

# XIAMETER<sup>®</sup> OFS-6124 Silane

**Arylalkoxy silane used to make inorganic surfaces hydrophobic**

## FEATURES

- Inorganic reactivity

## COMPOSITION

- Arylalkoxy silane supplied as a low-viscosity liquid

## APPLICATIONS

- Making inorganic surfaces hydrophobic
- Pigment treatment
- Silane coupling agent blends

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES

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Test	Unit	Value
Color, APHA, maximum		100
Purity, minimum	%	94
Specific Gravity		1.05
Flash Point, open cup	°C (°F)	29 (85)
Refractive Index		1.4734

## DESCRIPTION

XIAMETER<sup>®</sup> OFS-6124 Silane is a chemical monomer that reacts with water to form a silanetriol and methanol. Following hydrolysis, reactive silanol groups are formed, which can condense with other silanol groups, i.e., those on the surface of siliceous fillers, to form siloxane linkages.

Stable condensation products are also formed with other oxides such as those of aluminum, zirconium, tin, titanium and nickel. Less stable bonds are formed with oxides of boron, iron and carbon. Alkali metal oxides and carbonate do not form stable bonds with Si-O. Sufficient water for hydrolysis may be available from atmospheric moisture, or on the substrate surface. In some cases, it may be necessary to add water to increase the degree of hydrolysis.

The tendency toward self-condensation can be controlled by using fresh solutions, alcoholic solvents, dilution and careful selection on pH ranges. Silanetriols are most stable at pH 3-4, but condense rapidly at pH 7-9.

## HOW TO USE

There are 3 basic methods of utilizing XIAMETER OFS-6124 Silane in a coatings application: 1) Surface treatment, which includes treatment of particles, e.g., pigments and fillers, or formulation into primers and water repellents; 2) Additive into paints, inks, and adhesives; 3) Reactive intermediate for silicone resin synthesis or organic resin modification. Each of these methods requires special consideration. For pigment and filler treatment, the typical concentration is 0.5 to 1.0 percent.

## SURFACE TREATMENT

The most straightforward method of silylating a surface with XIAMETER OFS-6124 Silane is from an alcohol solution. A 2 percent silane solution can be prepared in the alcohol of choice (methanol, ethanol or isopropanol are typical choices). The solution can be wiped, dipped or sprayed onto the surface. When dipping a large object, e.g., a glass plate, allow 1 to 2 minutes of submersion to allow silane migration to the surface. After the surface dries, excess material can be gently wiped or

briefly rinsed with alcohol. Particles, e.g., pigments and fillers, can be silylated by stirring them in a solution for 2 to 3 minutes and then decanting the solution. The particles can then be rinsed with alcohol. Ure of the silane layer occurs in 5 to 10 minutes at 110°C (230°F) or 24 hours at ambient conditions.

As a coating primer, improved flow and adhesion performance have been noted by applying silanes from aqueous alcohol solutions. A 95 percent ethanol-5 percent water solution is adjusted to pH 3.5 to 4.0 with acetic acid. Add the XIAMETER OFS-6124 Silane with stirring to yield a 0.5 to 2.0 percent final concentration. Generally, 6 hours should be allowed for hydrolysis, silanol formation and equilibration.

Low-VOC aqueous solutions can be prepared by dissolving 0.5 to 2.0 percent of XIAMETER OSF-6124 Silane in pH-adjusted water (3.5 to 4.0 pH with acetic or formic acid).

Filler and pigment treatment is usually accomplished by a spray-on method. It assumes that the total amount of silane needed is known and that sufficient hydroxyl moieties are present on the filler to allow reaction with the silane. The powder is placed in a high intensity solids mixer, e.g., a twin-cone mixer with intensifier. XIAMETER OFS-6124 Silane is pumped into the agitated powder as a fine spray. Dynamic drying methods are the most effective.

### **ADDITIVE**

XIAMETER OFS-6124 Silane or blends with other silanes can also be utilized as an additive (0.1 to 3.0 weight percent solid). The silane becomes a component of a coating from which it diffuses or migrates to inorganic substrates and reacts. Benefits include improved pigment dispersion, decreased pigment

floating improved adhesion and film hardness.

### **Reactive Intermediate**

Owing to the highly reactive methoxy sites, organic compatibility and unique silicone chemistry, XIAMETER OFS-6124 Silane provides the coating formulator with a myriad of straight-forward synthesis solutions to high-performance application requirements.

Silicon-organic blends or 100 percent novel silicone resin polymers can easily be synthesized by hydrolysis of silane blends in slightly acidic solution. Low-VOC materials can be produced by balancing the composition linearity, the degree of hydrolysis and the removal of the methanol produced during hydrolysis.

Materials of this type may be utilized in paints, primers, inks and adhesives where excellent adhesion, weathering resistance and high-temperature stability are required.

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### **USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE**

Keep away from heat and open flame. When stored at or below 25°C in the original unopened containers, this product has a usable life of 36 months from the date of production.

### **LIMITATIONS**

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