# A Defect is not an Effect!

#### Solutions from Evonik Coating Additives for Architectural Coatings

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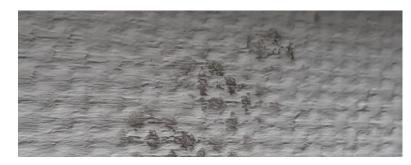




### **Defects & recommendations addressed today**

Defects can occur at different stages of paint production & use conditions – the following topics are covered today:

- Mechanical resistance of the coating surface
- Rheological effects
- Foam
- Defects @ exterior paints (Snail trails, Blistering, Efflorescence)
- Cratering / Cissing
- Pigment stabilization challenges
- Weakness in hiding Power









### **Test Methods for Mechanical Resistance of Interior Wall Paints**

(Wet) abrasion resistance	Scuff resistance	Burnish resistance
<ul> <li>describes the durability and resistance to abrasive cleaning of a dried wall paint and is a measure of resistance to mechanical abrasion.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Coatings' ability to withstand scuffs and marks on the surface and/or easy removal of marks without scrubbing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Coatings' ability to maintain its visual appearance after being rubbed by soft types of objects like leather, sponges, cloth or human hands</li> </ul>
<ul><li>DIN EN 11998</li><li>ASTM D 2486</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Specific test methods</li> </ul>	<ul><li>ASTM D6736 (Cheesecloth)</li><li>Evonik internal test methods</li></ul>

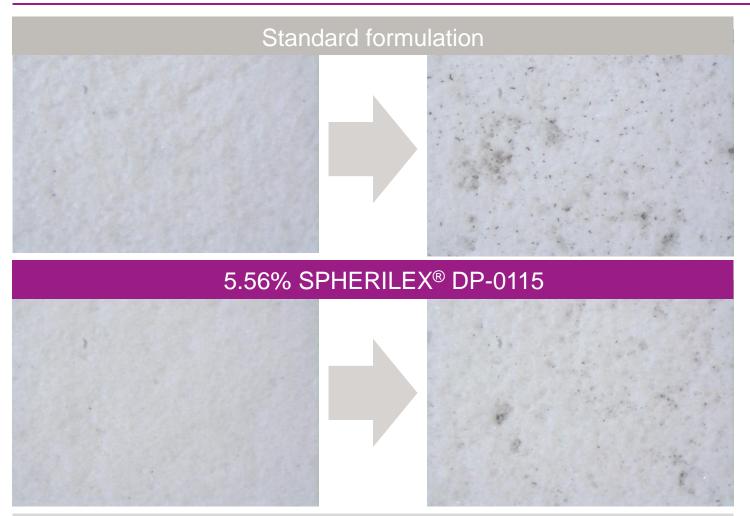


### **Scuff Resistance Test Method: Pendulum Test**





# Less Residue on the Surface with Spherical Fillers



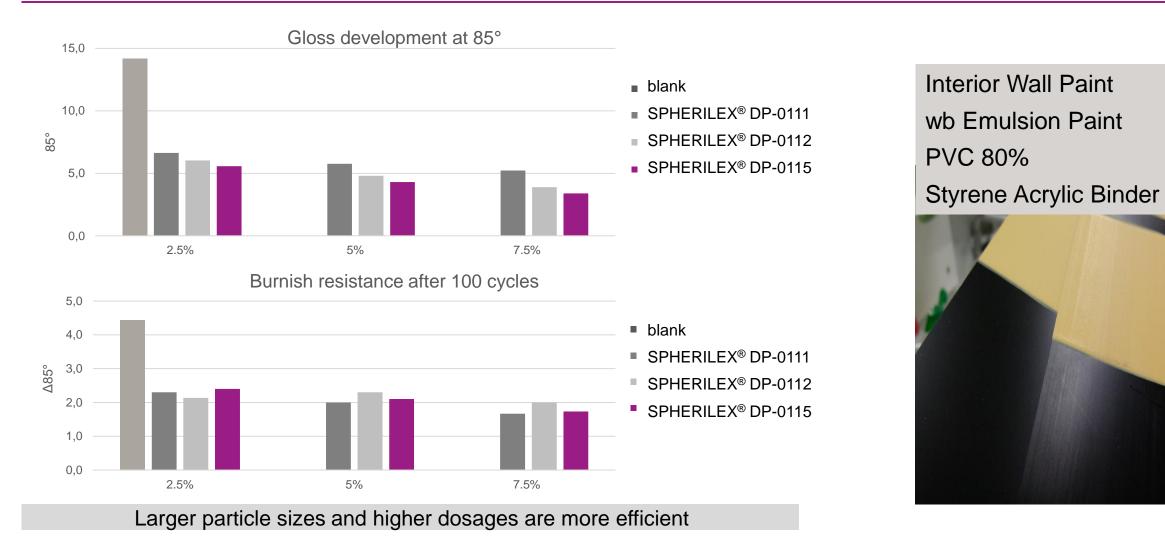
Higher surface roughness doesn't lead to a higher residue content

Interior Wall Paint wb Emulsion Paint PVC 80% Styrene Acrylic Binder



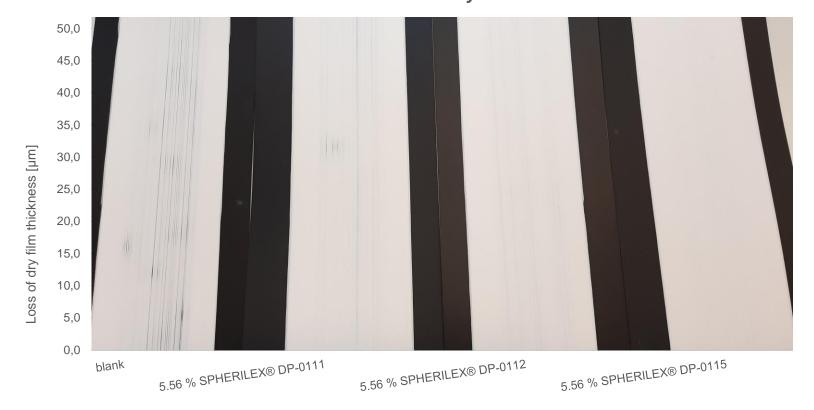


# **Gloss Development and Burnish Resistance**





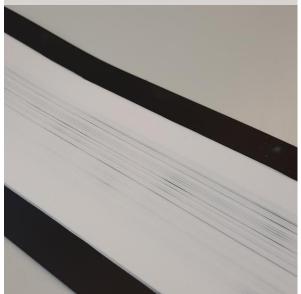
# Significant Increase of Wet Scrub Resistance according to DIN EN 11998



Loss of dry film thickness

Larger particle sizes are more efficient in reducing the loss of dry film thickness

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# **Mechanical Resistance – how to improve the paint durability**

	SPHERILEX® DP-0111	SPHERILEX® DP-0112	SPHERILEX® DP-0115
Property	Typical Values	Typical Values	Typical Values
Chemistry	Silicon Dioxide	Silicon Dioxide	Silicon Dioxide
Morphology	Spherical	Spherical	Spherical
Moisture (%)	< 5	< 5	< 7
5% pH	7-8	7-8	7-8
Sodium sulfate (%)	< 1.0	< 1.0	< 1.0
BET SA (m²/g)	< 10	< 15	< 15
Oil absorption (cc/100g)	30-50	40-60	30-50
Median particle size (µm)	4-7	9-11	11 - 14



# Paint Defects depending on the Paint Rheology

#### **Brush marks**

- Marks such as lines on the paint surfaces which remain after complete drying
- Occurs due to brush application

#### **Sagging and Settling**

- Sagging describes the movement of the paint especially at vertical application resulting in an uneven surface
- Settling occurs during storage and describes a low storage stability due to the formation of a sediment



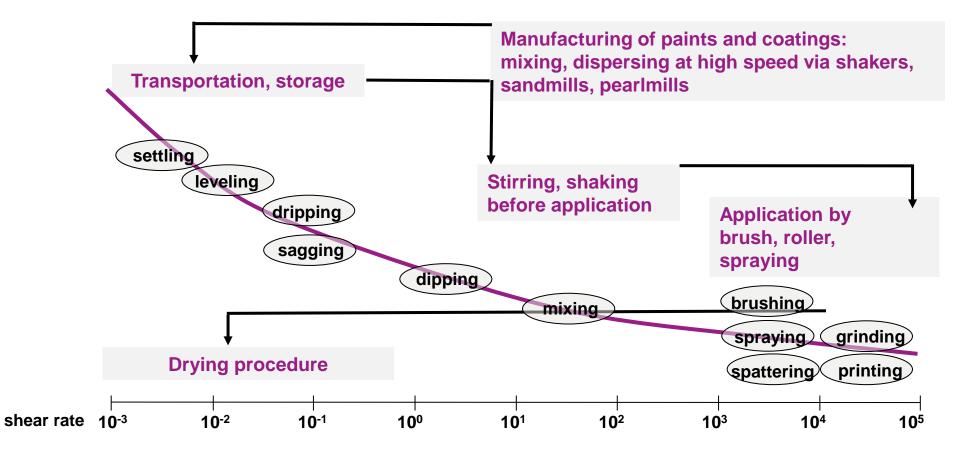
#### Spattering

- Spattering occurs when painting a wall by roller application
- Paint droplets are thrown from the roller into the environment during application











# Paint Defects depending on the Paint Rheology

#### **Brush marks**

- Use the right amount of paint on the brush
- Keep an eye on the drying time and humidity
- Do not exert too much pressure on the brush when painting
- Adjust the viscosity at lower shear rates



- Do not apply too high film thicknesses
- Applying at wrong climatic conditions
- Adjust the low shear viscosity of the paint



#### Spattering

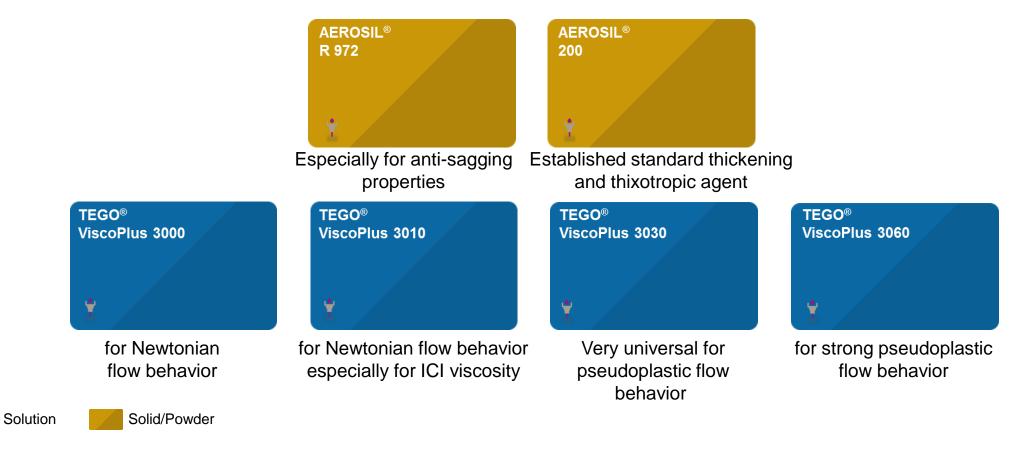
- Less paint on the paint roller
- Slower application speed
- Adjust the viscosity at high shear rates







### **Rheology – how to overcome unlevelled surfaces**



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### **Foam – The Troublemaker**

- Disrupted production process and increased production time
  - Less efficient milling process
  - Longer filling times
- Negative affected paint transfer and disturbed application
  - Longer application time
  - Inhomogeneous surface appearance
- Substantial quality loss and surface defects
  - Reduction of gloss
  - Craters or bubbles on the surface
  - Loss of protection





### **Well known Troublemakers**

Pigments, fillers, etc.





#### **Porous substrates**

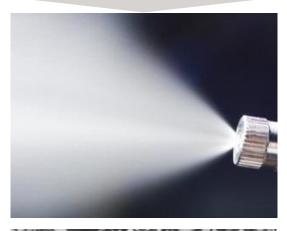
#### Mixing & production

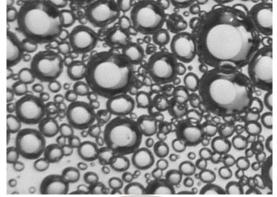




#### Pumping processes

#### **Application methods**





#### **Reaction gas**



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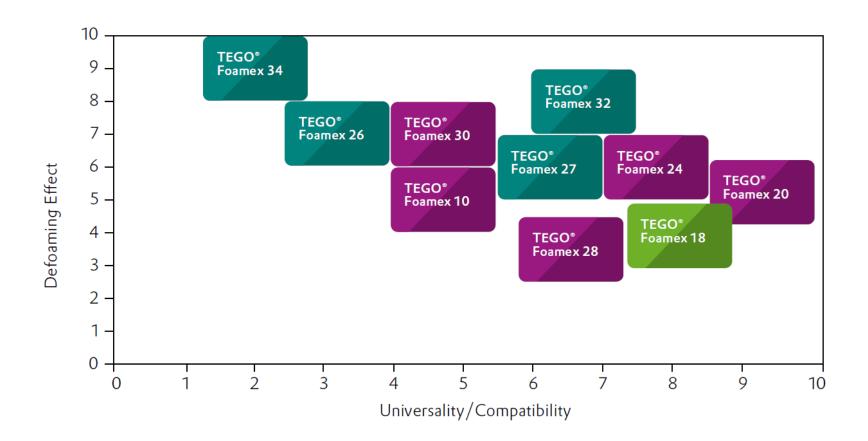
- Often the best results are achieved with a combination of defoamers
- Add the more incompatible defoamer (concentrates) to the grind
- Add the more compatible one (emulsions) to the let down
- Incorporate incompatible defoamer with high shear forces
- Incorporation / compatibility can be improved by prediluting
- Wetting agents can improve the compatibility of defoamer





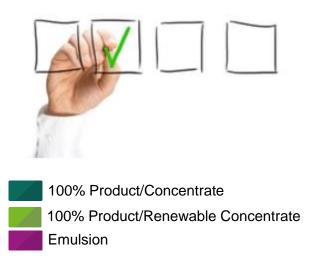


#### **Dedicated Portfolio to cover major needs in Architectural paints**



Selection of

- strong defoamers for more efficient processing
- more universal/compatible for sensitive systems





# What are Snail Trails and what are they caused by?

#### What are snail trails?

- Vertical streaks after rain showers
- Discoloration of the facade coating
  - Could be darker or lighter than the original color
  - More visible on darker colors

#### What causes snail trails?

- Water soluble ingredients of a paint like glycols, additives, thickeners or emulsifiers are essential for the production and handling of paints
- After application/painting however, most of these raw materials are redundant
- The required water solubility of these substances turns into a potential risk of leaching out by water contact
- Depending on the quantity of water, they rinse off or dry at the surface





### **Comparison of Snail Trail Test Methods**

3% novel calcium silicate and 5% water post added to a commercial high PVC paint Wet film thickness 200 micron, drying time 1h at 50 degree Celsius

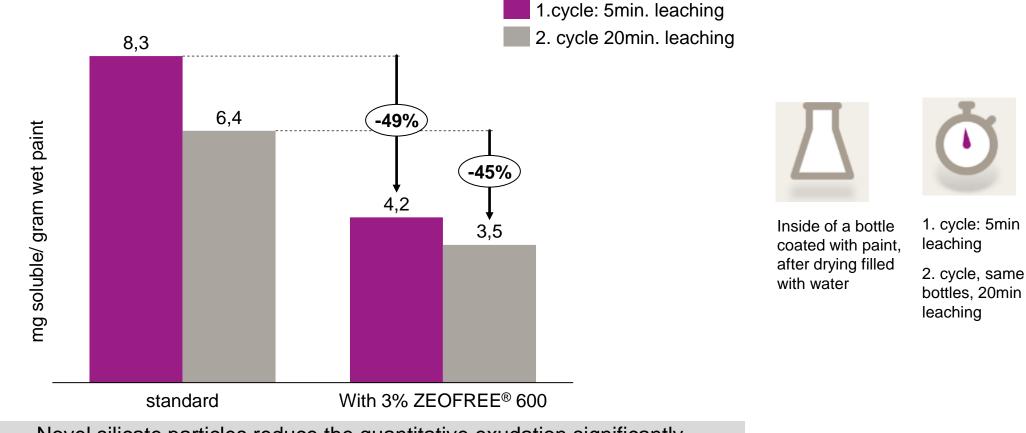




Evonik Coating Additives rain simulation



# **Quantitative Evaluation of Exudation**



Novel silicate particles reduce the quantitative exudation significantly



Quantitative

evaluation of

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of water

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### **Snail trails – how to overcome streaky surfaces**



Property	Typical Values	
Chemistry	Calcium silicate	
Moisture (%)	< 10	
5% pH	10	
Sodium sulfate (%)	< 1.0	
Specific gravity (g/cc)	2.1	
Oil absorption (cc/100g)	450	
Median particle size (µm)	5	







### **Blistering Defect of Exterior Facade Coatings**

#### What is blistering?

Deformation or lifting of the paint film from the substrate. Leads in the final stage to cracking and peeling of the paint.

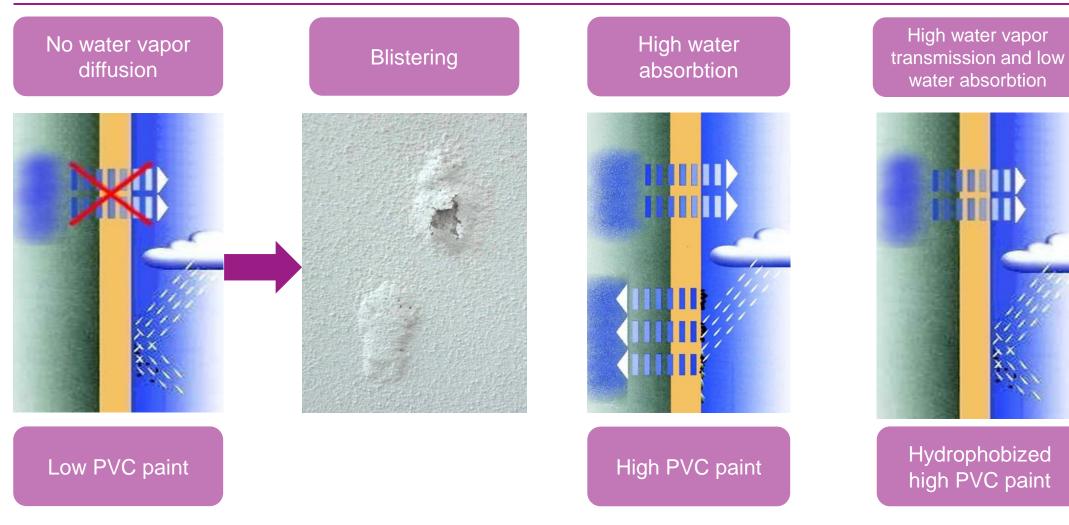
#### What causes blistering?

- Leaky connections, opening cracks and insufficiently water-repellent plasters or paints allow water to enter to the masonry.
- Incorrectly executed plinth connections to the ground are an important reason for rising damp.
- If blistering occurs, the protection against water absorption of the subsequent coating gets lost which may causes more damages.





# **Relevance of Paint PVC for Blistering**





### **Blistering – how to overcome cracks in the facade coating**

A facade paint with high water diffusion in combination with **TEGO<sup>®</sup> Phobe silicone resins** helps to avoid blistering.







#### What is efflorescence?

Efflorescence describes the migration of salt to the surface of a porous material, where it crystallizes after evaporation of moisture. The defect appears particularly on buildings with bricks and natural stones, but also on concrete, stucco or other building materials

#### How to avoid efflorescence?

To prevent the efflorescence one of the three key conditions must be prevented:

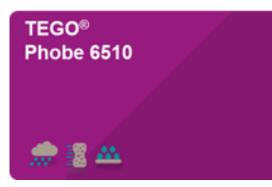
- Presence of water-soluble salts
- Presence of moisture to transform solid salts into a liquid solution
- Mobility of the liquid salt solution





# **Efflorescence – how to overcome salt migration**

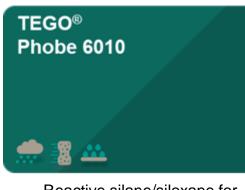
An impregnation or a primer based on **TEGO® Phobe** helps to avoid efflorescence.



Reactive siloxane for waterborne impregnations on alkaline substrates



Universal reactive siloxane for waterborne primers and impregnations



Reactive silane/siloxane for solventborne impregnations and primers





0.4 % TEGO® Phobe





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Water resistance

Water uptake

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Water beading

#### What are craters?

Craters are circular holes or dents in a coating that extend to the underlying substrate. They are either caused by wetting disturbances due to impurities or the substrate or by incompatibilities within the coating.

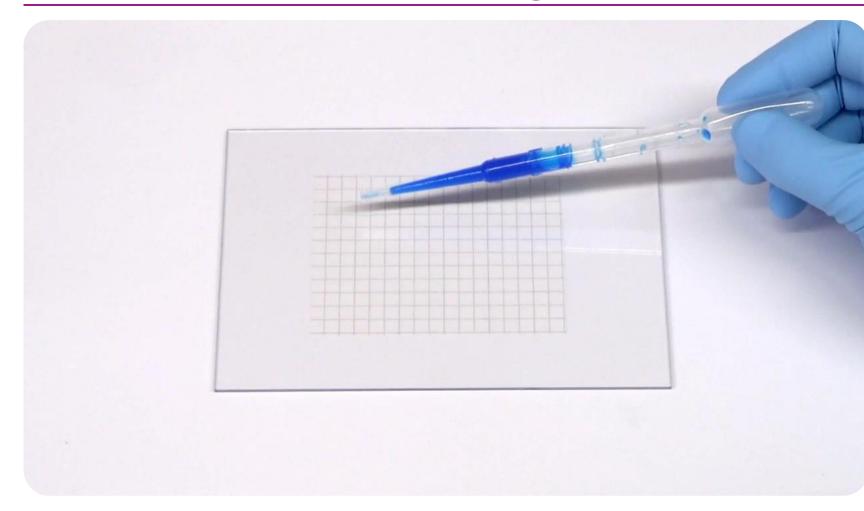
#### How to prevent craters?

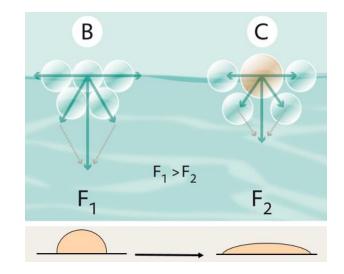
- Carefully clean the substrates before application
  - >Use alcohol to remove fatty impurities
- Use a more compatible defoamer in the coating formulation
- Even the usage of a **wetting additive** can lead to less craters
- The higher the viscosity or the PVC of a paint, the lower is the crater tendency





#### Surface active additives balancing out the attractive forces





The surface active molecule shows lower attraction to the molecules of the liquid resulting in a lower force  $F_2$  towards the interior. The effort to create a spherical surface is reduced. => Better spreading



### **Craters – how to overcome uncovered substrates**



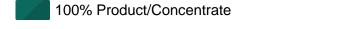
Siloxane-based superwetter to improve leveling



Organic-based surfactant with very good compatibility

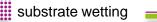


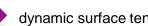
Universal leveling agent















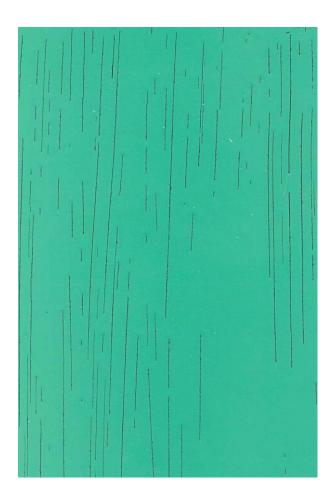
#### What is cissing?

Cissing is characterized as a tearing of the wet paint film, resulting in the exposure of the substrate or the underlying paint layer. It occurs during or directly after the paint application.

#### What is cissing caused by?

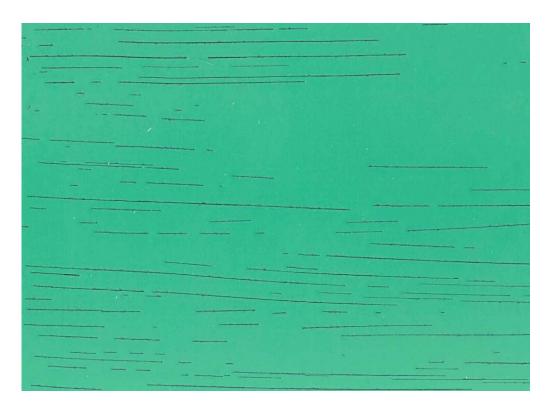
Cissing is often caused by

- contaminated surfaces by, f.e. oil or particulate substances
- Incompatible paint raw materials, f.e. defoamer
- Lower surface tension of the substrate, f.e. wb paint on glossy oil-based paints





# **Cissing is not equal to Brush Marks**



Wetting problem on difficult substrates along the brush application – Cissing or splitting



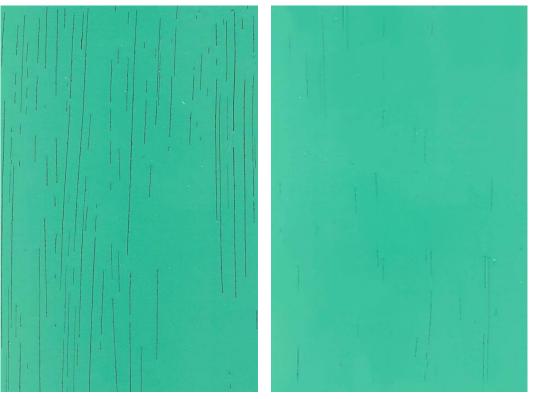
Bad leveling, brush marks due to high viscosity



# Essential addition of a highly suitable substrate wetting additive

#### How to avoid cissing?

- Make sure the coated surface is clean of contaminations e.g. grease, oil, wax or silicones
- Glossy or semi-glossy oil-based coatings should be sanded before applying water-thinned materials.
- If cissing occurs paint must be allowed to dry and harden before it is rubbed down and recoated.
- Reduce the surface tension of the coating by using wetting additives



wb alkyd, blank Strong cissing

0,5% DYNOL<sup>™</sup> 800 Less cissing



# **Cissing – how to overcome unleveled surfaces**



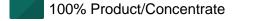
Low foam superwetter

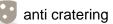


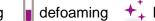
Organic-based superwetter with anti-crater properties and excellent recoatability



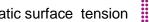
Outstanding anti-crater effect

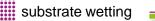


















# Floating and Flocculation – A Pigment Stabilization Problem

#### What is floating and floccuation?

Floating means a separation of one or more pigments in a paint. This results in separation during storage and also can cause color changes during drying of a paint.

Flocculation describes loose assemblies of pigments which get visual due to a color shift during storage or a strong rub out effect

#### What causes floating and flocculation?

When a coating dries, streams and vertices are created inside the coating. Due to the different moveabilities the separation of the pigments occurs.

Flocculation occurs due to the attraction of pigments to each other and can be redispersed by mild shear forces.







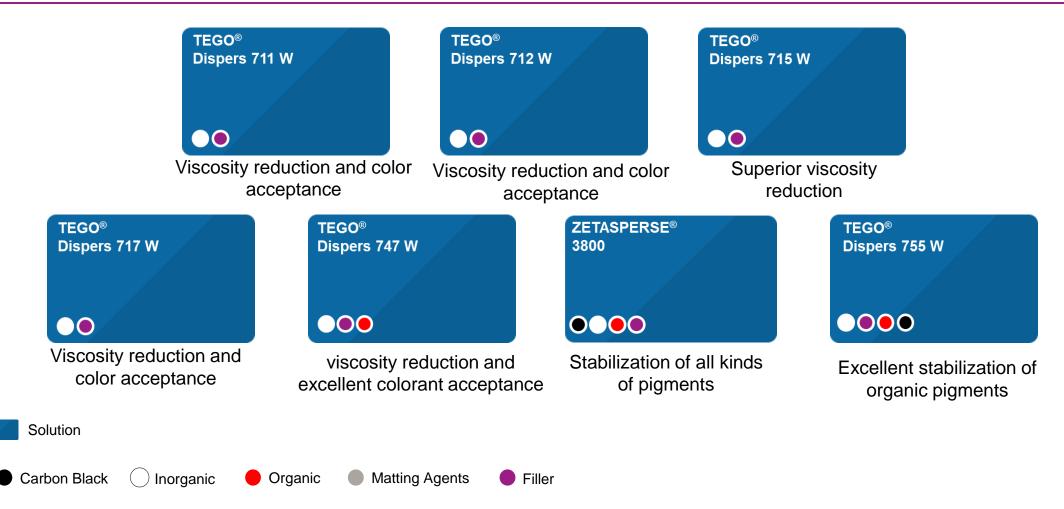
# **Pigment Stabilization – Rubout Test**







# Solutions from Evonik Coating Additives for a better pigment stabilization





#### What is hiding power?

Hiding Power is the ability of a coating to cover the substrate so that the substrate is not visible through the coating. In architectural paints titanium dioxide is the biggest driver for good hiding power.

#### What causes poor hiding power?

- Low pigment content, especially TiO<sub>2</sub>
- Lower PVC paints have lower hiding power
- Inefficient use of TiO<sub>2</sub>



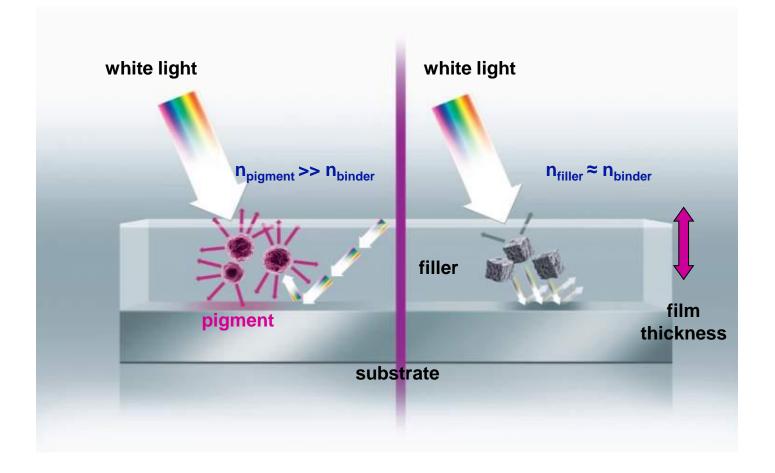
Poor hiding power



Good hiding power

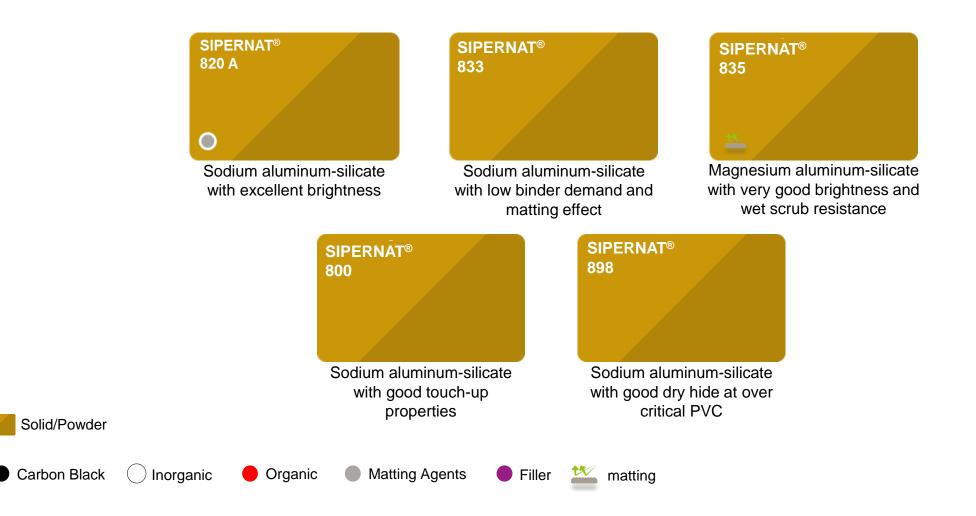


# Absorption, Scattering and Reflection of Light















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