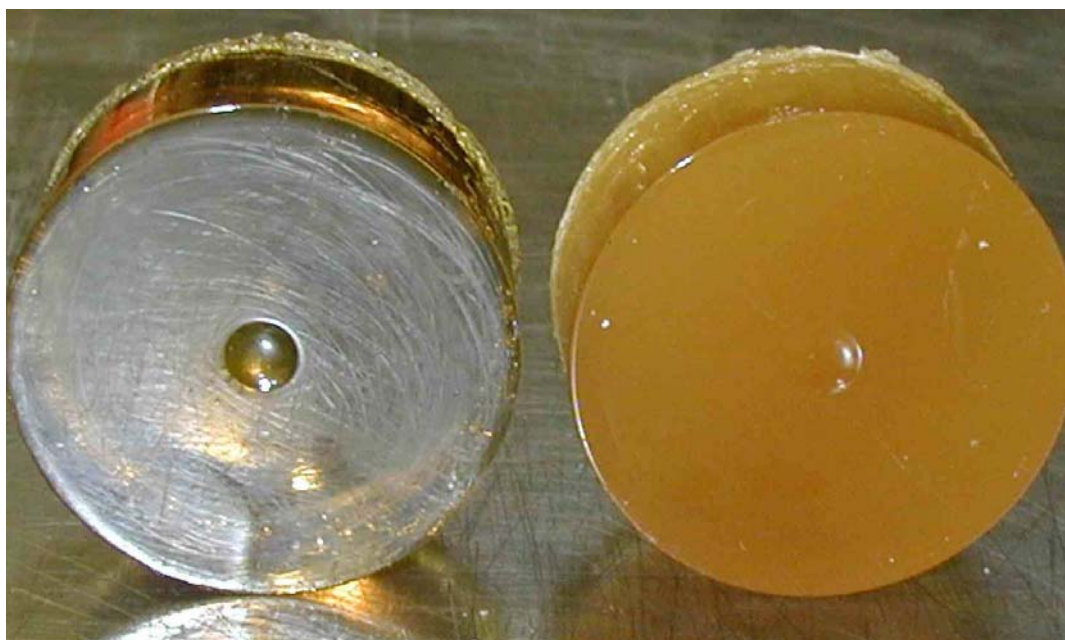


Ken-React[®] CP-03

Titanate Coupling Agent for Cast Polyester



Cast Polyester with Ken-React[®] CP-03 (left) and without (right)

Ken-React® CP-03 Titanate is a specially formulated liquid titanium ester mixture having phosphato/amino/acrylic multifunctionality that:

- Eliminates air bubbles. →
- Provides unparalleled surface smoothness.
- Increases thermal shock resistance.
- Lowers viscosity.
- Reduces mold fill time.
- Increases physicals.
- Increases impact strength.
- Enhances flame retardance.
- Wets completely reinforcing fibers, pigments and fillers.
- Eliminates filler filtration, fiber wash and mat fiber deformation.
- Increases stain resistance.
- Increases scratch resistance.
- Increases color stability.
- Resists deterioration of aged properties under salt/water boil.
- Stops aged cracking.
- Increases mold definition.

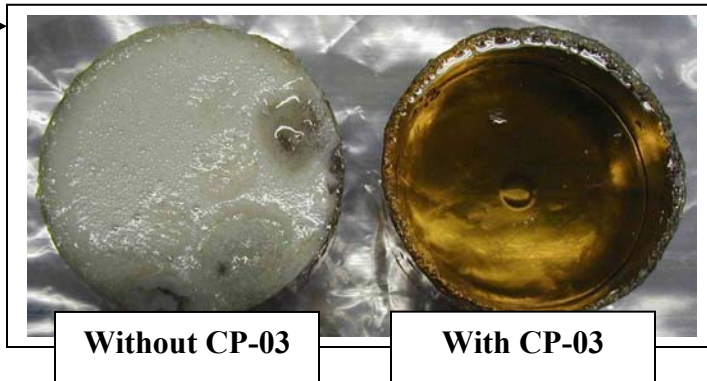


Figure 1 – Drop Impact of Polyester Castings (2¼” x ¼” discs) from 6’ Height – Ashland Polaris® MR 20000 SHV Polyester Resin (98.75 parts) cured with Norox® MEKP-925 (1.25 parts) and no Ken-React [left disc] and with Ken-React CP-03 (0.375 parts) [right disc]. The control disc was dropped once and shattered. The Ken-React CP-03 disc bounced on the 1st drop and broke on the 2nd drop.

Patented titanium chemistry provides multifunctional additive benefits

Ken-React CP-03 acts as a “coupling agent” to make fillers hydrophobic and organophilic by forming atomic titanium phosphato/amino/acrylic functional monolayers on the fiber, pigment or filler surface. Particulate and fiber air voids are eliminated and total deagglomeration and complete wetting of the filler, pigment and fiber occurs.

Ken-React CP-03 acts as an “amino” functional adhesion promoter.

Ken-React CP-03 acts as an “acrylic” functional monomer to increase crosslinking.

Ken-React CP-03 acts as a “titanium” catalyst thereby “Repolymerizing” (patented) the polyester to make it stronger by increasing strain strength – important to impact toughness.

Ken-React CP-03 acts as a “phosphatizing” flame retardant synergist.

Coupling, deagglomeration, dispersion and viscosity reduction – The addition of 0.7% Ken-React CP-03 titanate (by weight of CaCO_3 or any other filler of fiber) to the liquid polymer phase followed by CaCO_3 addition results in electrochemical CaCO_3 deagglomeration that no amount of mechanical dispersion can achieve. Unlike silanes, Ken-React CP-03 reacts directly with the filler or fiber surface via proton coordination and needs no hydroxyl groups or water of condensation to achieve atomic monolayer coupling (see Figure 2) and viscosity reduction (see Table 1). CP-03 viscosity effects begin to differentiate from control formulations in the 60 to 75% filler loading range. *Pretreated* filler gives somewhat better results than *in situ* treatment.

Similar coupling, catalysis and intumescent (with pyrophosphato titanates) effects on ATH, $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$, glass, graphite and aramid fibers, titanium, zinc and iron oxides, and all manner of inorganic/organic filled thermoplastics and thermosets are noted in the literature. See References 1 to 70 for some of the 1600⁺ references on the use of Ken-React’s by others and 355 references on patents, tech papers, journal articles and book chapters attributed to Kenrich Petrochemicals, Inc.

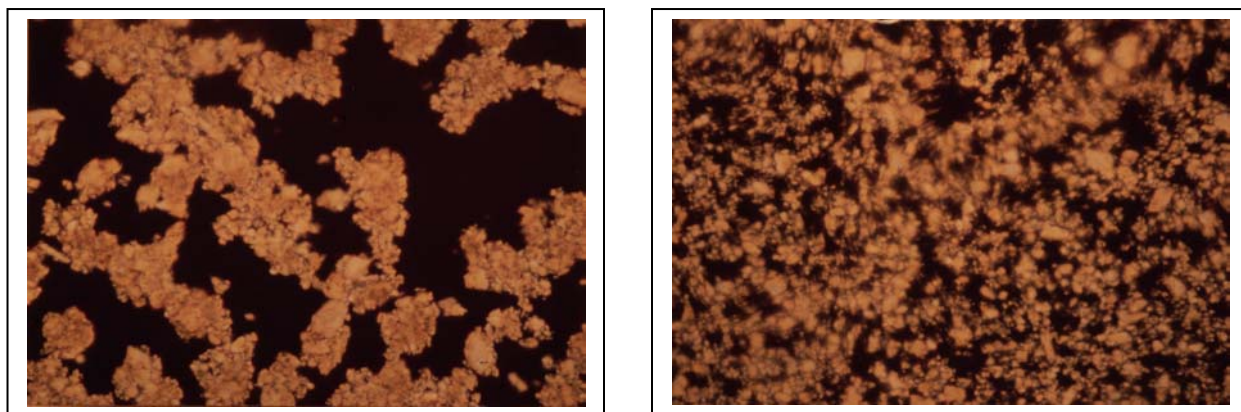


Figure 2 – The SEM on the left is CaCO_3 dispersed mechanically in a non-polar vehicle without Ken-React. The SEM on the right is the same CaCO_3 dispersed electrochemically in a non-polar vehicle to which had been added a Ken-React titanate prior to addition of the CaCO_3 .

Table 1 – The viscosity reduction effect of Ken-React CP-03 at 0.7% by weight of varying amounts of CaCO₃ in cast polyester resin – In Situ and Pretreated.

Polyester MR 20000 SHV (Ashland)	CaCO₃ (OMYA 3)	No Additive - Brookfield Viscosity, cps @ 25°C	0.7% Additive Ken-React CP-03 In Situ^a	With Additive - Brookfield Viscosity, cps @ 25°C	CaCO₃ OMYA 3 – Pretreated^b with 0.7% Additive Ken-React CP-03	Brookfield Viscosity, cps @ 25°C
25	75	4,800,000	0.525	4,000,000	75	3,600,000
30	70	576,000	0.490	544,000	70	384,000
35	65	160,000	0.455	144,000	65	112,000
40	60	80,000	0.420	67,200	60	57,600
50	50	22,400	0.350	22,400	50	22,400
60	40	12,800	0.280	12,800	40	12,800
70	30	8,000	0.210	8,000	30	8,000
80	20	6,400	0.160	6,400	20	6,400

a) In Situ: The Ken-React CP-03 dosage was calculated at 0.7% by weight of the anticipated % loading of CaCO₃. The CP-03 was dispersed into the Ashland Polaris[®] MR 20000 SHV Polyester Resin followed immediately by addition and drill mix dispersion of the OMYA 3 (3-micron) CaCO₃. MEKP withheld for measurements.

b) Pretreated: Ken-React CP-03 was added to the CaCO₃ dropwise over a one-minute period to a fluidized bed of the CaCO₃ using a Henschel mixer operating at low speed (1800 rpm) followed by a post-mix for one-minute and then discharged for later addition to the liquid polyester resin.

Complete Wetting of Glass Fiber – Figure 3 shows the complete wetting effect of a pyrophosphato titanate having similar pyrophosphato chemistry as is incorporated into Ken-React CP-03. Note the titanate wets the fiberglass so completely that the fiber seems to “disappear”. This because there are no air voids at the FG/polyester interface.

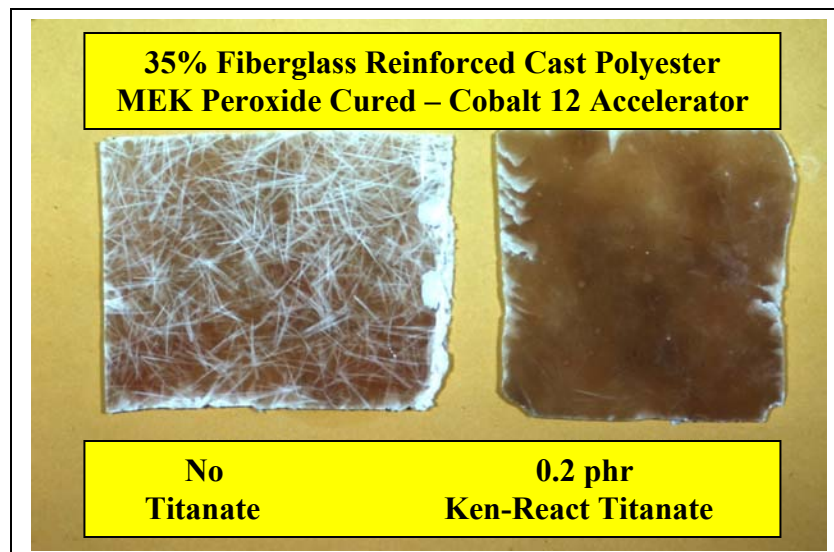


Figure 3 – The cast polyester (left) has un-wetted silane-sized fiberglass and no titanate. The same casting (right) containing pyrophosphato titanate shows a smooth surface with no fibers showing due to complete coupling & wetting.

Complete Wetting of Glass Fiber (continued)

As a result, cast polyester composites using Ken-React CP-03 titanate can have more filler, lower viscosity and can be up to four to eight times stronger and seventeen times better on drop impact than controls without the additive. Cast polyester problems such as filler filtration, surface finish, part definition, fiber mat deformation, fiber wash, pigment dispersion, mold fill time and final part gloss are diminished significantly. Laser surface profilometry data shows CP-03 imparts a class “A” automotive finish to filled and fiber reinforced polyester composites.

The effect is not limited to just cast polyester and applies to other thermoset and thermoplastic resins such as epoxy, vinyl ester, urethanes and elastomers. For example, Figure 4 shows similar effects in fiberglass/epoxy. See References 1 and 2 for complete data.



Figure 4 – The silane-sized fiberglass wound epoxy pipe on the left without titanate shows fiberglass while the pipe with 0.2 phr Ken-React added to the resin with the same fiberglass cause complete wet-out and “disappearance” of the fiber with a subsequent significant increase in resistance to hydrostatic pressure.

Surface Smoothness of RTM Molded W/R- CaCO_3 filled Polyester Using Benzoyl Peroxide Comparing Ken-React CP-03 to BYK-W 995 – Ken-React CP-03 was added to unsaturated polyester resin (proprietary gel coat type - Rheimhold) at 0.5% by weight of CaCO_3 , while the BYK-W 995 was added at the recommended 1.25% by weight for this type of silicone-based additive. CaCO_3 was filled to 38% and 55% by weight of polyester resin. The compounds were RTM molded using Woven Roving glass mat having a surface area equal to 567 g/m^2 (38% volume). The conditions for injection molding are shown in the Table 2. Tests show CP-03 to injection mold two to four times faster than BYK-W 995 with surface smoothness to be generally superior as determined by laser surface profileometry.

Surface Smoothness (continued)

Table 2 – Surface Smoothness of RTM Molded W/R-CaCO₃ filled Polyester Using Benzoyl Peroxide Comparing Ken-React CP-03 to BYK-W 995 Via Laser Surface Profilemetry

FORMULATION					
Unsaturated Polyester (Rheichhold)					100
CaCO ₃					As Shown
Ken-React CP-03, 0.5% by weight of CaCO ₃					As Shown
BYK-W 995, 1.25% by weight of CaCO ₃					As Shown
Woven Roving Glass Mat (567 g/m ²)					38% Resin Volume
Benzoyl Peroxide Curative (Atofina)					3
Cobalt Octoate Accelerator (1% in Styrene - CCP)*					3
RESULTS					
Additive	RTM Injection Time, Min:Sec @ 3.8 bar	RTM Injection Temp. (°F)	Filler Content % by Weight of Resin	Filler Filtration	Surface Roughness (µm) as Measured by Laser Profilemetry^a
CP-03	1:52	120	38	Low	9.5
CP-03	1:19	140	38	Low	9.5
CP-03	2:32	120	55	Low	0.2
CP-03	1:00	140	55	Low	1.6
W 995	2:32	120	38	High	13.5
W 995	2:17	140	38	High	12.0
W 995	5:23	120	55	High	1.9
W 995	4:09	140	55	High	1.1
Note a): Profilemetry Measurement Ratings					
Surface Roughness (µm)			Surface Finish Rating		
≤1			Very good		
≥1-3			Good		
≥3-10			Average		
≥10-13			Below Average		
≥13			Poor		

* According to BYK-Chemie’s website:

<http://www.byk-chemie.com/gbn/frame.cfm?idx=21>

“BYK-W 995 is a wetting and dispersing additive for molding compounds such as SMC and BMC. It is recommended to use BYK-W 995 for filler dispersion to reduce viscosity in LP- and LS-systems. BYK-W 995 cannot be used in cobalt accelerated resins! BYK-W 995 is often used in amine accelerated cont. laminating processes to lower viscosity, allowing more efficient production and/or higher filler loading.”

A Stronger Cure with Fewer Bubbles and Surface Pinholes – Some investigators speculate that the higher modulus and impact strength (see Figure 1) using CP-03 comes from the catalytic effect of *Titanium* on slowing the rate of cure, which is different from the rapid cure and exotherm caused by conventional cast polyester cures without *Titanium*. In unfilled systems, it is apparent that while conventional MEKP cures occur in 40-minutes with peak exotherms of 282°F (138°C) – the rapid cure creates aeration bubbles in the cured part. On the other hand, Ken-React CP-03 flows into the mold faster but generates less heat over its ~7-hour cure period. In fact, during the first five-and-a-half hours, there is little or no exotherm with CP-03. Then the temperature of cure rises slowly from 77°F (25°C) to 90°F (32°C) at the six hours, then rises to 94°F (34°C) in the next half hour, then to 96°F (35.5°C) in the next half hour (hour 7) where it peaks and then begins to cool down. The result is a clear, aeration free composite with superior gloss and clarity and much greater strength than the control (see Figure 5).

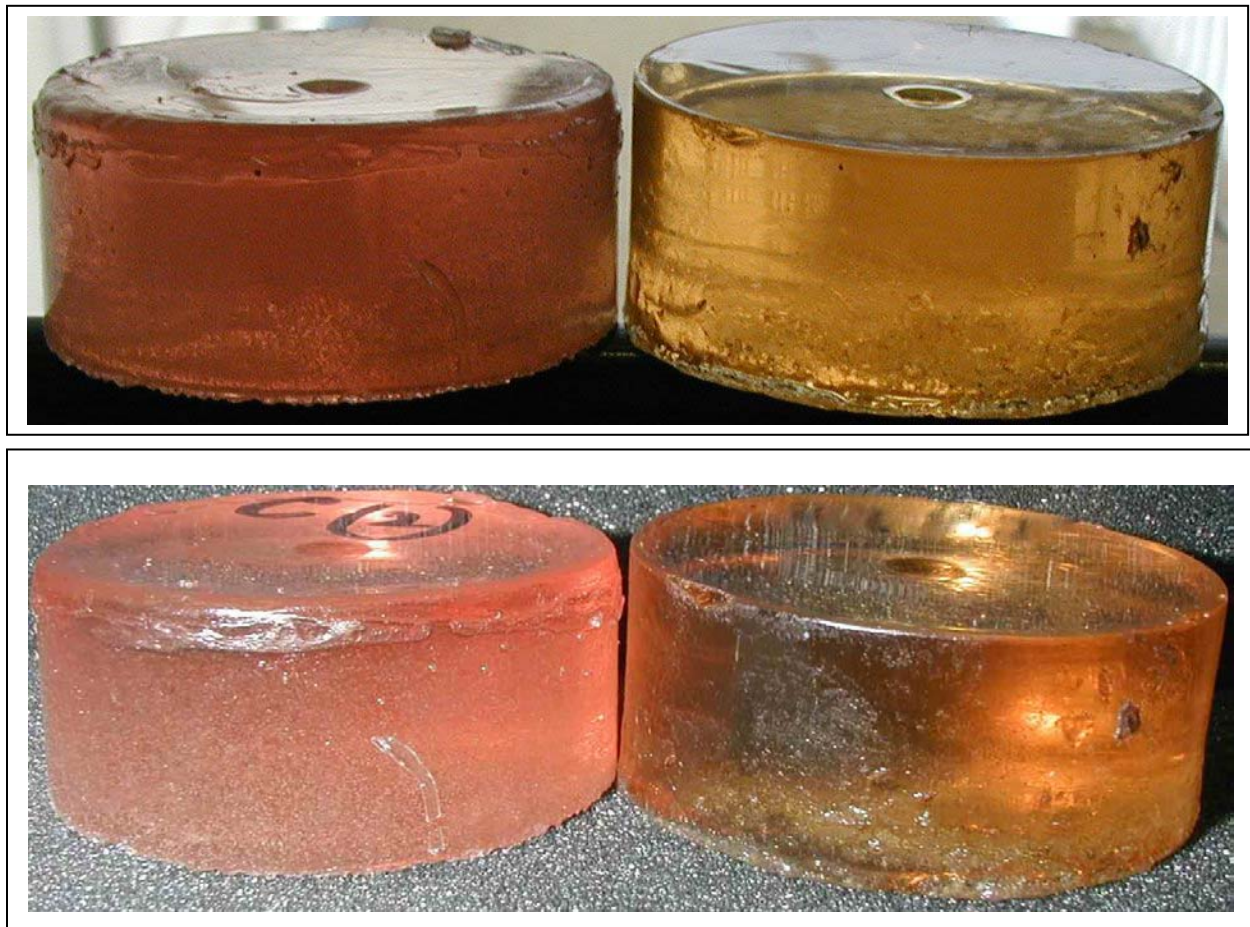


Figure 5 – Polyester Castings (2¼” x 1” discs) – Top Photo with sun light background and Bottom Photo with black foam background. Discs cast with Ashland Polaris[®] MR 20000 SHV Polyester Resin (98.75 parts) cured with Norox[®] MEKP-925 (1.25 parts) and no Ken-React [left disc] and with Ken-React CP-03 (0.375 parts) [right disc]. The control disc shows dullness (left-top) and aeration bubbles (left bottom) caused by cure exotherm [282°F (138°C)] while the CP-03 disc (right-top) is free of bubbles and has sharper part definition. The control disc (left-bottom) is pink and translucent and cured in 40-minutes while the CP-03 disc (right-bottom) is light tan and transparent and cured in 7-hours with 66% less exotherm.

Shortening the CP-03 Cure Time Using Cobalt, Heat or More Peroxide – Table 3 shows the Ken-React CP-03 formulations can have their cure times shortened by using heat – and to a lesser amount by increasing the peroxide dosage. The 7-hour cure time of the CP-03 formulation can be reduced to the control 50-minute cure time if heated to ~110°F to 125°F. As can be seen in Table 4, the addition of 0.4 parts of 6% Cobalt Naphthenate reduces the cure time to about 45-minutes vs. 50-minutes for the control, but the 6% Cobalt Naphthenate increases the heat of exotherm and subsequent bubble formation while turning the polyester composite from bright amber to deep purple. Table 4 also shows similar effects with 60% CaCO₃ filler.

Table 3 – Effect of MEK Peroxide Amount and Cure Temperature On Polyester Cure Time

Ingredients	Amount – In Order of Increasing MEKP-925				
	Increase Heat		Increase MEK Peroxide →		
Polyester Resin ^a	98.750	98.750	98.750	98.750	98.750
Ken-React KR CP-03 ^b	-	1.086	1.086	1.086	1.086
MEKP-925 ^c	1.25	1.250	1.875	2.500	2.500
Cure Time, minutes:hours – In Order of Increasing Temperature ↓					
25°C (77°F)	0:50	7:00	2:50	2:41	2:10
38°C (100°F)	0:22 ^d	1:04 ^e	-	-	-
66°C (150°F)	-	0:16 ^f	-	-	-
Notes:					
a) Polyester Resin = Ashland Polaris® MR 20000 SHV Polyester Resin.					
b) Ken-React KR CP-03 = 1.1% by weight of Polyester Resin.					
c) Norox® MEKP-925					
d) 18-min halfway cure – breakdown. 22-min. complete cure – color change to purplish – 45 minutes later color back to normal.					
e) Complete cure 1:04 – color change to purple.					
f) Color change to purple to green.					

Table 4 – Effect of Varying Amounts of 6% Cobalt Naphthenate on Polyester Cure Time

Ingredients	Amounts							
	Unfilled					Filled		
Polyester Resin ^a	98.750	98.750	98.750	98.750	98.750	40	40	40
Ken-React CP-03	-	1.086	1.086	1.086	1.086	0.42	0.42	0.42
3μ-CaCO ₃	-	-	-	-	-	60	60	60
6% Co Naphthenate ^b	-	-	0.20	0.30	0.40	-	-	0.4
MEKP-925 ^a	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.250	1.250
Cure Time, minutes:hours								
25°C (77°F)	0:45	7:00	1:20 ^c	1:15	0:45	0:50	7:00	0:50
Notes:								
a) Polyester and MEKP-925 the same as Table 3.								
b) 6% Cobalt Naphthenate = The Shepherd Chemical Company.								
c) All cobalt containing composites turn a deep purple.								

The Effect of Cobalt on CP-03 Cast Polyester Clarity – Figure 6 shows the negative effect of 0.4 parts of 6% cobalt naphthenate accelerator on cast polyester appearance.

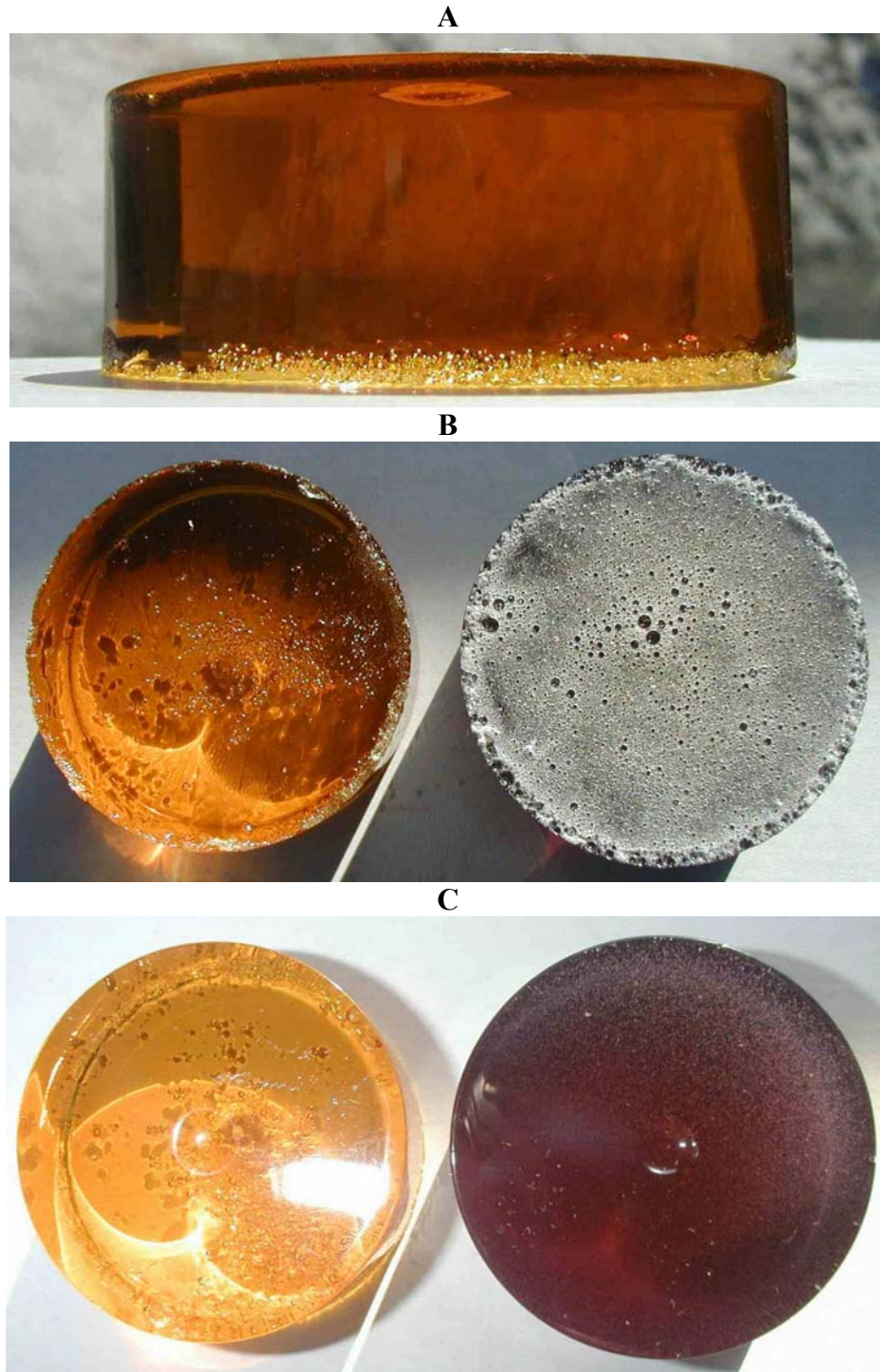


Figure 6 – Photo A is a side view of clear cast polyester containing CP-03. Photo B is top view of the “bubble side up” of cast polyester with CP-03 alone (left) and with CP-03 and Cobalt (right) as per Table 4. Photo C is top view of the same casting “bubble side down”.

Pinhole Elimination – Figure 7 shows that CP-03 eliminates pinholes in cast polyester.



Figure 7 – Photos [(upper-left = top-side of poured in mold) and (upper-right = bottom-side of poured in mold)] show the results of the cast polyester formulations in Table 4 for Unfilled (Casting 1 = Control; Casting 2 = CP-03; and Casting 3 = CP-03 + 0.4 parts of 6% Co Naphthenate) and 60% CaCO₃ Filled (Casting 6 = Control; Casting 5 = CP-03; and Casting 4 = CP-03 + 0.4 parts of 6% Co Naphthenate). The larger lower photo is a close-up of the bottom-side of castings 6 (left – Control with pinholes) and 5 (right – CP-03 without pinholes) demonstrating the use of CP-03 eliminates pinholes.

Ken-React CP-03 Evolution – Ken-React titanates were introduced commercially in 1974. Ken-React CP-03 is the result of years of testing various zirconates and other titanates to obtain CaCO₃ viscosity reduction in polyester while providing superior cast polyester part smoothness and strength. Table 5 demonstrates the superior viscosity reduction effects of CP-03 over the other Ken-React Zirconates tested. Also, although zirconates such as Ken-React NZ 33 will reduce viscosity and the cure time vs. CP-03 for a 60% CaCO₃ polyester from ~5-hours to 2.5-hours, the resultant composite is not bubble free and exhibits higher exotherm during the cure.

Table 5 – Effect of 0.5% by weight of filler of Various Titanates and Zirconates In Situ on 3 μ -CaCO₃ 70% Filled Polyester Viscosity

Ken-React Item	Polyester MR 20000 SHV	CaCO ₃ OMYA 3	KR Amount % by weight of Filler	Brookfield Viscosity, cps @ 25°C
Control	30	70	0.0	888,000
NZ 33	30	70	0.5	592,000
KZ TPP	30	70	0.5	528,000
NZ 38J	30	70	0.5	624,000
KZ 55	30	70	0.5	640,000
CP-03	30	70	0.5	416,000

Recommended Ken-React CP-03 Dosage – Tables 6 and 7 show a ladder study of increasing CP-03 dosage – *in situ* and *pretreated*. A dosage of 0.7 % Ken-React CP-03 by weight of 3 μ -CaCO₃ is about the right balance of viscosity reduction and subsequent length of cure times.

Table 6 – Effect of Varying Amounts of Ken-React CP-03 In Situ on 3 μ -CaCO₃ 70% Filled Polyester Viscosity

Item	Polyester MR 20000 SHV	CaCO ₃ OMYA 3	KR Amount % by weight of Filler	Brookfield Viscosity, cps @ 25°C
Control	30	70	0.0	560,000
CP-03	30	70	0.25	432,000
CP-03	30	70	0.50	288,000
CP-03	30	70	0.75	272,000
CP-03	30	70	1.0	256,000

Table 7 – Effect of Various Levels of Ken-React CP-03 Henschel Pretreatment of 3 μ -CaCO on 60% Filled Polyester Viscosity and MEKP Cure Time

Ingredients	Polyester MR 20000 SHV	3 μ -CaCO ₃	% CP-03 Pretreat.	MEKP	Viscosity, Cps	Cure Time Hr:Min
Control	40	60	-	1.25	576,000	0:45
CP-03	40	60	0.35	1.25	384,000	3:50
CP-03	40	60	0.70	1.25	384,000	4:50

Amino and Pyrophosphato Ken-React Organometallic Adhesion to Fiberglass in Peroxide Cured Polyester Thermoset Composites – Table 8 shows the adhesion – original and after aging 240 hr. in boiling 10% aqueous salt solution of a long strand of fiberglass embedded in benzoyl peroxide cured polyester and the viscosity and mechanical properties of the corresponding short glass fiber. Note the control tensile strength without coupling agent drops from 42 Joules (J) original to 27 J after aging. While the tensile strength of an aromatic amino zirconate (Ken-React NZ 37) increases original tensile strength from 42 to 62 J – and exhibits only a 6.5% drop-off in tensile to 58 J - compared to the 27 J after aging for the control. In other words, after aging, the aromatic amino zirconate fiberglass reinforced polyester composite interface adhesion property is twice as strong as the control.

Note also, that a pyrophosphato zirconate has a 40% viscosity reduction effect on the short fiber filled polyester. Mechanical properties, heat deflection temperature and notched izod data all point to a stronger polyester composite. The hybrid Ken-React CP-03 product has all of these attributes – plus synergistic pyrophosphato and acrylic functionality benefits.

Table 8 – Evaluation of Various Coupling Agents in Fiberglass Reinforced, Bis t-butylperoxycyclohexane Cured, Polyester (Original/Aged Properties)

Formulation

Parts by Weight

Resin, (Stypol 40-1029 – Freeman Chemical)	100
Curatives: Benzoyl peroxide	0.5
bis t-butylperoxycyclohexane	0.5
Short (5 mm) and long fiber (Fiberglass - Certainteed)	40
Additive(s)	as shown

Brookfield Viscosity measured @ 25°C. Cure 20 min. @ 150°C followed by postcure of 2 hr. @ 180°C. Aging 240 hr. in boiling 10% aqueous salt solution.

Additive (PBW)	Long Fiber	Short Fiber Vehicle Only				
	Tensile Pullout Energy J	Viscosity 0.2 rpm/2 rpm Megapoise	Flexural Modulus gPa	Flexural Strength gPa	HDT 1.18 mPa °C	N.I. kJ/m
Control	42/27	0.89/0.62	16/11	0.83/0.49	201/169	1.15/0.89
A-1100:0.4	49/41	0.84/0.71	19/14	1.05/0.88	218/194	1.32/0.97
A-174:0.4	50/44	0.82/0.66	18/16	1.06/1.01	217/203	1.28/1.10
NZ 97:0.4	59/56	0.71/0.60	21/17	1.14/1.12	221/216	1.56/1.47
KZ TPP:0.4	46/41	0.53/0.42	17/16	1.03/0.96	206/203	1.72/1.63
KZ 55:0.4	44/43	0.59/0.45	18/16	0.91/0.86	201/200	1.41/1.28
NZ 37:0.4	62/58	0.83/0.71	23/21	1.27/1.19	229/216	1.23/1.09
NZ 37:0.2+ KZ TPP:0.2	59/55	0.54/0.44	24/23	1.34/1.27	242/228	1.29/1.17
NZ 37:0.2+ A-174:0.2	71/69	0.83/0.71	28/26	1.46/1.42	279/257	1.42/1.38

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