



# Flexisperse™ 875

High performance detergent polymer

## Overview

- Aqueous, acrylic acid/maleic acid copolymer
- Designed as an excellent general purpose antiscalant, for liquid and powdered Laundry applications
- Exceptional sequestration of hardness ions providing exceptional threshold inhibition in laundry detergent formulations
- Cost effective alternatives to maleic homopolymers
- Prevents formation of a wide variety of scales through multiple mechanisms of sequestration, threshold effect and crystal distortion
- Superior crystal modifier for carbonate and sulfate scales
- Effective threshold inhibitor for common scales
- Effective at reducing fiber encrustation of insoluble salts in high hardness wash conditions

## Applications

- Highly concentrated liquid and powdered Laundry
- Industrial Water Treatment as a General Purpose Antiscalant for severe service conditions
- Hard surface and Clean-in-Place cleaning formulations
- Advanced laundry detergents
- Oil Field scale inhibitor for preventing scale in well formation and production equipment

## Technical Information

Flexisperse 875 is a maleic copolymer specifically designed for use in liquid and powdered Laundry applications. With unique composition and optimized molecular weight, Flexisperse 875 is a high performance scale inhibitor polymer, used to control the formation of  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ,  $\text{CaSO}_4$  and other mineral salt scales on apparatus, fittings and nozzles and heat exchange surfaces.

Flexisperse 875 is a functional co-builder ingredient in automatic warewashing, Industrial and Institutional clean-in-place formulations, and high builder laundry detergents. Benefits include decreases organic soil deposition, reduces precipitation and scale formation, and prevents buildup of calcium carbonate on fabrics and allows extended use of soda ash as an economical builder.

Flexisperse 875 performs over a broad pH and temperature range, and can replace phosphonates and maleic acid homopolymers as scale control agents. Flexisperse 875 performs synergistically with dispersants such as the Flexisperse 300-series products.

## Formulary

Use at a rate of 5-10 ppm solids to control scale build-up on apparatus, fittings and heat exchange surfaces. In Oil Field applications, 5-10 ppm solids is effective for scale control on equipment and downhole.

## Typical Properties\*

PROPERTY	VALUE
Appearance	Clear to hazy liquid
Color	Colorless to amber, may darken with time
Odor	Mild
Ionic character	Anionic
Water solubility	Soluble
Average molecular weight (Mw)	70,000
Viscosity @25°C (Brookfield), MPa·s/cps	100-500
Total solids, %	34.0-36.0
pH (as is)	6.5±0.5
Density@25°C	1.20±0.1 g/ml
Boiling Point	100°C
Flash point	None (aqueous)
Storage	Freeze/thaw stable
Shelf life	12 months

\* Typical properties do not represent specifications.

## Packaging and Handling

Flexisperse 875 is available in:  
Bulk (44,000 lbs)  
275 gallon totes (Net Wt. 2750 lbs)  
55 gallon plastic drums (Net Wt. 550 lbs)

Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for information on the safe use, handling, and disposal of this product.

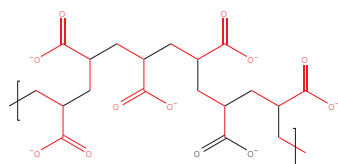
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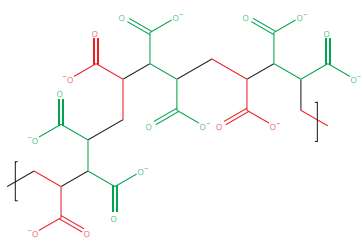
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### Effective Scale Inhibition in Specialized Applications

Stressed conditions comprising environments of high-alkalinity, high-hardness, high-electrolyte concentrations and/or high-temperature, represent extreme conditions that can overwhelm the functionality of simple polyacrylates in controlling hard water scale and deposits.



Poly acrylate



Poly acrylate/maleate

Developed to overcome the deficiencies of acrylic homopolymers for effective scale and deposit control performance in stressed conditions, maleic copolymers exhibit a higher charge density and resist polymer “coiling” and “balling” that can lead to precipitation and loss of functionality. Maleic copolymers have been developed through applications testing and proven in the field as effective tools in controlling scale and hard water salt deposits.

Unlike sequestering agents that function necessarily on a stoichiometric basis, Flexisperse 875 functions at very low ratios of polymer to precipitating salt, for example as little as 5 ppm Flexisperse 875 can avoid precipitation of as much as 500 ppm  $\text{CaCO}_3$ . Similarly unlike stoichiometric sequestering agents, the mixed mechanism of Threshold and Crystal Distortion effects exhibited by Flexisperse 875 does not result in metal complexes that can react or catalyze reactions.

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### Functionality

With an optimal molecular weight and molecular weight distribution in the recognized effective range of 70,000, Flexisperse 875 sequesters hardness ions and inhibits scale formation by two primary non-stoichiometric mechanisms: **Threshold effect** and **Crystal Distortion effect**.

#### Threshold effect

Flexisperse 875 exhibits a Threshold/Solubility enhancement effect, associating and complexing with hard water ions to retard the formation of insoluble hard water salts or scale “seeds,” and preventing scale seeds from growing into scale crystals, thereby reducing the precipitation of low solubility inorganic salts.

#### Crystal Distortion effect

For formed and growing crystals, Flexisperse 875 polymer strands adsorbed into the crystal matrix to distort and disrupt the crystal matrix. Crystal Distortion effect results in irregular, readily fracturable particles that do not effectively adhere to surfaces and are more easily removed during cleaning processes.

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### Applications

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