

# Compatibility of AEROSIL® Easy-to-disperse fumed silica vs. organic thickeners



## Rheology control agents

Fumed silica and organic thickeners are utilized as primary ingredients for adjusting rheology in numerous coating systems and applications. It is important to note that viscosity enhancement is not the only crucial objective. Other properties, such as compatibility & polarity properties, surface leveling and storage performance are

equally essential when it comes to judging the performance of a coating.

The compatibility in various coating systems is shown, comparing fumed silica to organic-based rheology agents.

## Compatibility in solvent-based, 2K-PU clear coat

- Dosage: 1 % of each rheology agent
- Organic thickener 1 (52 % solution of modified urea) is incompatible in solvent-based, 2K-PU clear coat and shows strong gelation behaviour

### AEROSIL® E 972

100% fumed silica powder treated with DDS (dimethylchlorosilane)



### Organic thickener 1

52% solution of modified urea



AEROSIL® E 972 performs very well in sb, 2K-PU clear coat regarding polarity properties and compatibility aspects.

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## Compatibility in solvent-based, white pigmented primer

- Dosage: 1 % of each rheology agent
- Organic thickener 1 (52 % solution of modified urea) shows strong incompatibility in solvent-based, white pigmented primer

**AEROSIL® E 972**  
100 % fumed  
silica powder  
treated with DDS  
(dimethylchlorosilane)

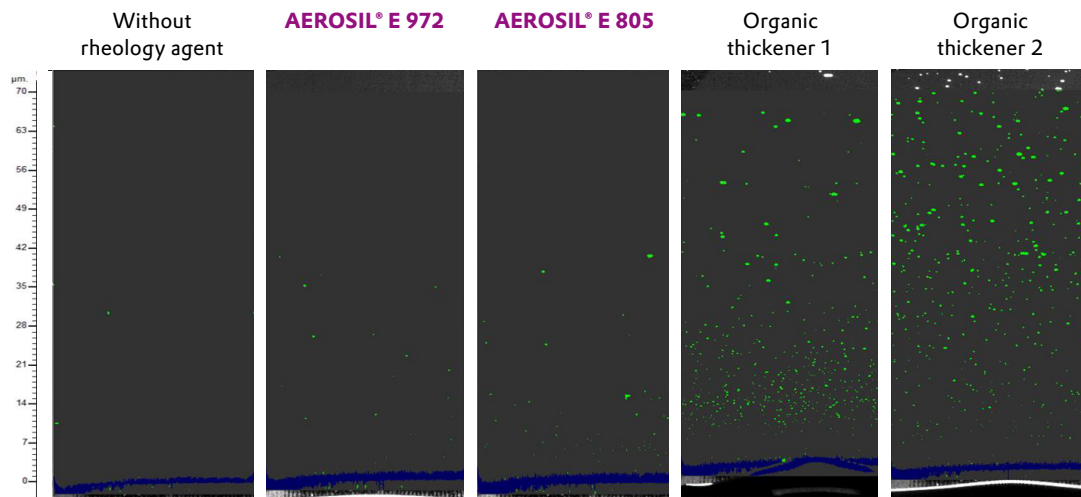


**Organic thickener 1**  
52 % solution  
of modified urea

AEROSIL® E 972 performs very well in sb, pigmented primer regarding polarity properties and compatibility aspects.

## Dispersing quality in solvent-based, white pigmented primer

- Dosage: 2 % of each rheology agent
- Organic thickener 1 (52 % solution of modified urea) & organic thickener 2 (25 % solution of modified urea) are incompatible in solvent-based, white pigmented primer
- Incompatibility shown via TIDAS® grindometer pictures



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