Product Information

OPADRY®ENTERIC

Enteric coating options based on phthalate and acrylic polymers

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Opadry Enteric is a family of fully formulated, delayed release coating systems for solid oral dosage forms, which are applied by organic or hydro-alcoholic processing techniques.

Specific Opadry Enteric coating formulations have been developed from a choice of enteric polymers, with solubility as a function of the environmental pH in the gastro-intestinal tract. The various Opadry Enteric products available from Colorcon are listed below along with the constituent enteric polymer and pH at which the system starts to dissolve.

Polymer	Polymer Dissolution pH
Polyvinyl Acetate Phthalate (PVAP)	pH 5.0
Hypromellose Phthalate (HPMC-P)	pH 5.5
Methacrylic Acid Copolymer (Methacrylic acid-methyl methacrylate 1:1 copolymer)	pH 6.0

Applications

• Tablets, soft-gelatin capsules, hard-gelatin capsules and multi-particulates.



OPADRY ENTERIC - Polyvinyl Acetate Phthalate

Opadry Enteric is formulated using the delayed-release polymer Polyvinyl Acetate Phthalate NF (PVAP, Phthalavin).

Features	Benefits	
Fully formulated system	Time and cost savings	
Pigmented and clear systems are available	Ability to differentiate product for improved patient safety and brand recognition	
	Produces elegant glossy coatings while exhibiting excellent enteric protection	
High coating solids concentration (15% coating solids using a hydro-alcoholic solvent system; 5-8% solids is recommended for an organic solvent system)	Allows rapid coating application	
Simple to dispense and disperse in solvent systems (45 minutes at low shear)	Easy and quick preparation	
 Solvents such as Methanol: Water (90:10) and Isopropanol : water (80:20) are recommended 		
Less susceptible to hydrolysis	Stable product (12 month re-evaluation date*	
Enteric protection is achieved with 6-8% coating weight gain**	Reliable performance; Provides rapid, reproducible drug release in alkaline	
Polymer dissolves at pH 5.0 and above	dissolution media	

*May vary based on pigment selection

**Typical results, can be optimized on a case-by-case basis

Regulatory

- Acceptable for use in pharmaceutical enteric coatings in the U.S., Europe and many other countries. Not acceptable for use in dietary supplement coatings in the U.S. and Europe.
- Currently no precedence of use for PVAP in Japan exists for pharmaceutical or dietary supplement coatings.

Packaging

• 25 kg carton with double polyethylene bags and desiccant between bags.

Recommended Storage Conditions

- Seal container tightly.
- Keep below 30°C / 80°F; not more than 65% relative humidity. Product packaging contains desiccant.

Re-evaluation Period (Warranty)

• 12 months from date of manufacture*



OPADRY ENTERIC - Hypromellose Phthalate

Opadry Enteric is formulated using the delayed-release polymer Hypromellose Phthalate (HPMC-P).

Features		Benefits	
•	Fully formulated system	Time and cost savings	
	Pigmented and clear systems are available	Ability to differentiate product for improved patient safety and brand recognition	
		Produces elegant glossy coatings while exhibiting excellent enteric protection	
•	High coating solids concentration (12.5% coating solids using a hydro-alcoholic solvent system	Allows rapid coating application	
•	Simple to dispense and disperse in solvent systems (45 minutes at low shear)	Easy and quick preparation	
	 Solvents such as Ethanol: water (80:20) are recommended 		
•	Less susceptible to hydrolysis	Stable product (12 month re-evaluation date*)	
•	Enteric protection is achieved with 8-10% coating weight gain**	Reliable performance; Provides rapid, reproducible drug release in alkaline	
•	Polymer dissolves at pH 5.5 and above	dissolution media	

*May vary based on pigment selection **Typical results, can be optimized on a case-by-case basis

Regulatory

• Acceptable for use in pharmaceutical enteric coatings in the U.S., Europe, Japan, China, India and many other countries. Not acceptable for use in dietary supplement coatings in the U.S. and Europe.

Packaging

• 25 kg carton with double polyethylene bags, and desiccant between bags.

Recommended Storage Conditions

- Seal container tightly.
- Keep below 30°C / 80°F; not more than 65% relative humidity. Product packaging contains desiccant.

Re-evaluation Period (Warranty)

12 months from date of manufacture*



OPADRY ENTERIC - Methacrylic Acid Copolymer Type A

Opadry Enteric is formulated using the delayed-release polymer Methyacrylic Acid Copolymer, Type A USP/NF (Methacrylic Acid-Methyl Methacrylate Copolymer (1;1) Ph.Eur; Methacrylic Acid Copolymer L JPE)

Features	Benefits
Fully formulated system	Time and cost savings
 Pigmented and clear systems are available 	Ability to differentiate product for improved patient safety and brand recognition
	Produces elegant glossy coatings while exhibiting excellent enteric protection
 High coating solids concentration (15% coating solids using a hydro-alcoholic solvent system; 5-8% solids is recommended for an organic solvent system) 	Allows rapid coating application
 Simple to dispense and disperse in solvent systems (45 minutes at low shear) 	Easy and quick preparation
 Solvents such as Ethanol : water (85:15) and Isopropanol : water (80:20) are recommended 	
 Excellent stability against hydrolysis 	Stable product (12 month re-evaluation date*)
 Enteric protection is achieved with 5-6% coating weight gain** 	Reliable performance; Provides rapid, reproducible drug release in alkaline
 Polymer dissolves at pH 6.0 and above 	dissolution media

*May vary based on pigment selection

**Typical results, can be optimized on a case-by-case basis

Regulatory

- Acceptable for use in pharmaceutical enteric coatings in the U.S. and other countries that accept NF compliance.
- Not acceptable for use in dietary supplement coatings in the U.S.

Packaging

• 25 kg carton with double polyethylene bags and desiccant between bags.

Recommended Storage Conditions

- Seal container tightly.
- Keep below 30°C / 80°F; not more than 65% relative humidity. Product packaging contains desiccant.

Re-evaluation Period (Warranty)

• 12 months from date of manufacture*





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