

## TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

# SUPER GELKYD® 3915 WDA 55

*Thixotropic Alkyd*

### PRODUCT APPLICATION DETAILS

SUPER GELKYD® 3915 WDA 55 is a thixotropic resin, based on urethane-urea technology and has been developed for imparting thixotropy into interior and exterior decorative coatings. The resin is supplied in low aromatic high flash white spirit to enable the formulation of coatings that do not require adverse environmental labelling.

SUPER GELKYD® 3915 WDA 55 should be used at levels between 15 & 50% calculated on total solid binder to achieve a wide range of thixotropy ranging from slightly structured to full gel. It is suitable for use in all types of interior and exterior solvent based decorative coatings. High quality alkyds thinned in low aromatic high flash solvent should be used in combination with SUPER GELKYD® 3915 WDA 55 to maximise the advantages of the low aromatic solvent.

### SALES SPECIFICATIONS

	CHARACTERISTICS	METHODS
Solid content (125°C)	53 - 57 %	ISO 3251
Viscosity (at 2500 s-1) (25°C)	1000 - 1500 mPa.s	ISO 3219

### OTHER CHARACTERISTICS<sup>1</sup>

	CHARACTERISTICS	METHODS
Appearance	Strong gel	
Solvent	Low aromatic high flash white spirit	
Flash point	65 °C	ISO 3679
Density (25°C)	0.91 g/ml	ISO 2811
Fatty acid type	Linoleic rich	
Fatty acid content	69 %	

<sup>1</sup>The data provided for these properties are typical values, intended only as guides, and should not be construed as sales specifications

### MARKETS

#### Coatings & Inks

- Architectural Coating
  - Specialty Coatings
  - Stains
  - Trim

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## FORMULATION GUIDELINES

### ACTIVATION

It is important to note that full structure is attained only with the addition of a polar activating solvent - added at the end of paint manufacture. Glycols, such as propylene glycol, and glycol ethers, such as propylene glycol monomethyl ether, have been found to be most appropriate for this purpose. Normally between 2.5 & 5% of polar solvent calculated on total solid resin is added depending on the actual solvent used.

For more information, consult ARKEMA's guide "Thixotropic resins for Decorative Coatings".

### DRIERS

SUPER GELKYD® 3915 WDA 55 requires metal driers to accelerate the autoxidation process. A suitable combination of driers for use in systems containing SUPER GELKYD® 3915 WDA 55 is: 0.06% cobalt, 0.09% zirconium and 0.1% calcium calculated as metals on solid resin. Depending on the formulation (clear, pigmented, etc...) and on the application, the loading of each drier may be increased or reduced in order to achieve the appropriate drying/hardness profile. The use of an anti-skinning agent is essential to prevent in-can skinning of the finished product.

### COMPATIBILITY

SUPER GELKYD® 3915 WDA 55 is compatible with most long and medium oil alkyds, and with most long oil urethane oils and alkyds.

## PRODUCT SAFETY

Please refer to the corresponding Safety Data Sheet.

## STORAGE AND HANDLING

SUPER GELKYD® 3915 WDA 55 should be stored indoors in the original, unopened and undamaged container, in a dry place at a temperature not exceeding 30°C. Exposure to direct sunlight should be avoided.

In the above mentioned storage conditions the shelf life of the resin will be from the shipping date.

Shelf Life (Months): 9

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