



## **EVONIK - PU Additives**

**Novel Additive Technology Designed  
to Optimize the use of Natural Oil  
Polyols in Support of the  
Construction market**

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# Construction Market goes “green”

- ❑ The global construction market continues to grow but does face some serious challenges
- ❑ Conservative estimation calculate that > 50% of all energy needs are consumed for the heating and cooling of building structures
- ❑ Today’s builders are looking for products that increase energy efficiency.....yet are also sustainable for the future generations
- ❑ Fortunately, insulating polyurethane foam is one of today’s most effective insulation materials



# Increasing Renewable Content

- ❑ Bio-based materials such as sugar, glycerin and sorbitol have been used for many years now in the production of polyols
- ❑ But the polyurethane industry is looking more and more into increasing its renewable content
- ❑ New Natural Oil Polyols have been developed in an attempt to increase the renewable content in the finished PU foam
- ❑ To date, NOP technology has been proven in many PU construction applications
- ❑ But what is the limit? How much petroleum-based Polyol can be replaced by NOPs?



# Natural Oil Polyols Limitations in PU Applications

## The Pros:

- Technology exists
- Variety of new structures in polyols
- “Sustainable”
- Offers a solution to a growing demand for Eco-Friendly Products



## The Cons:

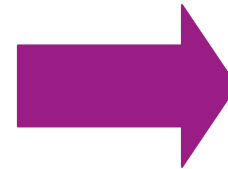
- Composition may vary from geographic area, weather conditions
- Relatively low hydroxyl functionality and lower OH values
- Limited compatibility with conventional polyols
- ....Resulting in poor foam performance



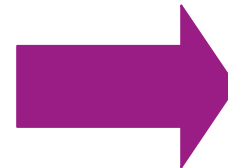
# What Role Can Additives Play?

## Emulsifier

- .....WILL NOT make NOPs more homogeneous
- .....WILL NOT increase NOPs hydroxyl functionality
- .....CAN maximize NOP usage by creating a stable emulsion



+ Emulsifier



Resulting in acceptable foam performance  
...with maximum renewable content!



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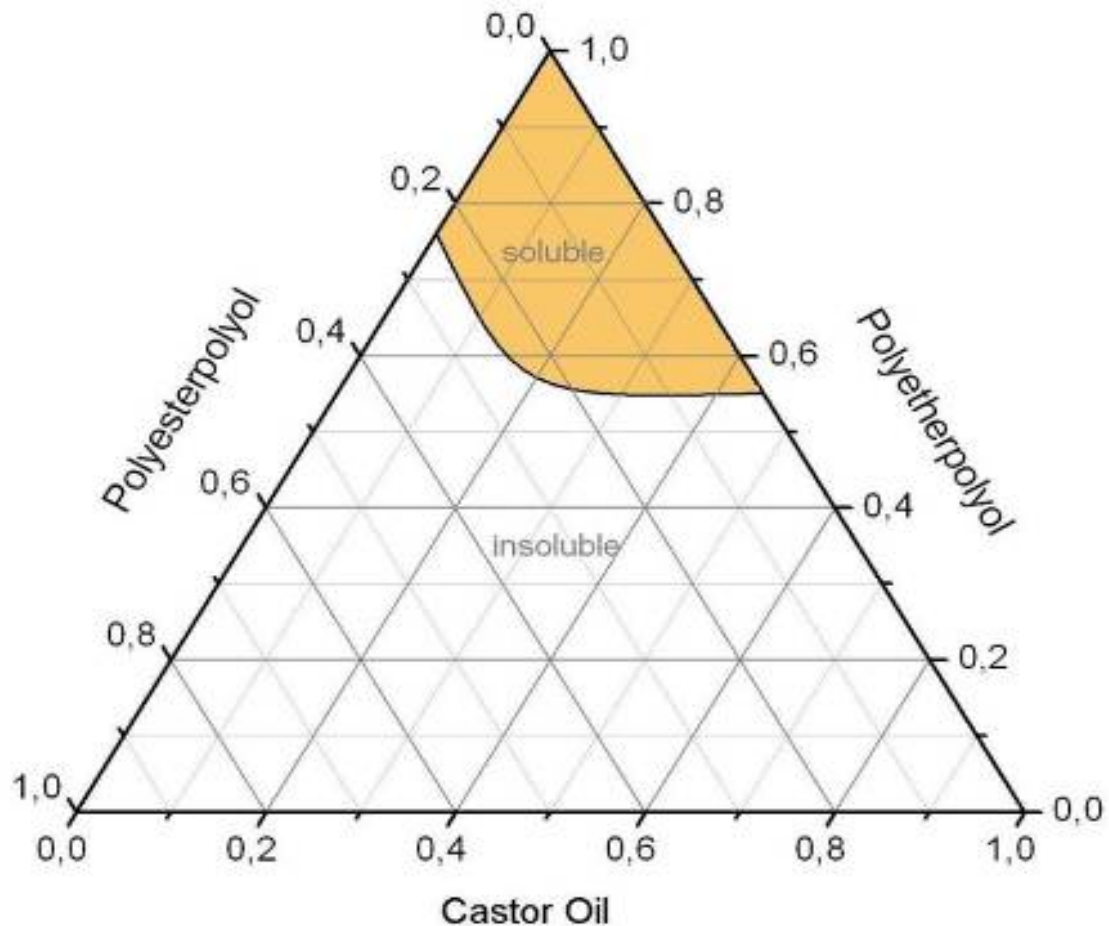
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# Unmodified NOP's and Polyesterpolyols Create a Challenge

Unmodified NOP's are Not Soluble in Aromatic Polyesterpolyols





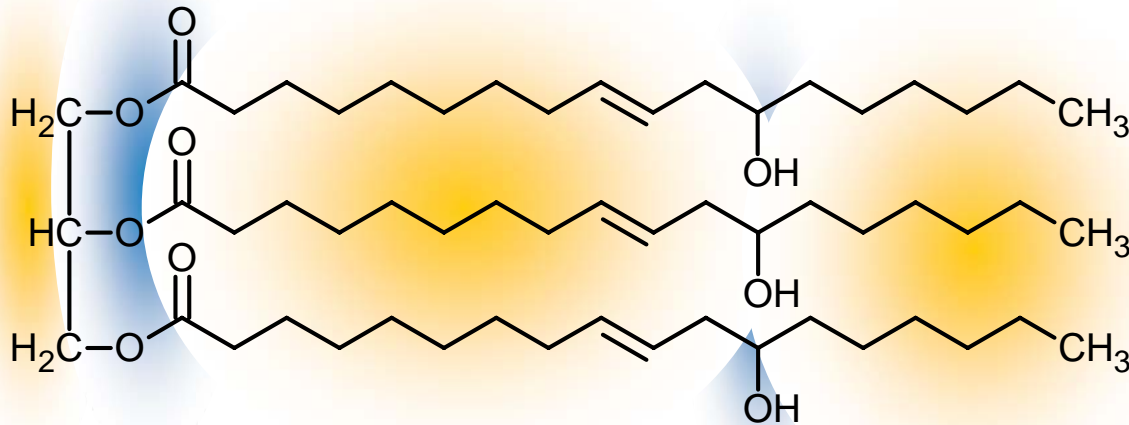
# Even Modified NOP's Display Limited Solubility!



	Polyester-polyol	99:1	95:5	90:10	80:20	50:50	NOP	Type
Phthalic Anhydride	PA 1	+					A	Castor Oil
	PA1						B	mod. Soybean Oil
	PA1	+					B'	mod. Soybean Oil
	PA1	+	+	+	+		C	mod. Soybean Oil
	PA1	+	+	+	+	+	C'	mod. Soybean Oil
DMT-based	DMT 1	+					A	Castor Oil
	DMT 1						B	mod. Soybean Oil
	DMT 1						B'	mod. Soybean Oil
	DMT 1	+					C	mod. Soybean Oil
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PET-based	PET 1						A	Castor Oil
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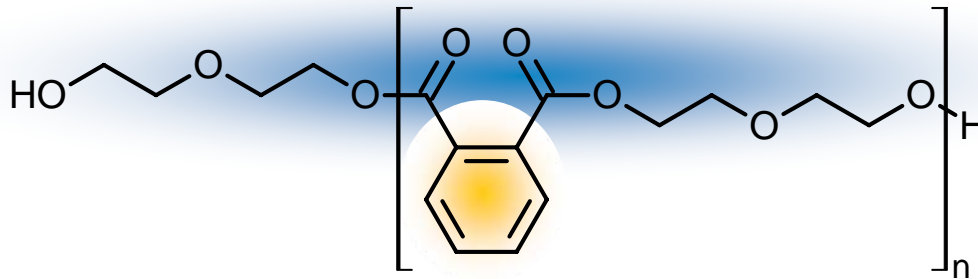
# Polarity Differences Result in Poor Compatibility

## Castor oil - hydrophobic



hydrophilic segments

## Aromatic polyester polyol - hydrophilic

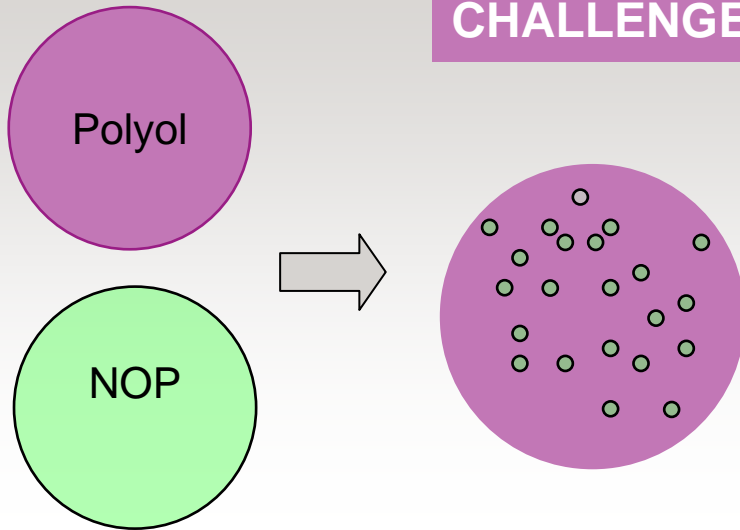


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# Lack of Solubility Requires Excellent Emulsification !

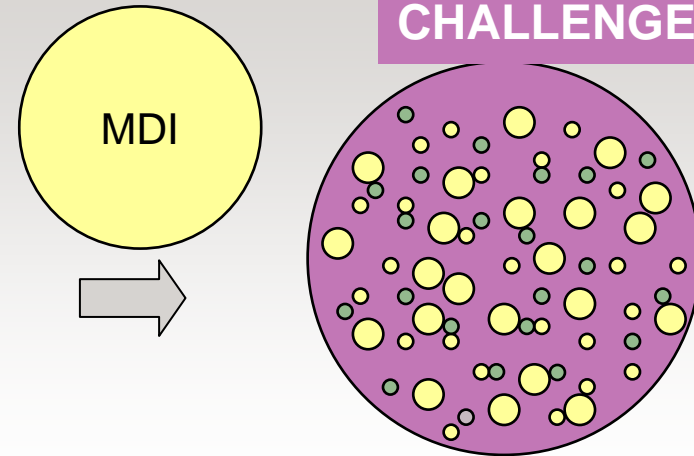
## Fine & Stable Polyol Premix / System

### CHALLENGE 1



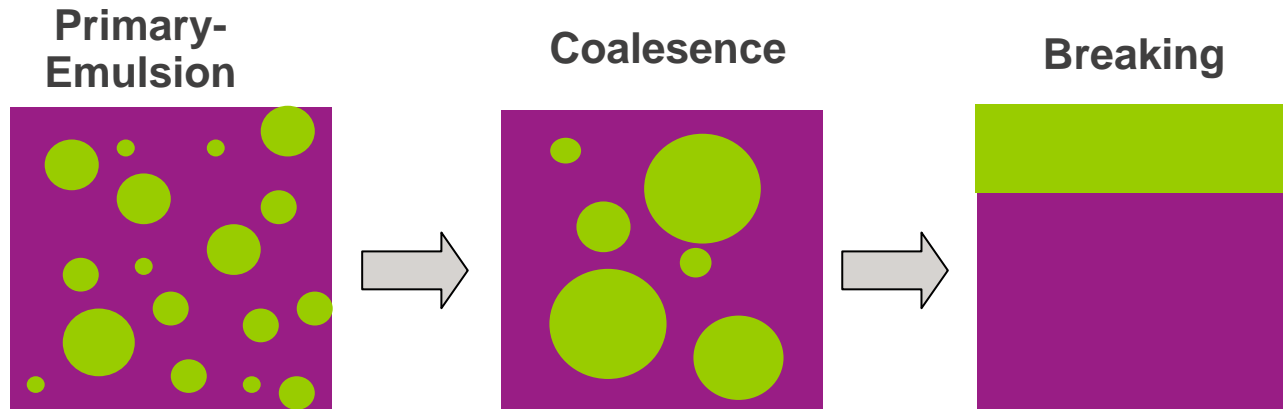
## Homog. & Stable Reaction Mixture

### CHALLENGE 2



## Insufficient emulsification would result in:

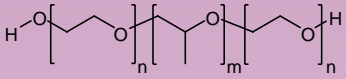
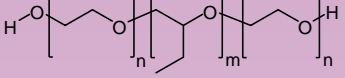
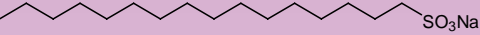
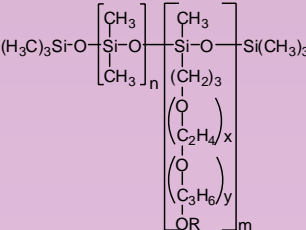
- Instability of the reaction premixes
- Inhomogeneous reaction profile
- Foam imperfections
- Inhomogeneous distribution of foam properties



## Emulsifier impact on the emulsification process:

- Coalescence is prohibited by a protecting layer of surfactant molecules at the interface
- Emulsification requires
  - less mixing energy,
  - is faster and finer and
  - the emulsion stability is increased !

# Conventional Emulsifiers Fail to Stabilize !

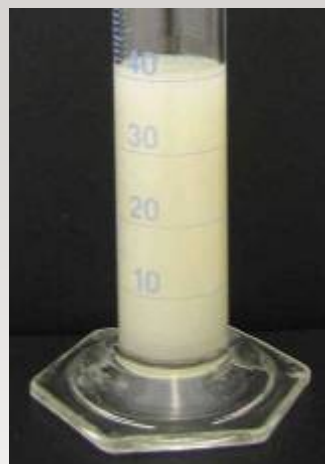
Mixtures with		20% NOP A 76% PA 1 4% Emulsifier		(Castor Oil), (Ester Polyol)	
Emulsifier / Surfactant	Structure	at 40°C	at RT		
EO-PO-EO		< 4h	< 1 d		
EO-BO-EO		< 4h	< 1 d		
Alkylsulfonate		< 4h	< 1 d		
PES		< 4h	< 1 d		
EP-S-140		20-24 h	> 14 d		

# NOP & Polyester Blend Stability - Freshly Mixed -

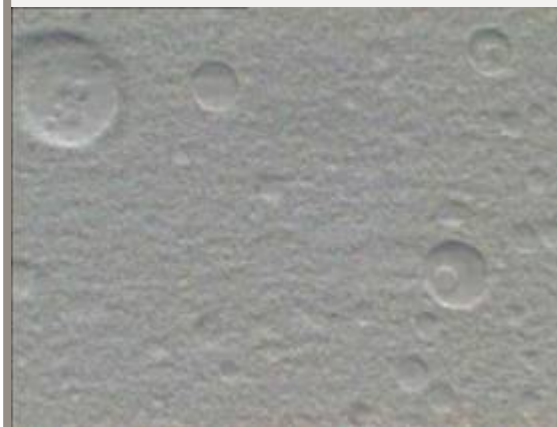
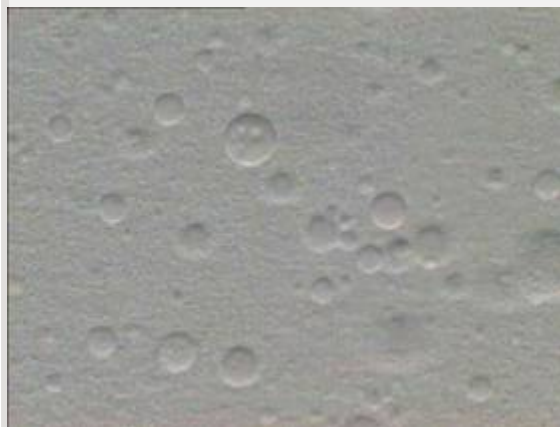
None



EO-PO-EO



EP-S-140

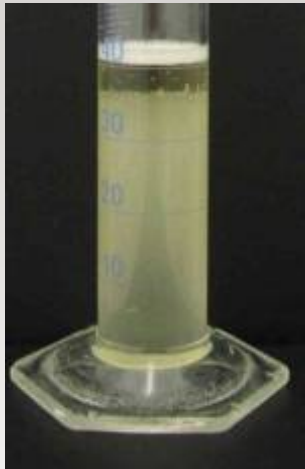




# NOP & Polyester Blend Stability

- 1 h after mixing -

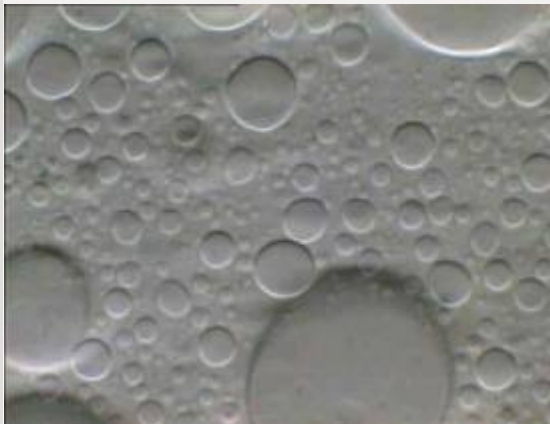
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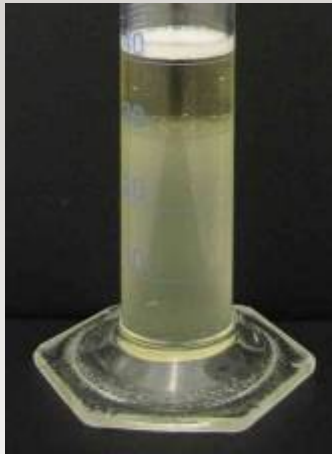
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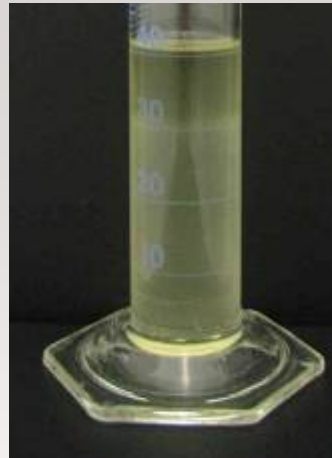
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- 2h after mixing -

None



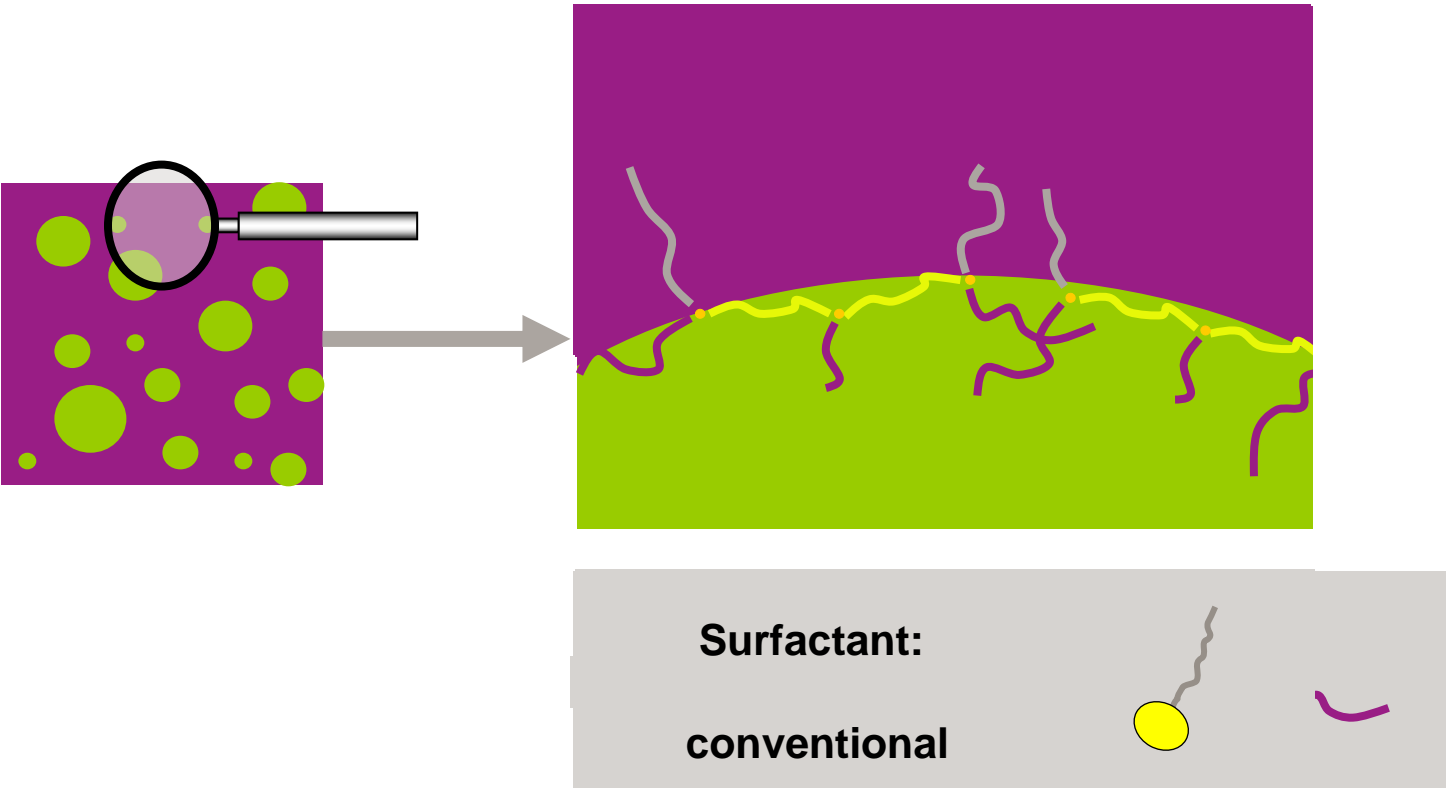
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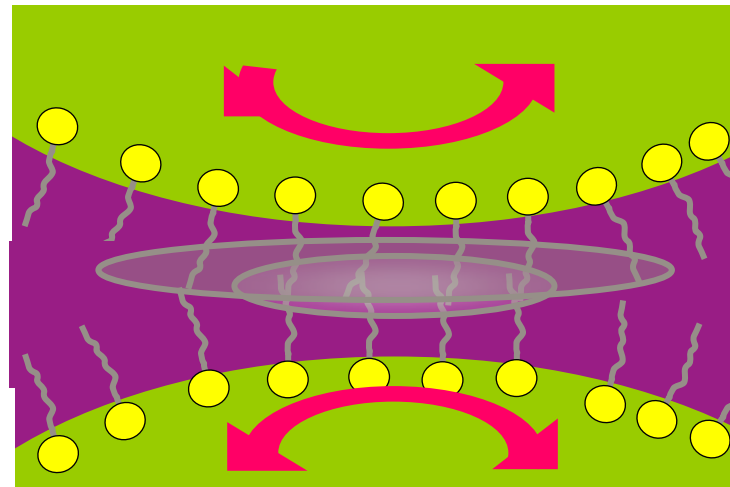
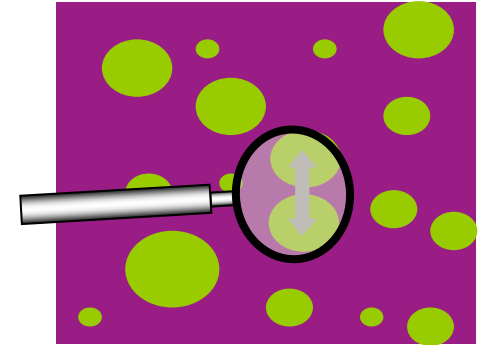
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# Novel Surfactant Boost Emulsion Stability



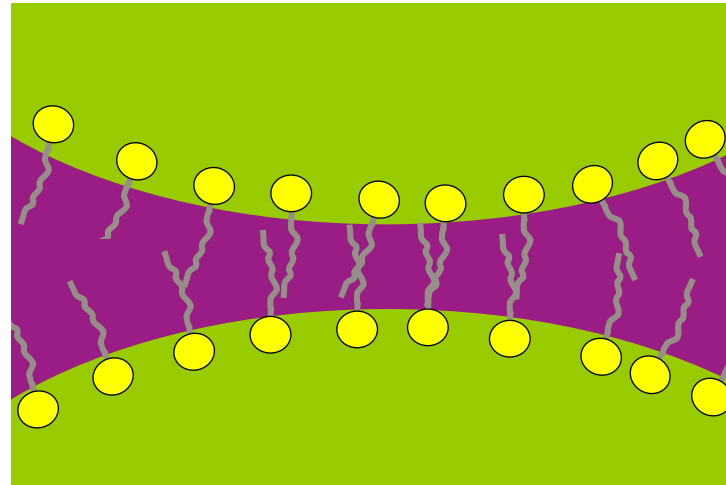
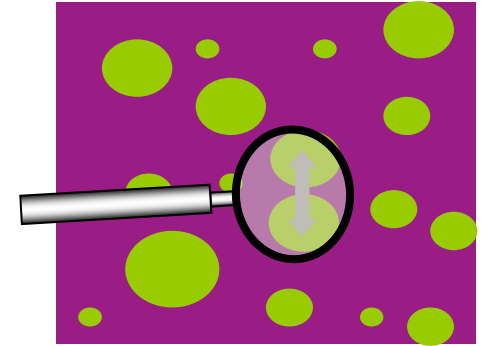
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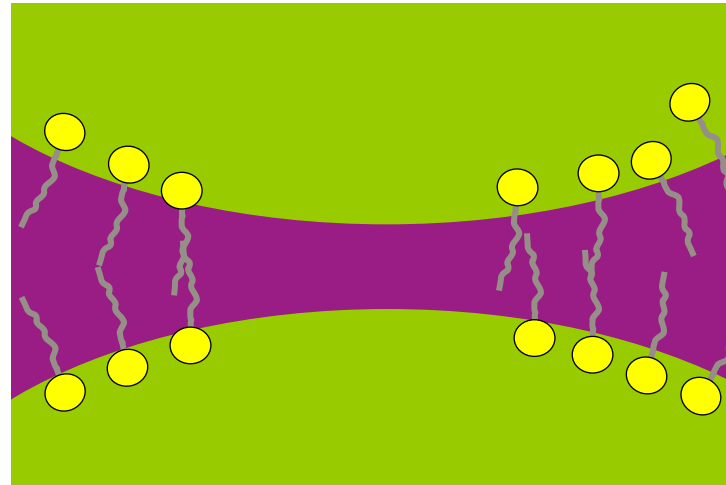
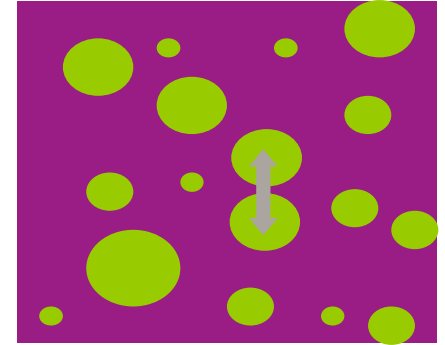
The physicochemical background:

Repulsive forces pull surfactants with “mobility” to lower stress areas

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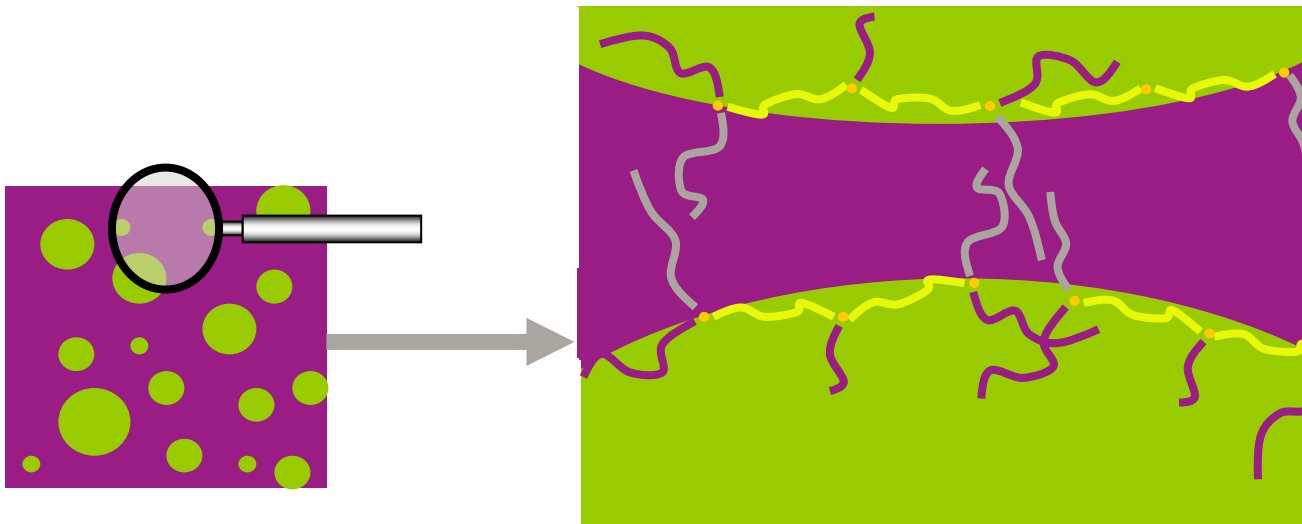


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# New Emulsifier Technology Clusters to Reduce Coalescence !



**The physicochemical background:**

EP-S-140 features high surface activity & substantially reduced mobility

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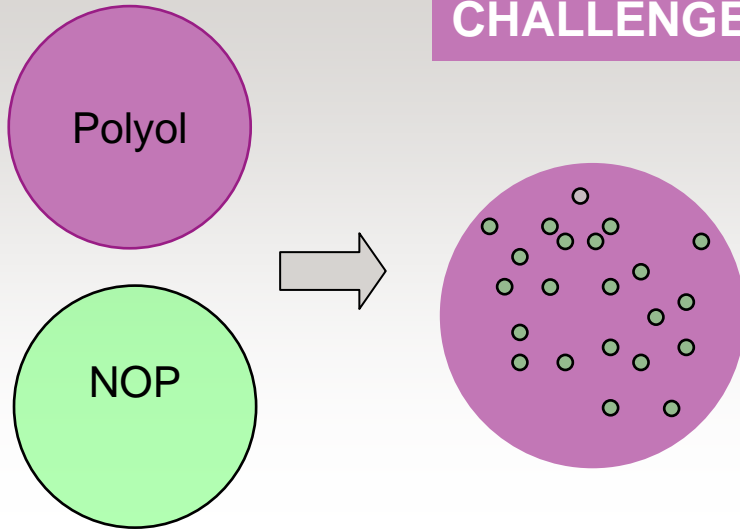
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# System Stability a Challenge for Spray Foam Applications

## Fine & Stable Polyol Premix / System

### CHALLENGE 1



# Example: 0.5pcf Wall Spray Foam

## The Experimental Setup



Spray System #1 – PET based		Spray System #2 – PA based	
Polyethylene Terephthalate Polyester	25.0	Phthalic Anhydride Polyester	25.0
Mannich-based Polyether Polyol	10.0	Mannich-based Polyether Polyol	10.0
Sucrose Initiated Polyether Polyol	5.0	Sucrose Initiated Polyether Polyol	5.0
Flame Retardants	30.0	Flame Retardants	30.0
Catalysts	8.5	Catalysts	8.5
Tegostab B8589	2.5	Tegostab B8589	2.5
Water	19.0	Water	19.0
Polymeric MDI	1:1 ratio	Polymeric MDI	1:1 ratio

NOP	Vegetable oil	Chemical modification	OH number	functionality
A	Castor oil	NO	200 -250	3
B	Soybean oil	YES	200 -230	>3
C	Soybean oil	YES	220 -250	>3

# Low System Solubility with NOP's

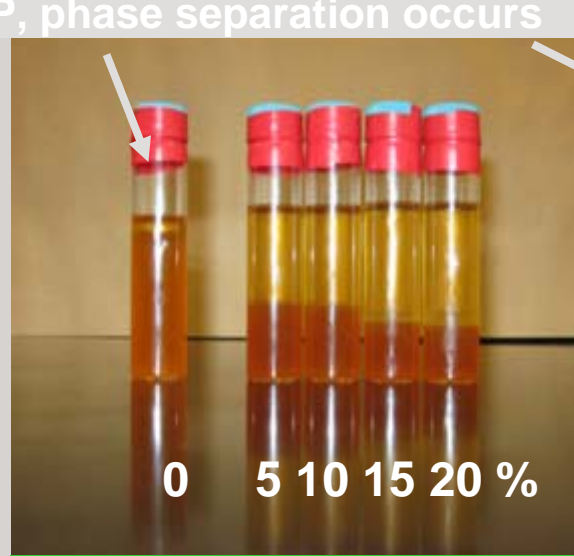
## Solubility Limit of Resin Blends

Spray System #1 with 0 - 20% PET-polyester replaced by NOP's after 4h

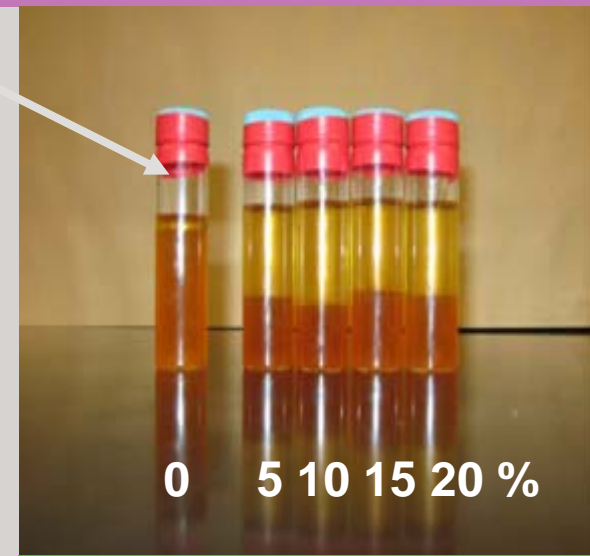
Even without NOP, phase separation occurs



NOP A



NOP B



NOP C

# Establishing New Limits with EP-S-140

< 30 Day Resin Side Stability >



	Emulsifier	Chemical Structure	Spray System # 1	Surfactant (Tegostab B8589)	Emulsifier (2.0 pphp)	Max % replacement of Polyester
I	EP-S-140	trade secret	NOP	2.0 pphp	None	None
II	EO-PO-EO		A	None	None	< 5%
III	ethoxylated phenol		A	2.0 pphp	EP-S-140	45%
IV	EO-BO-EO		A	2.0 pphp	II	10%
			A	2.0 pphp	III	< 5%
			A	2.0 pphp	IV	< 5%



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Spray System	NOP	Surfactant (Tegostab B8589)	Emulsifier	Max % replacement of Polyester
#1	none	2.0 pphp	None	< 5%
	A	2.0 pphp	EP-S-140	45%
	A	2.0 pphp	II	10%
	A	2.0 pphp	III	< 5%
	A	2.0 pphp	IV	< 5%
	none	2.0 pphp	None	< 5%
	B	2.0 pphp	EP-S-140	25%
	B	2.0 pphp	II	< 5%
	B	2.0 pphp	III	< 5%
	B	2.0 pphp	IV	< 5%
	none	2.0 pphp	None	< 5%
	C	2.0 pphp	EP-S-140	30%
	C	2.0 pphp	II	10%
C	2.0 pphp	III	< 5%	
C	2.0 pphp	IV	< 5%	

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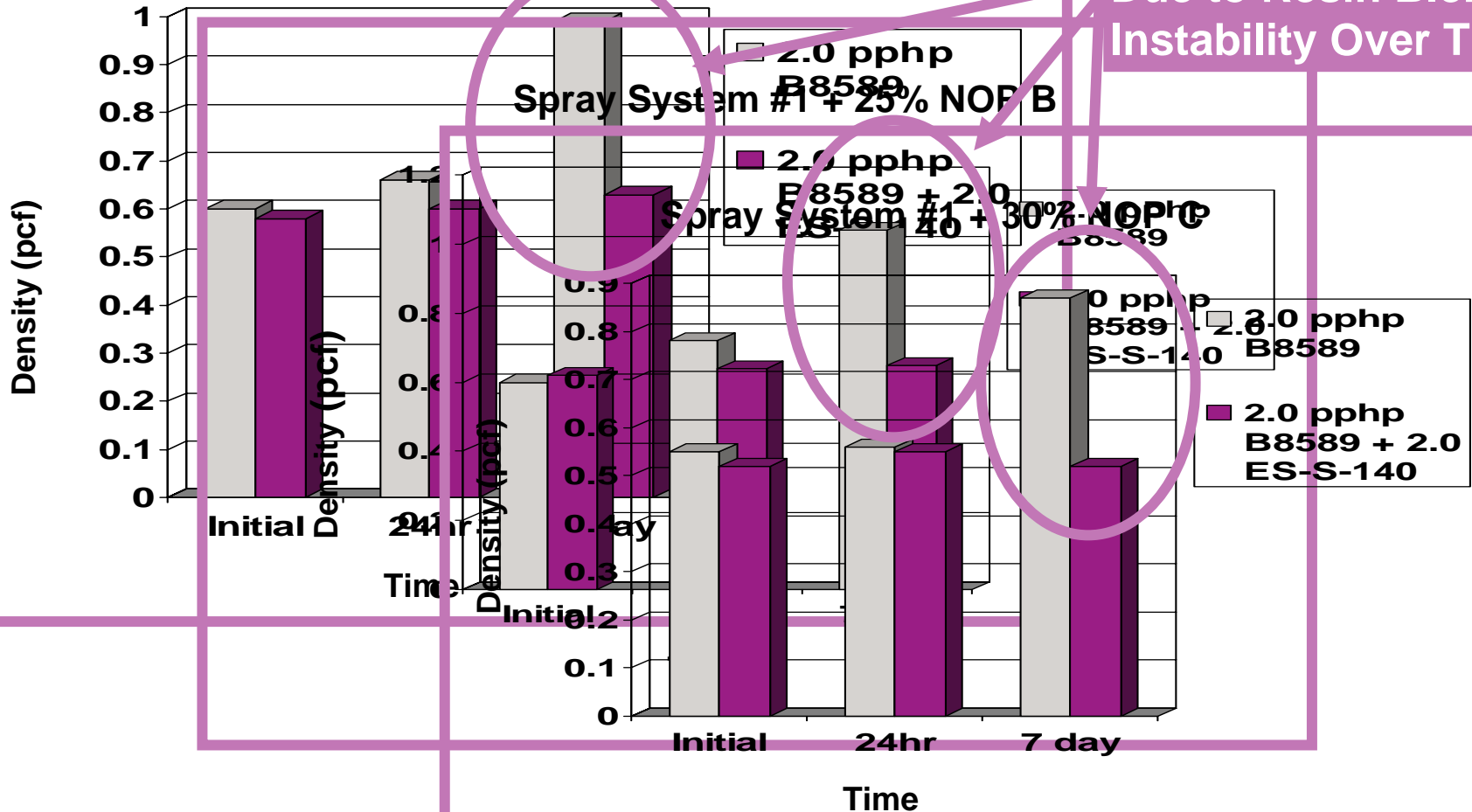
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Spray System	NOP	Surfactant (Tegostab B8589)	Emulsifier	Max % replacement of Polyester
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	A	2.0 pphp	EP-S-140	15%
	A	2.0 pphp	II	10%
	A	2.0 pphp	III	< 5%
	A	2.0 pphp	IV	< 5%
	none	2.0 pphp	None	< 5%
	B	2.0 pphp	EP-S-140	25%
	B	2.0 pphp	II	< 5%
	B	2.0 pphp	III	< 5%
	B	2.0 pphp	IV	< 5%
	none	2.0 pphp	None	< 5%
	C	2.0 pphp	EP-S-140	15%
	C	2.0 pphp	II	< 5%
	C	2.0 pphp	III	< 5%
	C	2.0 pphp	IV	< 5%

# ES-S-140 Impact on Aged Resin Blends

Spray System #1 + 45% NOP A



Loss of Performance Due to Resin Blend Instability Over Time

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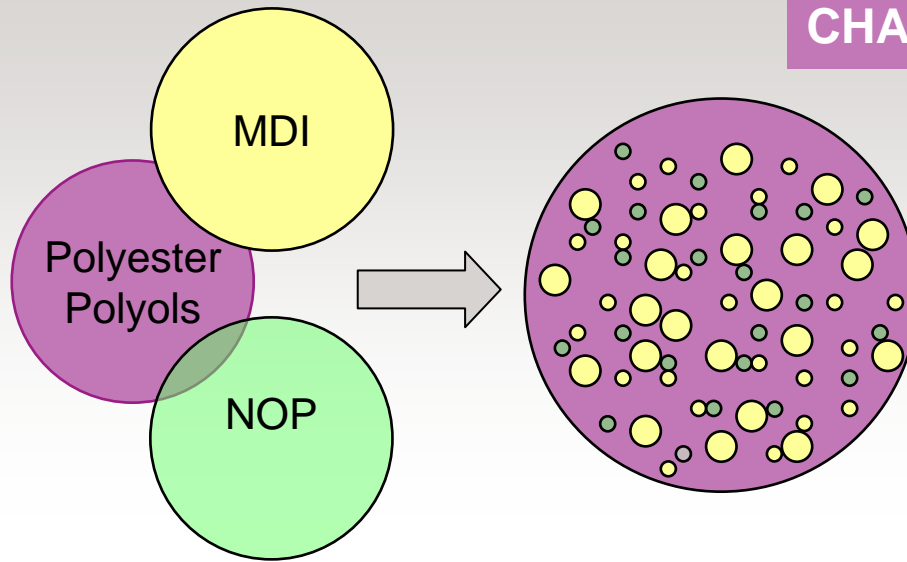
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# Stable Reaction Mixture a Challenge for Boardstock Applications ?

Homog. & Stable Reaction Mixture

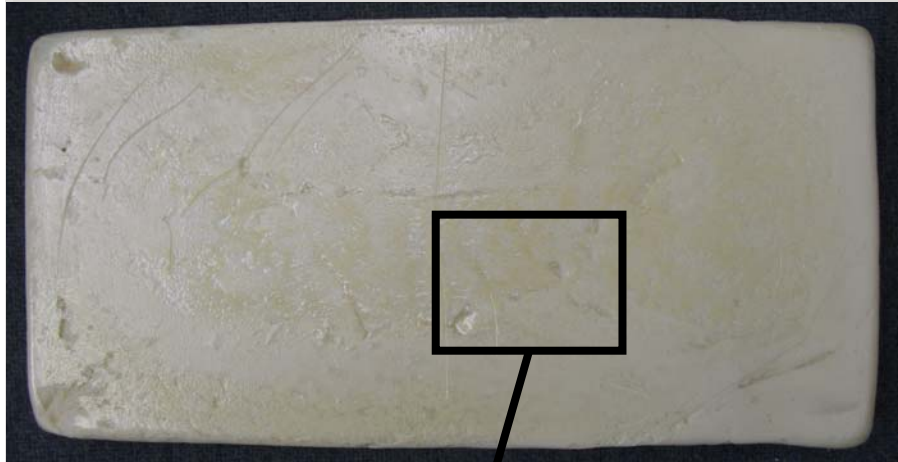
CHALLENGE 2



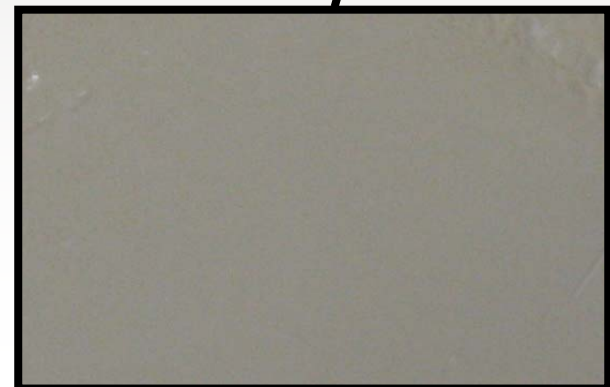
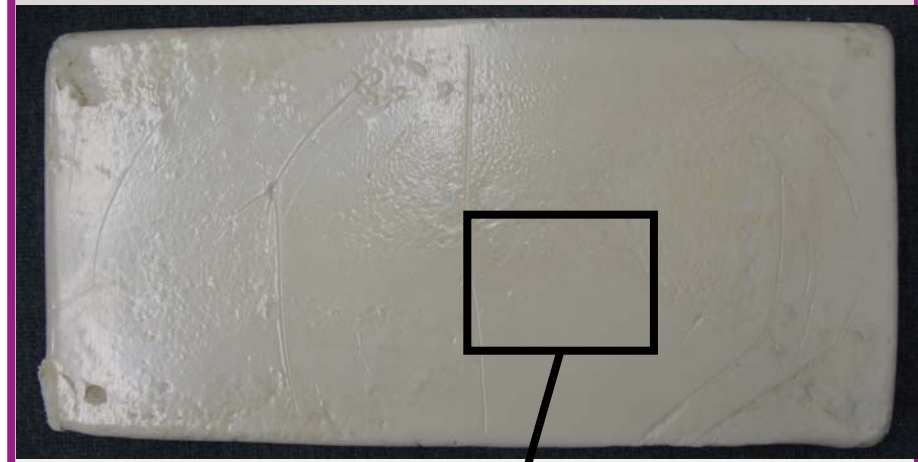
# EP-S-140 Stabilize the Reaction Mixture

Boardstock Formulation: 80% PA1 + 20% NOP A

**without emulsifier**



**with 1% EP-S-140**

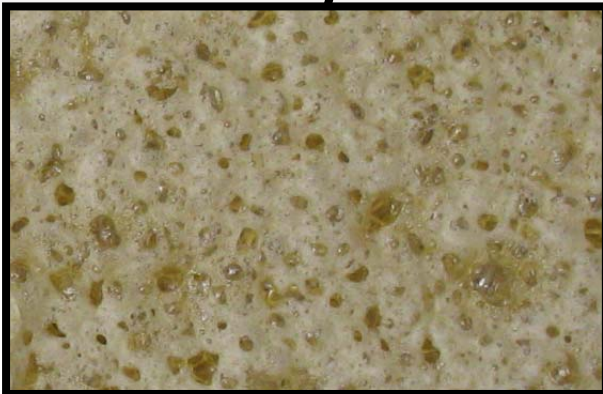
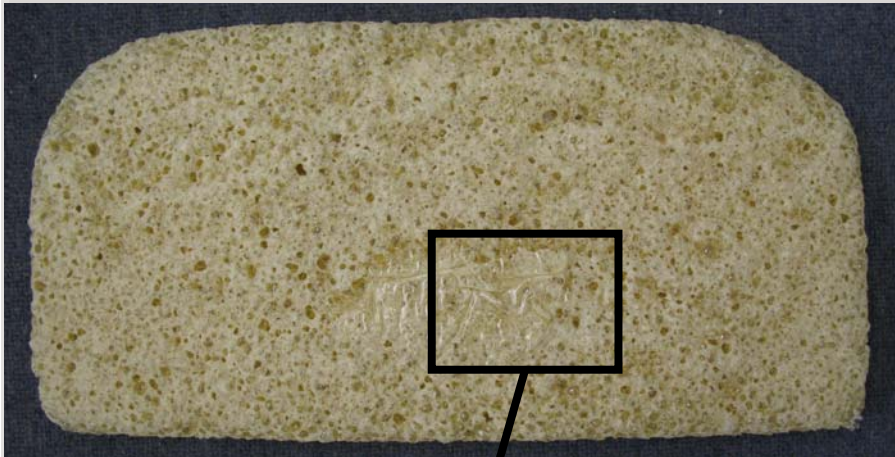




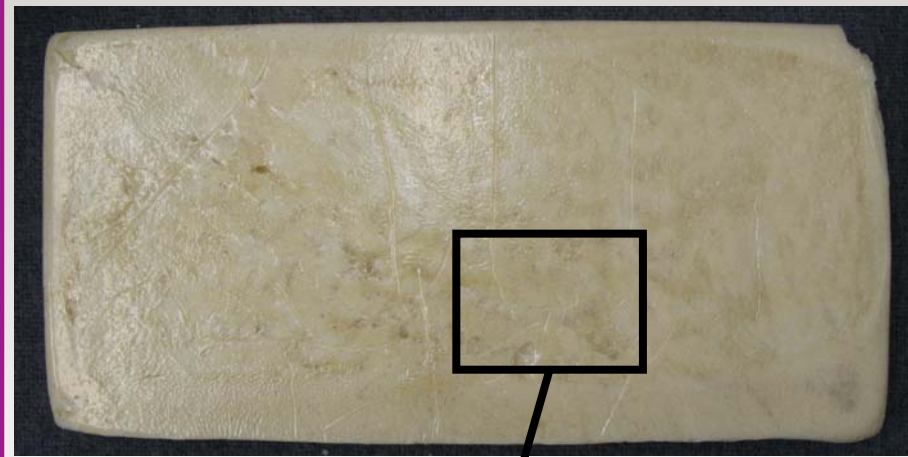
# EP-S-140 Stabilize the Reaction Mixture in Critical Formulations

Boardstock Formulation: 70% PA1 + 30% NOP A

without emulsifier



with 2% EP-S-140



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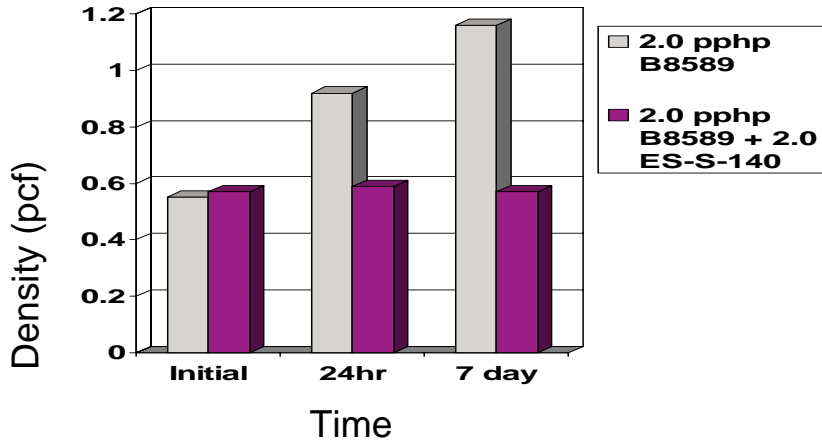
# Conclusions:

- ❑ The solubility & compatibility limitations of NOPs are real and can have a profound impact on final foam performance.
- ❑ Even “modified-NOPs” have their limitations.
- ❑ To better utilize NOP technology one must first create a uniform state (resin blend/reaction mixture).
- ❑ EP-S-140 helps to enable the use of NOP technology by:
  - ❑ Helping to create a uniform resin blend (fine & homogeneous emulsion)
  - ❑ Improved resin blend stability (days not hours)
  - ❑ Promotes improved A/(B + NOP) mixing, resulting in acceptable foam performance
  - ❑ Maximize NOP usage – from a system compatibility standpoint

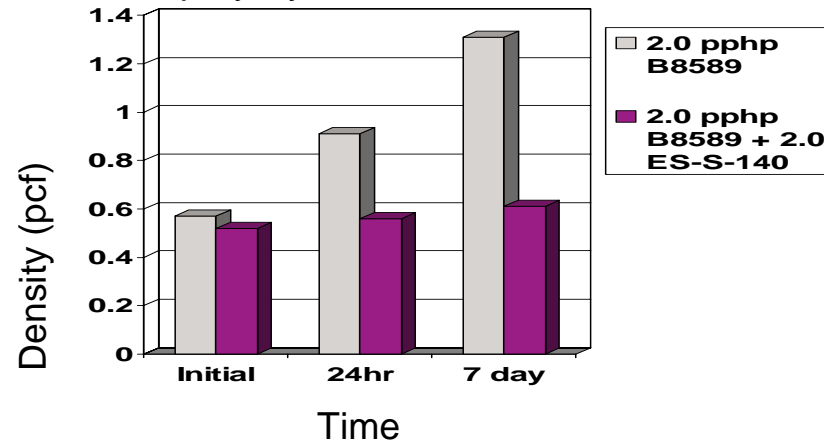


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Spray System #2 + 15% NOP A



Spray System #2 + 25% NOP B



Spray System #2 + 15% NOP C

