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# **MECOSTAT<sup>®</sup>-3**

**Surface Antistatic and Antiblocking Agent for Plastics**

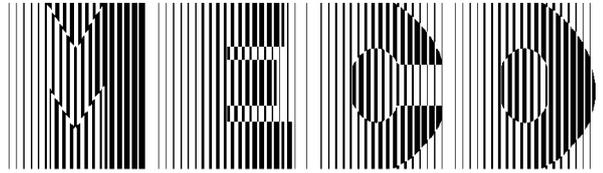
**Standard Type**

**Food Packaging and Technical Applications**

**MECOSTAT<sup>®</sup>-3/09**

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## General

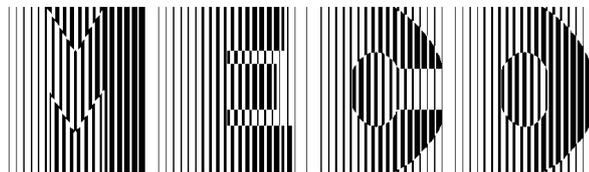
**MECOSTAT-3/09** surface antistatic agent is a highly effective liquid coating material for the antistatic finishing of plastic surfaces as well as for improving slip properties. The coating's resistance to temperature ensures that subsequent thermoforming can be performed without suffering any damage. Furthermore, the antistatic finishing of the material remains virtually unaffected by the stretching of the material during the thermoforming process.

## Areas of Application

- films, sheets, profiles and thermoformed parts of all types (films up to 1500 µm)
- packing for food
- moulded, injection moulded and hollow bodied parts
- fabrics, mono- and multifilaments
- foam materials and foam packing material

## Typical Properties of the Coating with MECOSTAT-3/09

- long-term antistatic finishing for several years with reduction of the surface resistance as far as  $1 \cdot 10^7 \Omega$  at standard climatic conditions
- antistatic effect also at very low humidity (< 20%)
- strong adhesion of the antistatic agent to the plastic surface resulting in high stability against physical effects such as friction etc.
- temperature resistant coating results in unproblematic thermoforming without impairing the antistatic finishing
- excellent wetting properties on plastic surfaces resulting in excellent antistatic finishing even under difficult thermoforming conditions
- the slip properties of the plastic surfaces are considerably improved by the coating, and therefore improves the stackability of the thermoformed parts
- **MECOSTAT-3/09** replaces the additives used until now to a large extent
- no migration into the liquid filled, no accumulation during recycling
- striation-free highly transparent coating
- **MECOSTAT-3/09** is highly productive and therefore keeps down costs of antistatic finishing
- usable in the packing industry for foodstuffs according to EC-Directives
- problem-free recycling of coated plastics



## Processing Directions

- the following processes are suitable for coating: immersion, felt application, roll coating and application by flexographic or gravure printing, spray coating, rotor spraying coating (the appropriate procedures depend on the purpose of application).
- If **MECOSTAT-3/09** is applied on warm plastic surfaces, the surface temperature should not exceed 80 °C
- coating amount: according to the purpose of application between 1.0 and 3.5 g per sqm (wet coating amount)
- the coated surface must be completely dry before further processing or winding the film (if required, drying with warm air)
- **MECOSTAT-3/09** is supplied as a ready for use solution
- machine parts which come into contact with **MECOSTAT-3/09** should be made of corrosion proof materials but not from copper, aluminium and their alloys
- a combination of **MECOSTAT-3/09** with antistatic additives is not recommended because of possible reactions
- depending on the application, a corona pretreatment is recommended (e.g. polyolefines and polystyrene)
- for detailed processing and safety information, please refer to the appropriate safety data sheet
- due to the large number of applications and processing procedures we would like to point out that corresponding tests have to be performed by the customer to make sure that there will be no incompatibility with the raw materials, additives and the processing procedures

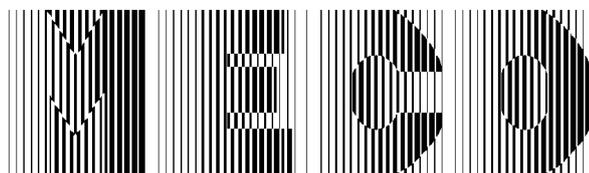
## Safety

**MECOSTAT-3/09** as well as the raw materials contained in it comply with the appropriate EC-Directives on the antistatic finishing of plastics in food packaging.  
**MECOSTAT-3/09** is environment-friendly and easily biodegradable.

## Service

We offer comprehensive technical advice with regard to both, to the right choice of the right type of material for application and to the coating systems.

Our application technology department is at your disposal for the conception of optimal application systems, as well as for preparing upgrade suggestions for installations already in use.



## Calculation of the consumption rate

### consumption rate of MECOSTAT-3 per kg plastic

$$\text{consumption MECOSTAT per kg plastic [g]} = \frac{\text{coating rate/m}^2 \text{ [g]} \times 1000}{\text{sheet thickness}[\mu\text{m}] \times \text{spec. weight of plastic [g/cm}^3\text{]}}$$

### coated sheet per kg MECOSTAT-3

$$\text{coated sheet per kg MECOSTAT [kg]} = \frac{\text{foil thickness}[\mu\text{m}] \times \text{spec. weight of plastic [g/cm}^3\text{]}}{\text{coating rate/m}^2 \text{ [g]}}$$

### Typical value of spec. weights of different plastics

The exact specific weight depends on both, the plastic formula used and on the additives used. Therefore, the given values are only approximated values.

APET	: 1.35 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
PVC	: 1.42 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
PP	: 0.93 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
PETG	: 1.17 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
LDPE	: 0.95 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
HDPE	: 0.92 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
PS	: 1.10 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
ABS	: 1.12 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
PC	: 1.20 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
PTFE	: 2.16 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
PMMA	: 1.18 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
PUR	: 1.25 g/cm <sup>3</sup>