# Momentive Performance Materials

# Niax\* Silicone L-3001 for MDI molded foam

#### **Product Description**

Niax silicone L-3001 is a new silicone for MDI molded foam. Niax silicone L-3001 provides wide processing latitude through excellent foam stabilization, while maintaining good cell-regulating characteristics.

#### Key Features and Typical Benefits

- High-efficiency silicone for MDI or MDI/TDI HR molded foam formulations
- Excellent stabilization and cell regulation at low use-levels, resulting in fine, uniform subsurface cell structure
- Open-celled foam, yielding low force-to-crush and low shrinkage

#### **Typical Physical Properties**

Physical Appearance	Clear liquid
Viscosity at 25°C, cSt	42
Color, Gardner	<2
Specific Gravity at 25/25°C	0.971
Density at 25°C, lb/gal (kg/l)	8.07 (0.967)
Coefficient of Expansion, per °C	$8.0 \times 10^{-4}$
Flash Point, Pensky-Martens Closed Cup, °C (°F)	127 (260)

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#### **Potential Applications**

In MDI foam formulations, Niax silicone L-3001 provides excellent stabilization and cell opening. Suggested use-levels range from 0.4 to 1.0 parts per hundred polyol.

Niax silicone L-3001 is also effective in stabilizing TDI-MDI foams. A starting point level of 0.8 to 1.0 pphp is recommended; however, the concentration of product that yields good results is dependent on the specific formulation.

#### **Performance**

The performance of Niax silicone L-3001 is compared to that of a competitive silicone in Table 1 and Figures 1 to 4. Formulations are also summarized in Table 1. Silicone concentration in Formulations A and B was fixed at 0.8 parts per hundred polyol (pphp). Force-to-Crush (FTC) results for Formulations A and B are shown in Figure 1. High use-levels of silicone (2 and 3 pphp) were used in Formulation C to demonstrate cell-opening performance, as measured by FTC and shrinkage. These results are shown in Figures 2 and 3, respectively. In Figure 4, a low use-level of silicone (0.4 pphp) was used in Formulation C to show cell-regulating performance.

Table 1: Evaluation<sup>(1)</sup> of Niax Silicone L-3001 in Typical MDI and TDI/MDI Foam Formulations

			For	mulation, php		
Component		А		В		С
"Voranol" CP-6001 <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0		100.0		100.0
"Voranol" CP-5021 <sup>(3)</sup>		2.0		_		_
Water		3.2		3.2		3.2
Niax Catalyst A-33		0.4		0.3		0.3
Niax Catalyst C-174		0.4		_		0.3
Niax Catalyst B-26 <sup>(4)</sup>		_		0.3		_
Diethanolamine		1.0		1.0		_
Niax Silicone L-3001		0.8		0.8		varies
MDI "Suprasec" VM-25 <sup>(5)</sup>		66.8		77.4		_
TDI (80:20)		_		_		20.6
MDI "Voranate" M-220 <sup>(6)</sup>		_		_		20.6
Index	82		95		95	
Cream Time, sec	7-8		15-20		8-10	
Exit Time, sec	62-64		72-77		60-65	
Demold Time, min	7		9		6	
Density, kg/m <sup>3</sup> (lb/ft <sup>3</sup> )	51 (3.2)		63 (3.9)		42 (2.6)	
Mold Type		Aluminum				
Mold Size, cm (in)		30 x 30 x 10 (12 x 12 x 4)				
Mold Temperature, °C (°F)			55 (131)			
Release Agent			"Acmosil" 30-11 <sup>(7)</sup>			

<sup>(1)</sup> Hand-mixed laboratory foams

<sup>(2)</sup> Dow Europe, OH value = 28 mg KOH/g

<sup>(3)</sup> Dow Europe, cell-opening polyol, OH value = 21 mg KOH/g

<sup>(4)</sup> Niax Catalyst B-26 is a balanced blow-gel delayed action amine catalyst for HR molded foams

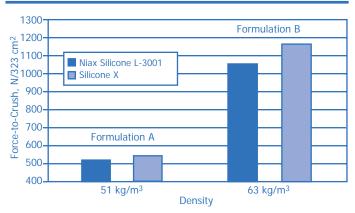
<sup>(5)</sup> ICI Polyurethanes, %NCO = 24.3

<sup>(6)</sup> Dow Europe, %NCO = 30.9, Functionality = 2.7

<sup>(7)</sup> ACMOS Chemie Gmbh & Co

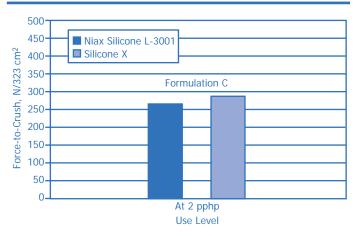
#### Performance (continued)

Figure 1: Comparative Force-to-Crush<sup>(1)</sup> Performance of Niax Silicone L-3001 in MDI Foam Formulations A and B



Force-to-Crush is the peak force measured by the deflection of the foam pad through 50% of its thickness 1 minute after demold. A standard 323 cm indentor foot for IFD measurement was used for Force-to-Crush testing.

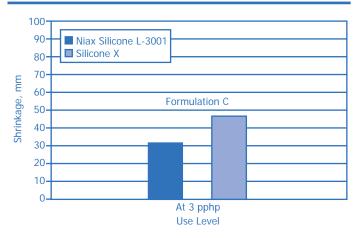
Figure 2: Comparative Force-to-Crush<sup>(1)</sup> Performance of Niax Silicone L-3001 in TDI/MDI Foam Formulation C



(1) Force-to-Crush is the peak force measured by the deflection of the foam pad through 50% of its thickness 1 minute after demold. A standard 323 cm indentor foot for IFD measurement was used for Force-to-Crush testing.

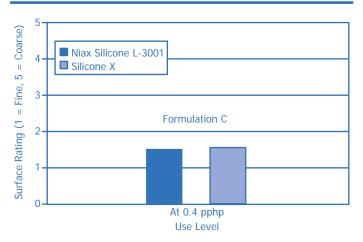
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Figure 3: Comparative Shrinkage<sup>(1)</sup> Performance of Niax Silicone L-3001 in TDI/MDI Foam Formulation C



(1) Shrinkage is the maximum thickness loss of an uncrushed foam pad measured 15 minutes after demold.

Figure 4: Comparative Foam Stabilization<sup>(1)</sup>
Performance of Niax Silicone L-3001
in TDI/MDI Foam Formulation C



(1) The stabilization efficiency is a qualitative evaluation of the presence of coarse basal cells.

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