

COMPETITIVE RESINS

700 Line General
Refrigerator Finishes
Washing Machine Finishes
Stove Finishes
Alkyd Resin
Urea Formaldehyde Resin
Melamine " "
Competitive Resin

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Introduction:

In order to keep abreast with the developments of newer type resins suitable for white baking finishes, an evaluation has been made of seventeen competitive resins. These resins may be classified as non-oxidizing alkyds, oxidizing alkyds, ureas and melamines.

The recommendations of the resin supplier have been used in formulating these resins into our corresponding products.

This report supplements Memorandum Report #M-143, which discusses this same subject.

Conclusions:

The attached chart shows the general type formula used and in a condensed manner, the significant results obtained.

Of the seventeen competitive resins evaluated, only three alkyd resins showed outstanding performance in one or two properties and a usable balance of properties suitable to improve our 700 Line products. The ureas and melamines showed no improvements over our standard alkyden resins.

The following alkyd resins have been found to be equal or superior to our standard products as evaluated in 700 Line finishes:

1. Glyptal 2565 is a medium to short oil length alkyd of a graded RL type. This resin showed a definite increase in gloss and a slight deficiency in hardness as compared to standard RL-295. Other properties, strength, stain, and other film properties remained essentially the same as standard RL-295. The decided increase in gloss may be attributed to the use of the shorter oil length resin.

2. Dyal 15737, which is a short straight oil modified alkyd (oil unknown) imparted better adhesion, superior color retention characteristics in respect to overbake and a slight improvement in grease resistance as compared to our standard RC-305. This alkyd exhibited the same balance properties, both in a single coat and a two coat system.

3. Duxaplex ND-78, which is a very short hydrogenated coconut oil type resin, was evaluated in both our washing machine finish (725-6740) and our heat resistant finish (722-23743). Superior alkali and heat resistance were the outstanding properties exhibited by this resin; however, a general decrease in flexibility, grease, and stain was noted. This resin is not suited for formulation in a one coat system, because of its poor adhesion property.

Proposed Program:

It is recommended that the following competitive resins with outstanding properties be further evaluated for use in our standard products.

1. Glyptal 2555 vs. RL-296 and RL-344 for gloss improvement.
2. Dyal 15737 vs. RC-305 for improvement in adhesion, grease, and color retention in overbake.
3. ND-78 vs. RL-413, RC-306, and RC-305 for alkali and heat resistant superiority.

Discussion:

The competitive alkyd resins were substituted on the equal oil length basis for our corresponding resins in 700 Line enamels, thus varying the UF/alkyd ratio.

The urea and melamine formaldehyde resins were substituted on the solids basis in the finishes recommended by the supplier.

The tests and exposures used in this program are as follows:

A. Long time tests.

1. Florida - 45°S - exposed for 12 moe.
2. Fallowing in the dark - exposed for 2 yrs.
3. Fallowing in the light - exposed for 2 yrs.

4. Short Time Tests.

1. General film properties
2. Humidity cabinet - 30 days
3. Grease - 10 days
4. Stain - 3 days
5. Soap - 4 days
6. Heat - 2 hrs. at 400°F.

The Resinous Products Company states that Uformite F-240, a urea formaldehyde resin, is internally plasticized. A ladder ratio of UF/alkyd in the varying amounts of 25/75, 50/50, and 75/25 was formulated in order to clarify the point made by the resin manufacturers. Increasing the alkyd content gave increasing gloss and, conversely, decreasing the alkyd ratio gave decreasing gloss. In all cases, this UF resin exhibited very poor stain and grease resistance along with definite softening. Uformite F-240 was definitely inferior to our RC-713.

The other resins evaluated did not show as uniform a balance of properties as did the control resins: however, reformulation may produce a better balance of properties. Exposure Series 9671 has been prepared to obtain durability information on the competitive resins.

References:

Further details may be found in Notebooks #3293, 3405 and 3272, Exposure Series 9671.

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