

# Elvacite<sup>®</sup> 4036

## Acrylic Resin for Improved Adhesion

Elvacite<sup>®</sup> 4036 is used in a wide range of solvent-based inks, coatings and adhesives applications where they can provide excellent UV resistance, high gloss, hardness and superior abrasion resistance. They also offer excellent resistance to water, alcohol, dilute acids and alkalis, chemical fumes and corrosive and oxidizing environments.

Formulations based on Elvacite<sup>®</sup> acrylic resins generally offer good adhesion to a wide range of substrates, including metals, concrete, glass and plastics. When adhesion to a certain substrate is found to be troublesome, Mitsubishi Chemical America Inc., Specialty Resins Division can provide formulation guidance that may help overcome most common adhesion problems. Untreated polyolefin substrates such as polypropylene, polyethylene and thermoplastic polyolefin alloys are known to be particularly troublesome for achieving acceptable adhesion. Elvacite<sup>®</sup> 4036 has shown improved adhesion to these difficult substrates.

## Performance Features and Key Benefits

- *Improved adhesion to difficult substrates, such as untreated polyolefins  
(only when Elvacite<sup>®</sup> 4036 is dissolved in toluene, xylene, other aromatic solvents, or THF)*
- *Excellent weatherability & UV resistance*
- *High Gloss*
- *Excellent hardness and abrasion resistance*

### Typical Properties<sup>a</sup>

Appearance	Solid bead
Specific Gravity, 25° C	1.18
Glass Transition Temp, onset (calculated)	50°C
Molecular Weight (Mw)	55,000
Acid Number (mg KOH/g Resin)	3.7
<i>a) Typical physical properties listed are approximate values and should not be considered manufacturer's release specifications. Manufacturer's release specifications are subject to change without notice, please contact your Elvacite® representative for the latest product specification details.</i>	

## Preparing Solutions

Elvacite® resins dissolve at room temperature but require constant agitation to prevent solvent-swollen granules of polymer from forming agglomerates and sticking to the walls of the vessel. Important: The polymer beads should be sifted directly into the vortex of the stirred solvent to speed wetting-out and dispersion. Continuous low-shear agitation for periods of 1-12 hours, depending on the grade and concentration of resin, is recommended.

After the solution appears clear in the tank, a sample should be spread out on a Leneta card or glass. After the solvent evaporates and a film forms on the card or glass, there should not be any resin seeds. If there are any seeds, the tank should be agitated further to fully dissolve the resin. Tank agitation should not be stopped (except for sampling) until the film test indicates there are no resin seeds. Any cloudiness or residue may indicate that some polymer remains undissolved. The presence of water in the system can also cause cloudiness.

Solution time can be reduced by heating; most common solvents can be heated to approximately 49°C (120°F) without the need for reflux equipment. High-shear agitation also cuts dissolving time, but requires care to avoid overheating and excessive solvent loss.

## Solvent Solubility

Table depicts the solubility of Elvacite® 4036 at 30% solids in various solvents.

Solubility of Elvacite® 4036		
Solvent	Solubility	Rating
Toluene	S	C
Xylene	S	C
Tetrahydrofuran (THF)	S	C
Acetone	I	-
n-Butyl acetate	I	-
2-propanol	I	-
<i>(S = Soluble, P = Partially Soluble, H = Hazy solution, C= Clear solution, I = Insoluble)</i>		

## Starting Point Formulations

The following starting formulations have been found to be useful for obtaining effective adhesion to untreated polyolefins. It has also been found that these formulations may help in providing improved adhesion to other 'difficult' substrates such as aluminum and galvanized steel.

### Clear Lacquer for use as primer or tie-coat

<i>Ingredient</i>	<i>Wt%</i>
Elvacite® 4036	10
Xylene	90

### Pigmented coating formulation for use as one-coat system

<b>Ingredient</b>	<b>Wt%</b>
Elvacite® 4036	31.57
Xylene	37.89
Solvesso 100	9.48
Disperbyk	0.23
Rheotix 240	0.54
Tioxide TR92	18.92
Unimoll BB	1.37
Total	100.00

Suggested Solvents include Toluene, Xylene, and Aromatic 100.

Note that non-aromatic solvents often cause poor adhesion.

## COMPLIANCE WITH FDA REGULATIONS revised April 1, 2019

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We, MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL AMERICA, INC., Specialty Resins Division, confirm that Elvacite® 4036 complies with the compositional requirements of the following United States of America's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations.

Elvacite® 4036 is not cleared for use under the FDA 21 CFR 175.105 for adhesives used as components of articles intended for use in the packaging, transporting, or holding food.

Elvacite® 4036 is not cleared for use under FDA 21 CFR 175.300 in resinous and polymeric coatings used as the food contact surface of articles intended for use in producing, packing, processing, preparing, treating, packaging, transporting, or holding food. The coating in its finished form in which it is to contact food is subject to a restriction on its chloroform soluble extractives.

Compliance with the limitation on extractives can only be demonstrated by tests carried out in the final article.

Elvacite® 4036 is not cleared for use under FDA 21 CFR 175.320 in resinous and polymeric coatings for polyolefin films, provided it is intended for repeated food contact use as specified in FDA 21 CFR 175.300(a).

The coating in its finished form in which it is to contact food is subject to a restriction on its chloroform soluble extractives.

Compliance with the limitation on extractives can only be demonstrated by tests carried out in the final article.

Elvacite® 4036 is not cleared for use under FDA CFR 176.170 as a component of the uncoated or coated food contact surface of paper and paperboard intended for use in producing, manufacturing, packing, processing, preparing, treating, packaging, transporting or holding aqueous and fatty foods.

Compliance with the limitation on extractives can only be demonstrated by tests carried out in the final article.

Elvacite® 4036 is not cleared for use under FDA 21 CFR 176.180 as a component of the uncoated or coated food contact surface of paper and paperboard intended for use in producing, manufacturing, packing, processing, preparing, treating, packaging, transporting, or holding dry food.

Elvacite® 4036 is not cleared under FDA 21 CFR 177.1010 as semirigid and rigid acrylic plastics articles intended for use in contact with food. The semirigid and rigid acrylic plastics in the finished form in which they are to contact food are subject to limitation on extractives

Compliance with the limitation on extractives can only be demonstrated by tests carried out on the final article.

**This statement of compliance is correct at the date of issue.**

**As food contact regulations and product formulations are subject to change, it is the user's responsibility to ensure that they are in possession of a current statement of compliance.**

# Pasadena, Texas, USA

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Mitsubishi Chemical America, Inc., Specialty Resins Division hereby certifies that the country chemical inventory status of Elvacite® 4036 is as follows.

US	CA	AU	CN	KR	NZ	PH	TW	JP	Russian Federation	TH	Vietnam
TSCA	DSL	AIIC	IECSC	KECI	NZIoC	PICCS	TCSI	ENCS	Unified list of chemicals	DIW	NCI
Listed as Active	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Y: Listed

N: Not Listed

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