

Evonik launches VISIOMER® GLYFOMA, a low-odor reactive diluent

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- In Europe, VISIOMER® GLYFOMA is label-free and registered with REACH
- Reactive diluent produces exceptionally low levels of odor and emissions during handling
- Biobased monomer can replace styrene and methyl methacrylate

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Darmstadt, Germany. Evonik has launched VISIOMER® GLYFOMA (glycerol formal methacrylate), an exceptionally low-odor reactive diluent. Thanks to its low vapor pressure, it can be used anywhere low-VOC properties are required. This makes VISIOMER® GLYFOMA a label-free alternative to styrene and methyl methacrylate (MMA). In adhesive formulations, composite resins, and gel coats, this reactive diluent can replace styrene and MMA, either partially or in full.

“We’re pleased to be able to make VISIOMER® GLYFOMA available in commercial quantities starting immediately. The launch will offer our customers a versatile reactive diluent hallmarked by a large number of additional advantages,” says Dr. Martin Trocha, who heads the Application Monomers Product Line at Evonik.

The methacrylate monomer is also characterized by its low flammability and excellent thermal stability, for example. It remains stable under alkaline conditions, and it is based on 38% of glycerol from renewable raw materials.

VISIOMER® GLYFOMA is registered under REACH. Prior to REACH registration, independent test laboratories had already determined that the monomer does not cause skin or eye irritation, nor does it trigger allergic skin reactions.

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