

Aquasafe™ 21

Soluble corrosion preventive oil

Description

Castrol Aquasafe™ 21 is a medium viscosity, mineral oil based product, containing film-forming additives and coupling agents, supplied as a concentrate for dilution with water prior to use. The product, after the evaporation of the water phase, leaves an ultra-thin, oily film on ferrous components.

Application

Aquasafe 21 is an inter-operational, short to medium term corrosion preventive which is used as an emulsion. It is particularly recommended for the protection against corrosion of metal components after other aqueous treatments.

Aquasafe 21 can be applied by immersion and low pressure spray.

Conditions of Use

Concentration: 5 - 20%

Temperature: Preferably 50 - 60 °C (120 - 140 °F)

Advantages

- Free from hydrocarbon solvents, complies with EC Solvent Directive (1999/13/EC)
- Heavy metals free (for example Barium), which may help to fulfil aspects of legislative requirements and waste treatment requirements that specify that these chemicals are excluded.
- Emulsion is stable up to 80 °C
- Very good stability against inorganic salts. May be used even after applications where high levels of contamination could be expected, e.g. subsequent to heat treatment or electroplating processes
- Excellent wetting properties
- If required, protective films of Aquasafe 21 can easily be removed by an alkaline process cleaner.

Typical Characteristics

Description	Test Method	Unit	Value
Concentrate			
Appearance	Visual	-	Clear, brown fluid
Density @ 15°C	ASTM D1298	g/ml	0.91
Viscosity@ 40 °C	ASTM D446	mm ² /s	60
Dilution			
Appearance (20% Emulsion)	Visual	-	Good quality milky
pH of (20% emulsion)	ASTM E70/97	-	9.2
Film type	Visual	-	Oily
Film Thickness (20% Emulsion)	In-house	µm	2.0
Coverage (20% Emulsion)	In-house	m ² /L	112
Corrosion Protection (20% Emulsion)	(*) Indoor Storage	Month	8 - 12
	(**) Outdoor Storage	Month	Not recommended

Subject to usual manufacturing tolerances.

User Advice

Always add Aquasafe 21 to water (preferably at 30 - 35 °C) when making an emulsion.

As Aquasafe 21 gives a semi-stable emulsion, it is beneficial to keep the fluid bath in constant circulation, for example with a circulation pump, stirrer or by continuous component throughput.

Check concentration, pH and bath level regularly, especially if the emulsion is used hot.

The protective film must be completely dry before packaging.

In order to minimise the risk of any stability or corrosion issues caused by increasing levels of water hardness and corrosive inorganic salts (i.e. chloride), it is recommended to top-up evaporation losses with deionised water.

Additional Information

The claims on film thickness and consumption are average values. These are valid for smooth surfaces with good drain-off characteristics and simple geometries without holes or recesses.

(*) "Indoor storage" describes the storage of ferrous components in closed store-rooms having a relative humidity of 60%. Increased protection times could be achieved by treating finished surfaces or storing the parts in a sealed pack.

(**) "Outdoor storage" describes open storage, which assumes primary protection from the elements by tarpaulin or other form of cover.

Storage

To avoid product deterioration always keep the container / drum tightly sealed. For optimum product stability, store between 5°C / 41°F and 45°C / 113°F in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Prevent exposure to frost and avoid water ingress. It is preferable to store the product indoors.

For more details, please refer to the product safety data sheet

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