze produced with WEBA’s additive packages, virgin glycol and deionized water. To confirm that your finished products meet the required industry specifications, WEBA recommends that you test your glycol and finished products at an accredited laboratory. WEBA will warrant our additive packages only if this procedure and the recommended blending and storage procedures are properly followed and documented. In addition, the glycol or other base fluid used with our additive systems should meet industry or ASTM standards unless specifically exempted in our literature.

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