



## **ABOUT US**

Prefere Melamines is a proven leader in the field of Amino resins. Our roots date back to the melamine resin production facilities founded at the Cassella site in Frankfurt, Germany in 1935 and at the Monsanto site in Springfield, Massachusetts, USA in 1946.

Prefere Melamines produces a comprehensive range of melamine and benzoguanamine resins, in addition to additives for laminating and paper applications.

We have a proven track record of delivering high quality products, innovative solutions and value to our customers. Our amino resins are used in the development of coatings, as well as in other technical and specialty applications. We are positioned as one of the global leaders in the resins marketplace.

Our resins serve many applications, including automotive and industrial coatings, specialty paper, textiles (woven and non-woven), wood finishes, and technical rubber and tire. Prefere Melamines has strategic manufacturing sites in Europe, North America, and Asia. Our primary focus is to create value for our customers, by continually improving product performance, processes, customer service, and most importantly, health, safety, and environmental properties.

For more information, please visit our business on our website www.prefere.com

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## **RUBBER AND TIRE**

Prefere Melamines produces highly etherified **RESIMENE®** melamine resins of the HMMM type, solidifying us as a global partner in the tire and rubber industry. Our resins are used as crosslinkers for the production of tires and technical rubber articles such as transport or power transmission belts. Our **RESIMENE®** products improve the hardness and stiffness of rubber and its adhesion to steel and textile cord.

In addition to standard HMMM grades, reactive melamine resin types are available that provide high strength and adhesion properties without
the use of additional
chemicals like
resorcinol or
phenolic resins.
Our resins are
available as a liquid
and in powder form,
coated on a silica
carrier.



| Characteristic                          | Product name     |                        |                                  |                                  |                                    |                       |                                  |
|---|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
|   | RESIMENE<br>3520 | RESIMENE<br>XT 911 ULF | RESIMENE<br>XT 922 NEU           | RESIMENE<br>XT 926               | RESIMENE<br>VXT 3924               | RESIMENE<br>3520 S-72 | RESIMENE<br>3520 PJ-72           |
| Primary Manufacturing Source            | USA              | Germany                | Germany                          | Germany                          | Germany                            | USA                   | USA                              |
| Melamine Resin Type                     | НМММ             | НМММ                   | HMMM                             | НМММ                             | НМММ                               | HMMM                  | НМММ                             |
| Form                                    | Liquid           | Liquid                 | Powder                           | Powder                           | Powder                             | Powder                | Powder                           |
| Carrier Type                            |                  |                        | amorphous<br>precipitated silica | amorphous<br>precipitated silica | precipitated silica<br>micropearls | calcium silicate      | amorphous<br>precipitated silica |
| Crosslinking with Resorcinal & Phenolic | $\checkmark$     | ✓                      | ✓                                | ✓                                | ✓                                  | ✓                     | ✓                                |
| Reinforcing of the Rubber Compound      | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                                | $\checkmark$                     | $\checkmark$                       | $\checkmark$          | $\checkmark$                     |
| Adhesion to steel & textile cord belts  | $\checkmark$     | ✓                      | ✓                                | ✓                                | $\checkmark$                       | ✓                     | ✓                                |
| Enhanced Flowability, low dust          | N. A.            | N. A.                  |                                  |                                  | $\checkmark$                       |                       | ✓                                |
| Low Free Formaldehyde Content           | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                                | $\checkmark$                     | $\checkmark$                       | $\checkmark$          | ✓                                |
| Tire Textile & Steel Belts              | $\checkmark$     | ✓                      | ✓                                | ✓                                | $\checkmark$                       | ✓                     | $\checkmark$                     |
| Tire Apex & Bead Reinforcement          | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                                | $\checkmark$                     | $\checkmark$                       | $\checkmark$          | ✓                                |
| Rubber Belts and Hoses                  | ✓                | ✓                      | ✓                                | $\checkmark$                     | $\checkmark$                       | $\checkmark$          | ✓                                |
| Active Resin Content (%)                | ≥ 98*            | ≥ 96**                 | 63.5 - 66.5                      | 63.5 - 66.5                      | 63.5 - 66.5                        | 71.0 - 76.5           | 71.0 - 76.5                      |
| Viscosity (mPas, 23°C)                  | 3000 - 6200      | 3000 - 6000            | N.A.                             | N.A.                             | N.A.                               | N.A.                  | N.A.                             |
| Free formaldehyde content (%)           | ≤ 0.15           | < 0.1                  | < 0.1                            | < 0.1                            | < 0.1                              | ≤ 0.12                | ≤ 0.12                           |
| Storage time (months, 23°C)             | 24               | 24                     | 24                               | 12                               | 24                                 | 24                    | 24                               |

## PULP AND PAPER

Melamine resins of our **MADURIT®** product range give unique properties to specialty papers like magazines, banknotes, filters or furniture papers. Our resins are used to increase the wet strength and whiteness of paper in these and several related applications.

Our MADURIT® resins can be added to the fiber pulp or, by means of a size or film press, to the paper surface. Our resins can also be used as crosslinkers for paper coating colours applied by a blade coater or film press. Depending on the paper grade,

the amount of crosslinking agent added to the fiber pulp varies from 0.5 – 4.0% solid resin based on dry fiber. In order to optimize the wet pick properties of coating colours, typically 5 – 15% dry resin based on total binder amount are employed.

With their extremely low emission rates, our melamine resins combine the advantages of melamine resin performance with a maximum of environmental friendliness.





| Characteristic                           | Product name      |                   |                   |                      |                      |                      |                      |                       |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | MADURIT<br>MW 169 | MADURIT<br>MW 167 | MADURIT<br>MW 168 | MADURIT<br>MW 112    | RESIMENE<br>AQ-7551  | MADURIT<br>MW 116    | MADURIT<br>MW 113    | MADURIT<br>MW 120 ULF |
| Primary Manufacturing Location           | Germany           | USA / Germany     | Germany           | Germany              | USA                  | Germany              | Germany              | Germany               |
| Charge                                   | Cationic          | Cationic          | Cationic          | Non-ionic            | Non-ionic            | Non-ionic            | Non-ionic            | Non-ionic             |
| Paper Processing Application             | Pulp              | Pulp              | Pulp/Surface      | Pulp/Surface/Coating | Pulp/Surface/Coating | Pulp/Surface/Coating | Pulp/Surface/Coating | Pulp/Surface/Coating  |
| Wet Strength                             | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | ✓                    | $\checkmark$          |
| Crosslinker for Starch / Polymers        |                   |                   |                   | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | ✓                    | $\checkmark$          |
| Wet Pick in Coating Colours              |                   |                   |                   | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | ✓                    | $\checkmark$          |
| Pulp Application after Cationization     |                   |                   |                   | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$          |
| Low Formaldehyde Emissions               |                   |                   | $\checkmark$      |                      |                      |                      | ✓                    | $\checkmark$          |
| Banknotes                                |                   | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         |                      |                      | $\checkmark$          |
| Overlay Paper                            |                   | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         |                      |                      | $\checkmark$          |
| Decorative Paper                         |                   | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         |                      |                      | $\checkmark$          |
| Food Packaging                           | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         |                       |
| Filter                                   | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$          |
| Magazines                                |                   |                   |                   | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$          |
| Abrasives                                | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$          |
| Encapsulation                            |                   |                   |                   | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$          |
| Non volatile content (%, 120°C)          | 9.5 - 10.5        | 9.5 - 10.5        | 8.8 - 9.3         | 75 - 77              | 75 - 80*             | 75 - 77              | 75 - 77              | 74 - 76               |
| Viscosity (mPas, 23°C)                   | 3 - 10            | 5 - 35            | 1 - 20            | 500 - 1000           | 600 - 1500**         | 500 - 1000           | 500 - 1000           | 350 - 750             |
| Free formaldehyde content (%, ISO 11402) | < 1.5             | < 1.0             | < 0.1             | ≤ 0.6                | < 0.5                | ≤ 0.4                | < 0.3                | < 0.1                 |
| Storage time (months, 23°C)              | 6                 | 6                 | 6                 | 6                    | 6                    | 2                    | 4                    | 2                     |

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## **TEXTILE AND NONWOVENS**

Partially and highly etherified melamine resins of our MADURIT® and RESIMENE® range are used in many applications in the textile industry, including both technical textiles and more classical applications such as textile printing and finishing for clothing. Our products can either be used as the sole binder, or as a crosslinker for other polymers to improve properties like wrinkle resistance, stiffness and water resistance of the finished textile. They are typically supplied either solvent-free or as water-borne solutions.

As a binder for the production of glass and organic fiber nonwovens, our resins give unique product properties, including high flame retardancy, moisture resistance and mechanical strength.

With their extremely low emission rates, our melamine resins combine the advantages of melamine resin performance with a maximum of environmental friendliness.





| Characteristic   | Product name       |                   |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | MAPRENAL<br>MF 900 | RESIMENE<br>745   | MADURIT<br>XT 850    | RESIMENE<br>AQ-2611                      | MADURIT<br>XT 836                        | RESIMENE<br>AQ-7551                      | MADURIT<br>XT 804                        | MADURIT<br>MW 120 ULF                    |
| Primary<br>Manufacturing<br>Location                                   | Germany            | USA               | Germany              | Germany                                  | Germany                                  | USA                                      | Germany                                  | Germany                                  |
| Crosslinker for dispersions  | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓                    | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| Oil and water resistance   | ✓                  | ✓                 | $\checkmark$         | <b>✓</b>                                 | ✓  | ✓  | $\checkmark$                             | $\checkmark$                             |
| Wrinkle resistance   | $\checkmark$       | $\checkmark$      | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$                             | $\checkmark$                             | $\checkmark$                             | $\checkmark$                             | $\checkmark$                             |
| Stiffening of fabrics and fleeces                                      | $\checkmark$       | ✓                 | ✓                    | ✓  | $\checkmark$                             | ✓  | ✓  | ✓  |
| Crosslinker for printing pastes  | ✓                  | ✓                 | ✓                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Low formaldehyde<br>emissions  |                    | ✓                 | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$                             |  | $\checkmark$                             | ✓  | ✓  |
| Diluent  | -                  | -                 | H <sub>2</sub> O     | H <sub>2</sub> 0                         | H <sub>2</sub> O                         | H <sub>2</sub> O                         | H <sub>2</sub> O                         | H <sub>2</sub> O                         |
| Level of imino ( -NH )   | low                | low               | low                  | medium                                   | high                                     | high                                     | high                                     | high                                     |
| Level of methylolation<br>(-CH <sub>2</sub> OH)                        | high               | high              | high                 | medium                                   | medium                                   | medium                                   | low                                      | low                                      |
| Level of etherification<br>(-OCH <sub>3</sub> )                        | high               | high              | high                 | high                                     | medium                                   | medium                                   | medium                                   | medium                                   |
| Modification   | no                 | no                | yes                  | yes                                      | no                                       | no                                       | no                                       | no                                       |
| Predominate<br>Reaction Partners<br>and order or<br>favored reactivity | -OH > -NH > -COOH  | -OH > -NH > -COOH | -0H > -NH ><br>-C00H | -CH <sub>2</sub> OH/-NH ><br>-OH > -COOH |
| Non volatile content<br>(%, 120°C)                                     | 93 - 96            | ≥ 98*             | 48 - 52              | 81 - 84                                  | 73 - 77                                  | 75 - 80*                                 | 75 - 77                                  | 74 - 76                                  |
| Viscosity (mPas,<br>23°C)  | 4500 - 7200        | 2100 - 4350**     | 20 - 40              | 1800 - 6500                              | 500 - 1000                               | 600 - 1500**                             | 500 - 1000                               | 350 - 750                                |
| Water solubility<br>(ml/g, 20°C, demin.)                               | > 25               | water dilutable   | > 25                 | > 25                                     | > 25                                     | > 50                                     | > 25                                     | ≥ 10                                     |
| Free formaldehyde<br>content<br>(%, ISO 11402 )                        | < 0.5              | < 0.2             | < 0.1                | < 0.3                                    | < 0.6                                    | < 0.5                                    | < 0.3                                    | < 0.1                                    |
| Storage time<br>(months, 23°C)   | 24                 | 24                | 12                   | 9  | 6  | 6  | 4  | 2  |

<sup>\*</sup> foil, 45min 45°C \*\* measured at 25°C

## **DECORATIVE LAMINATES**

Prefere Melamines is a leading supplier of tailor-made melamine resins and additives for the laminate flooring and for the furniture industry.

Our product offerings of the MADURIT®, HYPERSAL®, MAPRENAL® and RESIMENE® range include resins for the impregnation of decor, overlay and balance papers for decorative laminates, along with hardeners, wetting agents and release agents to increase production efficiency. Additionally, we offer resins for the manufacture of decorative finish foils and edge bandings, which can be employed as crosslinkers or main binders

in the impregnating, priming or coating step of the production process.

Our resins excel by their low content of free formaldehyde, combined with excellent flexibility and chemical resistance properties. For the manufacture of finish foils and edge bandings, high-solid, water-borne solutions are available to provide maximum production efficiency and environmental friendliness.

Ongoing research projects focus especially on further reduction of free formaldehyde and on property optimization for edge bandings. Feel free to contact us for additional information.





| Characteristic                           | Product name  |                                    |  |   |                      |  |  |
|--|---|------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|--|--|
|  | MADURIT<br>MW 834   | MAPRENAL<br>MF 900                 | RESIMENE<br>745  | RESIMENE<br>747 ULF                                       | MAPRENAL<br>MF 920   | RESIMENE<br>AQ-2611                                    |  |
| Primary Manufacturing Source             | Germany   | Germany                            | USA  | Germany   | Germany              | Germany  |  |
| Melamine Resin Type                      | Methylated  | HMMM                               | HMMM   | HMMM  | Methylated           | Methylated   |  |
| Modification                             | Yes   | No                                 | No   | No  | No                   | Yes  |  |
| Remarks                                  | For edge bandings with particularly low formaldehyde emission | HMMM with good water compatibility | HMMM with good water compatibility and reduced free formaldehyde content | Ultra low free<br>formaldehyde content,<br>labelling free | Very highly reactive | Highly reactive<br>at low free<br>formaldehyde content |  |
| Crosslinker for Acrylic Dispersions      | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$                       | ✓  | ✓   | $\checkmark$         | ✓  |  |
| High Flexibility                         | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$                       | $\checkmark$   | $\checkmark$  |                      |  |  |
| Low Water Absorption                     |   | $\checkmark$                       | $\checkmark$   | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$         | $\checkmark$   |  |
| High Reactivity                          | $\checkmark$  |                                    |  |   | $\checkmark$         | ✓  |  |
| Low Formaldehyde Emission                | ✓   | $\checkmark$                       | $\checkmark$   | $\checkmark$  |                      | ✓  |  |
| Finish Foils                             | ✓   |                                    |  |   |                      |  |  |
| Edge Bandings                            | $\checkmark$  |                                    |  |   |                      |  |  |
| Foil Coatings                            |   | $\checkmark$                       | $\checkmark$   | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$         | ✓  |  |
| Non-volatile Content (%; 1h, 120°C)      | 75 - 77   | 93 - 96                            | ≥ 98*  | ≥ 98*   | 75 - 77              | 81 - 84  |  |
| Viscosity (mPas; EN ISO 3219-B, 23°C)    | 200 - 300   | 4500 - 7200                        | 2100 - 4350**  | 3000 - 6200   | 450 - 950            | 1800 - 6500  |  |
| Water Tolerance (ml/g; 20°C, demin.)     | > 25  | > 25                               | No or small amount of co-solvent required                                | Co-solvent required                                       | > 25                 | > 25   |  |
| Free formaldehyde content (%; ISO 11402) | < 0.1   | < 0.5                              | < 0.2  | < 0.1   | ≤ 0.6                | < 0.3  |  |
| Storage time (months; 23°C)              | 3   | 24                                 | 24   | 24  | 6                    | 9  |  |

# DECORATIVE LAMINATES

| Characteristic   | Product name                         |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | MADURIT<br>MW 480                    | MADURIT<br>MW 491                    | MADURIT<br>MW 492                    | MADURIT<br>MW 501                    | MADURIT<br>MW 3284/2                 | MADURIT<br>MW 3498                   |
| Primary<br>Manufacturing<br>Location   | Germany                              | Germany                              | Germany                              | Germany                              | Germany                              | Germany                              |
| Melamine Resin Type  | Impregnating resin; aqueous solution |
| Modification   | Yes                                  | Yes                                  | Yes                                  | Yes                                  | Yes                                  | No                                   |
| Decorative Laminates   | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         |
| LPL (short-cycle<br>method)  | ✓                                    | ✓                                    | <b>✓</b>                             | ✓                                    |                                      |                                      |
| HPL (high pressure laminate)   |                                      | <b>✓</b>                             |                                      |                                      | $\checkmark$                         |                                      |
| CPL (continuous pressure laminate)   |                                      | ✓                                    |                                      |                                      | $\checkmark$                         |                                      |
| Moulded Aminoplasts  |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      | $\checkmark$                         |
| Overlay Paper  | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         |
| Decor Paper  | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         | $\checkmark$                         |                                      |
| Balance Paper  | $\checkmark$                         |                                      |                                      | $\checkmark$                         |                                      |                                      |
| Non-volatile content<br>(%; 120°C, 1h, 1g)   | 60 - 62                              | 61 - 63                              | 61 - 63                              | 68 - 71                              | 57 - 59                              | 55 - 57                              |
| Viscosity (s; EN ISO 2431, 23°C, 4mm)  | 30 - 50                              | 40 - 52                              | 40 - 55                              |                                      | 26 - 36                              | 17 - 28                              |
| Viscosity (mPas;<br>EN ISO 3219-B,<br>cone & plate, 20°C)                          |                                      |                                      |                                      | 300 - 650                            |                                      |                                      |
| pH (20°C)  | 9.0 - 10.0                           | 9.0 - 10.0                           | 9.0 - 10.0                           | 9.0 - 10.0                           | 9.0 - 9.6                            | 9.0 - 10.0                           |
| Cloud time<br>(min; 100°C, 0.3%<br>MH 836 as supplied,<br>referred to solid resin) | 9.0 - 15.0                           | 11.0 - 16.0                          | 10.0 - 16.0                          | 10.0 - 16.0                          | 8.0 - 14.0                           |                                      |
| Cloud time<br>(min; 100°C, 0.5%<br>MH 836 as supplied,<br>referred to solid resin) |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      |                                      | 5.0 - 9.0                            |
| Storage time<br>(weeks; 23°C)  | approx. 3                            | approx. 3                            | approx. 3                            | approx.1 - 2                         | approx. 3                            | approx.1 - 2                         |



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| Characteristic                       | Product name  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|                                      | MADURIT-Härter<br>MH 836  | HYPERSAL<br>XT 782  | MADURIT<br>TM 3750  |  |  |  |  |
| Primary<br>Manufacturing<br>Location | Germany   | Germany   | Germany   |  |  |  |  |
| Type of Additive                     | Hardener  | Wetting Agent   | Release Agent   |  |  |  |  |
| Additive for<br>Decorative Surfaces  | Yes   | Yes   | Yes   |  |  |  |  |
| Remarks                              | Alkylphenol ethoxylate<br>free; particularly for<br>laminate floorings,<br>also furniture | Alkylphenol ethoxylate<br>free, free of organic<br>solvents | Alkylphenol ethoxylate<br>free, free of organic<br>solvents |  |  |  |  |
| LPL<br>(short-cycle method)          | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$  |  |  |  |  |
| HPL (high pressure<br>laminate)      | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$  |  |  |  |  |
| CPL (continuous pressure laminate)   | $\checkmark$  | ✓   | $\checkmark$  |  |  |  |  |
| Overlay Paper                        | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$  | $\checkmark$  |  |  |  |  |
| Decor Paper                          | ✓   | ✓   | $\checkmark$  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance Paper                        | ✓   | ✓   | $\checkmark$  |  |  |  |  |
| pH (20°C)                            | 6.5 - 7.5   | 6.5 - 8.0   | 8.5 - 9.0   |  |  |  |  |
| Dose (%, referred to solid resin)    | 0.1 - 1.0   | 0.2 - 0.5   | 0.1 - 0.6   |  |  |  |  |
| Storage time<br>(months; 23°C)       | 12  | > 12  | > 12  |  |  |  |  |

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