

# Technical Data Sheet TEXCARE® SRA 300F

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Annionic Soil Release Polyester for household and industrial products

**Composition** Anionic modified polyester

# Product properties <sup>1</sup>

Appearance Granules

Colour White to beige

Odour Product specific

Active substance Approx. 100 %

pH (20°C, 10 g/l) Approx. 4.5

Particle size 100 – 1600 µm

Bulk density Approx. 650 g/l

## **Profile**

TexCare® SRA 300F is an anionic soil release polyester which was developed specifically for detergent powder applications. Due to its anionic character, TexCare® SRA 300F exhibits a broad tolerance to the most common surfactant systems.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These characteristics are for guidance only and not to be taken as product specifications. The tolerances are given in the product specification sheet. For further product properties, specifications, safety and ecological data, please refer to the MSDS.



#### Soil Release Effect

Fabrics made from polyester and polyester/cotton can be difficult to clean when they are soiled with oily or fatty stains. Such stains adhere strongly to the hydrophobic synthetic fibres, which are then only poorly wetted by the washing liquor.

If these fabrics are washed with a detergent containing a soil release polymer from the TexCare® series, e.g. TexCare® SRA 300F, the polyester is adsorbed onto the hydrophobic fibres and forms a hydrophilic film. This prevents the soil from adhering directly to the fibres. Furthermore, the affinity of hydrophobic soils for the hydrophilic film is reduced significantly compared to the untreated fibres. This makes it much easier to remove oily stains from the fabric during subsequent washing.

TexCare® SRA 300F has been developed specifically for use in highly anionic systems to guarantee best performance. The great physical stability and the broad performance profile are unique and make the new anionic TexCare® SRA 300F superior to non-ionic types in the market.

The soil release effect was tested on polyester and polycotton fabrics using sebum/carbon black as a model soil.

Polyester and polycotton swatches (WFK 30A and WFK 20A respectively) were pre-washed with a powder detergent containing either no soil release polymer or 1% TexCare® SRA 300F. The swatches were stained with sebum containing 0.5% carbon black, allowed to dry overnight and washed again without polymer. The results of a colorimetric evaluation and the appearance of the swatches are shown in Fig. 1.

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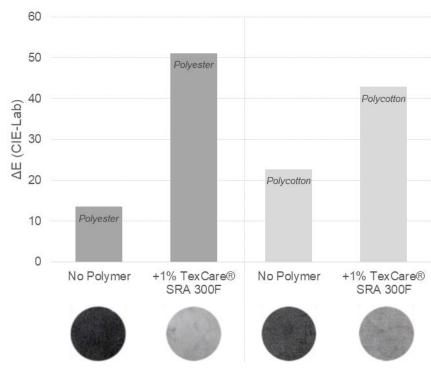


Fig. 1: Improvement of soil removal using TexCare® SRA 300F on polyester WFK 30A and polycotton WFK 20A. DMO, Linitest, 40°C, 30 min, 2 g/l powder detergent

## **Primary Detergancy**

A further benefit of TexCare® SRA 300F is the improvement of primary detergency on oily soils. Even without a first prewash of the fabric to give it a soil release finish, soil is removed better from polyester and polyester/cotton.

Fig. 2 shows the results of washing soiled polyester/cotton swatches WFK 20 D (synthetic sebum) at  $25^{\circ}$ C with a powder detergent containing 1% TexCare® SRA 300F.

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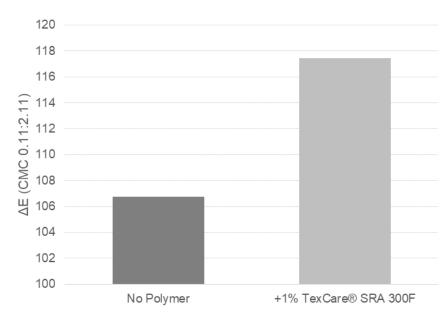


Fig. 2: Improvement of primary detergency using TexCare® SRA 300F on polyester/cotton WFK 20D. Pigment/sebum, Tergotometer, 25°C, 30 min, 1.8 g/l powder detergent

## **Anti-Redeposition**

Lime soap and various soils present in the washing liquor need to be dispersed in order to avoid redeposition onto the fabrics present. A detergent which poorly fulfills this requirement will lead to greying of the washed garments. Due to its amphiphilic structure, TexCare® SRA 300F can effectively aid in the dispersion of this soil and prevents redeposition through repelling soil from the now anionic polyester fabric surface. This is particularly apparent after subsequent washes, as shown in Fig. 3.

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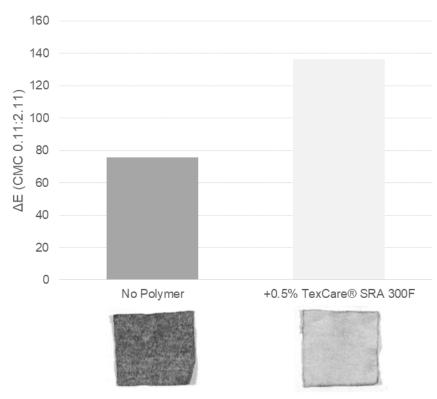


Fig. 3: Improvement of anti-redeposition with TexCare® SRA 300F on polyester/cotton washed with 1 g/l premium powder detergent containing 0.5% soil release polymer and additionally 0.15 g/L olive oil-carbon black soil.

# Hydrophilization

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Wear comfort of clothes is a very important topic for consumers. Compared to hydrophilic cotton fabrics, vapour cannot pass through hydrophobic standard polyester fabrics, which leads to an unpleasant wear comfort. By deposition of TexCare® SRA 300F, water absorption of the dried fabric increases strongly.

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## **Recommended Applications**

TexCare® SRA 300F can be used in all kind of powder detergent formulations, e.g. heavy duty-, color and fine fabric detergents, bleach boosters or bar soaps.

## Storage

TexCare® SRA 300F can be stored for at least 2 years in original sealed containers at room temperature up to 40°C. The product does not undergo any change if not exposed to moisture or alkalinity. Before use, please inspect packaging for damage; exposure to wet or humid conditions can lead to clump formation which may cause difficulties in processing and may require additional grinding.

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