

# OLIGOMER MINIMISATION

Finishing of polyester yarn in consideration of oligomer minimisation





# PREFIXATION/ PRESHRINKAGE

PREWASH

The release of oligomers during the dyeing process can be reduced by a prefixation/preshrinkage of the yarn with hot steam.

Prior to the dyeing process the spin preparations should be removed by prewashing.

1.0 – 2.0 g/l PERLAVIN PAM

30 min at 80 °C rinse

DYEING

## Factors having an influence on the release of oligomers:

## **Process parameters**

- a high liquor ratio has an advantageous effect
- too fast heating up rates lead to an intensified release of oligomers
- too long a dyeing time at final temperature (HT-temperature) should be avoided
- draining at HT-temperature has a positive effect
- a high winding density leads to an increased filtration of the oligomers

# Dyestuff

The kind and concentration of the disperse dyes has a decisive influence on the release of oligomers:

- the deeper the dyeing, i. e. the higher the quantity of dyestuff used, the more oligomers are displaced from the inside of the fibre
- the dyestuff molecule (low, medium or high macromolecular/anthrachinon or azo dyestuff) also has a decisive influence. A change of the dyestuff type may possibly reduce the oligomer problems distinctly

#### **Auxiliaries**

- strongly fibre swelling dyeing accelerators increase the release of oligomers
- oligomer dispersing agents in the dyebath reduce the deposit/filtration of oligomers
- by adding of salt the release of oligomers can be repressed

# **Reductive clearing**

application of cationic auxiliaries, which accelerate the saponification
of oligomers at the reductive clearing have an advantageous effect. In
order to disperse the oligomers and to reduce a filtration the auxiliary
should contain besides the cationic components also dispersing additives







Besides the conventional dyeing in the slightly acid pH range the dyeing in alkaline medium offers a further possibility to reduce oligomers.

Under HT-conditions in the alkaline medium the oligomers are saponified, thus oligomer deposits on the fabric and in the dyeing apparatus can be distinctly reduced.



A: 0.5 - 1.0 g/l PERIWET ELR (rapid wetting agent and deaerator)

- B: 1.0 2.0 g/L PERIGEN CD (levelling and penetrating agent)
  - 1.5 g/l PERIBUFFER PDA (buffer system) 1.0 g/l PERIGEN DLA (dispersing agent)
    - pH 9.5 (is automatically set by PERIBUFFER PDA)
  - 0.5 1,0 g/l PERISOL RIO (oligomer dispersing agent)
- C: x % disperse dyes
- D: 2.0 g/l sodium hydrosulfite 3.0 - 4.0 ml/l caustic soda 50% 2.0 - 3.0 g/l PERISOL NU or 2.0 - 4.0 g/l PERISTAL RDV 3.0 - 4.0 ml/l caustic soda 50% 2.0 - 3.0 g/l PERISOL NU



# FINISHING

For the finishing a lubricant should be applied which effectively avoids the abrasion of oligomers.

2.0 % PERIFIL JAK/R pH 6

initial temperature: cold raise temperature in 30 min to 75 °C treat 10 min at 75 °C

or

2.0 % PERIFIL LCV/R pH 6

initial temperature: cold raise temperature in 30 min to 65 °C treat 10 min at 65 °C

# CLEANING OF THE DYEING APPARATUS

To remove oligomers and dyestuff residues, the dyeing apparatus should regularly be boiled out with alkali and hydrosulfite under addition of an auxiliary which accelerates the saponification of oligomers.

3.0 – 5.0	g/l	PERISOL NU
2.0 – 4.0	ml/l	caustic soda solution 50 %
3.0 – 5.0	g/l	sodium hydrosulfite

30 min at 98 °C rinse thoroughly in the overflow



# OVERVIEW ON THE RECOMMENDED AUXILIARIES

Denomination	Brief description		
PERIBUFFER PDA	Organic buffer for alkaline dyeing of polyesterComposition:organic bufferIonic character:nonionicWith PERIBUFFER PDA an initial pH-value of approx. 9.5 is set. During dyeingthe pH value is reduced to approx. 8.5. PERIBUFFER is used in combination withPERIGEN DLA.		
PERIFIL JAK/R	Yarn lubricantComposition:special hydrocarbons and emulsifiersIonic character:slightly cationicYarn lubricant based on a well-balanced combination of high molecular waxes and oily substances. Offers very good gliding properties to polyester yarns. An abrasion of surface oligomers is avoided effectively.		
PERIFIL LCV/R	Yarn lubricantComposition:paraffins, silicones and additivesIonic character:cationicThe combination of waxes and silicone oil in PERIFIL LCV/R provides the finished yarn a good smoothness, thus avoiding an abrasion of oligomers during processing.		
PERIGEN ASW	Dispersing agentComposition:Naphtalene sulphonic acid condensateIonic character:anionicDispersing agent for polyester dyeings to avoid dyestuff agglomerations.		
PERIGEN CD	Levelling and penetrating agentComposition:aromatic esters and fatty alcohol polyglycol etherIonic character:nonionicPERIGEN CD causes an equal absorption of disperse dyes of different constitutionduring heating-up phase. As well in the slightly acid as also with alkaline polyesterdyeings PERIGEN CD offers a good levelling and absorption of the fibre under atmospherical and also under HT-conditions.		



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PERIGEN DLA	Dispersing agentComposition:sulphonated, aromatic condensation productsIonic character:anionicPERIGEN DLA is a dispersing agent which increases the dispersion stability of disperse dyes. The agglomeration of dyes is avoided. For the alkaline dyeing of poly- ester PERIGEN DLA is combined with PERIBUFFER PDA.
PERISOL NU	Dispersing agent and saponifying accelerator for oligomersComposition:fatty alcohol ethoxylates and quaternary ammonium compoundsIonic character:cationicPERISOL NU is used in combination with caustic soda and hydrosulfite resp. PERISTALRCV for the reduction of oligomer deposits in the reductive clearing of dispersedyeings.PERISOL NU distinctly accelerates the saponification of oligomers withcaustic soda.The dispersing properties intensify the removal of oligomers.
PERISOL RIO	Oligomer disperging agentComposition:carboxylic acid polyglycol esterIonic character:nonionicPERISOL RIO possesses oligomer dispersing properties and thus reduces a filtereffect of oligomers in wound packages.
PERISTAL RCV	Liquid reduction agent for the reductive clearingComposition:polyhydroxy compound and nonionic tensidesIonic character:nonionicPERISTAL RCV is a liquid reduction agent, free from sulphur, for the reductive clearing of polyester.PERISTAL RCV stands out for a high biodegradability and simple handling.
PERIWET ELR	Low foaming rapid wetting agent and deaeratorComposition:Fatty alcohol polyglycol ether and phosphoric acid esterIonic character:nonionicPERIWET ELR disposes of a high wetting capacity, very good deaerating propertiesand foam dampening effect.



Denomination	Brief description
PERLAVIN PAM	Washing agentComposition:fatty alcohol polyglycol etherIonic character:nonionicPERLAVIN PAM has a high wetting capacity and a particularly high emulsifying capacity for preparations.



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