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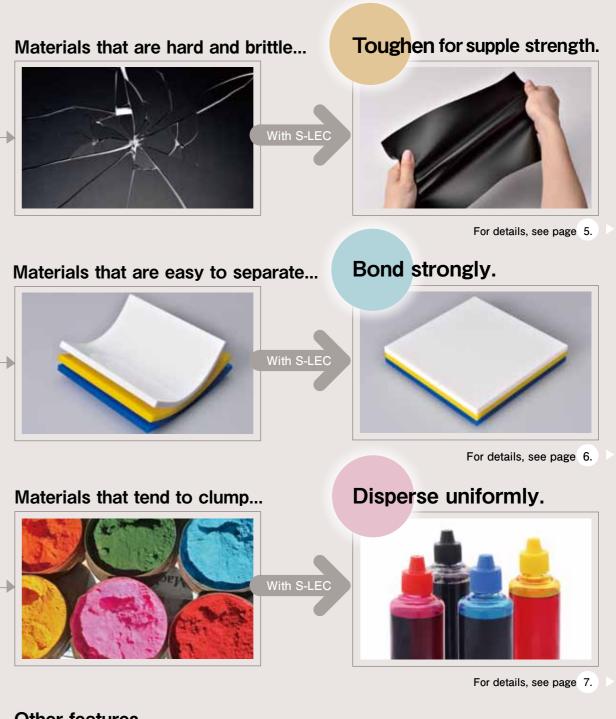
Sekisui functional resins open the doors to new product development S-LEC[®] Polyvinyl Acetal Resin

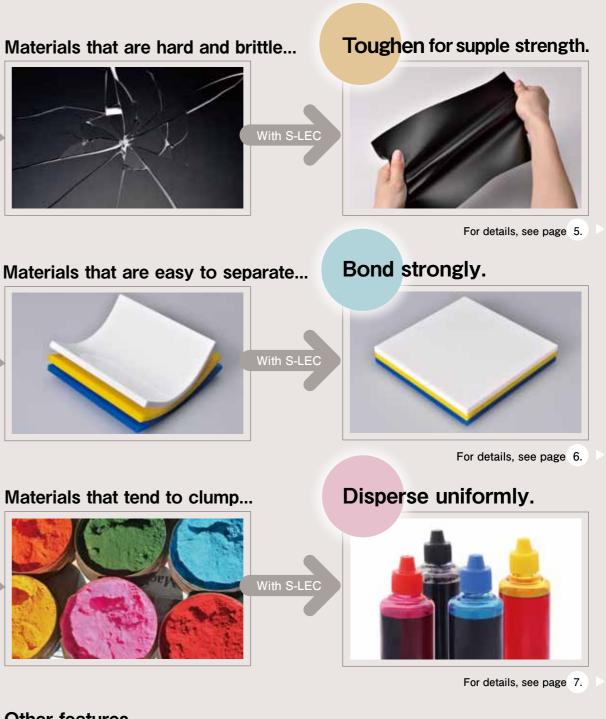
The "Key" That Developers Have Been Looking for

The key to open the doors to new and unique product development... S-LEC may be the one.

Development of a new product is an unrelenting challenge for engineers. Engineers all know that even a small technical issue can shut the doors to immense possibilities. Engineers in your company nave most likely faced such a dilemma at one time or another. Sekisui S-LEC has served as a unique "key" to breakthrough solutions, thus contributing significantly to the development of a plethora of new

Need to Make a Material Tough, Adhesive and Dispersible? Sekisui S-LEC can provide solutions. S-LEC can provide various effects by controlling bonding and releasing at the molecular level. That is one of its main features.







Other features

In addition to the three main benefits of "toughness," "adhesiveness" and "dispersibility," S-LEC provides a variety of other advantages to solve issues in new product development, such as "leveling properties" to achieve smooth and flat material surfaces and "moldability" to create strong and flexible molded products.

For details, see page 8.

S-LEC is a polyvinyl acetal resin comprised of three chemical units: acetyl unit, hydroxyl unit and acetal unit.

The raw material of S-LEC is a polyvinyl alcohol, which is made by adding caustic soda and other substances to polyvinyl acetate, a resin commonly used as a base material of gum.

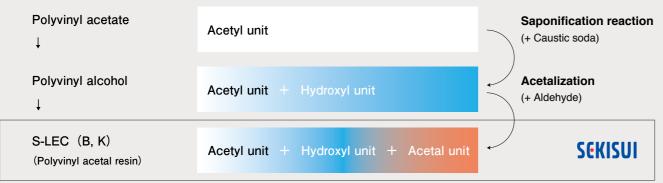
This raw material reacts with aldehyde to produce a polyvinyl acetal resin, Sekisui S-LEC.

Polyvinyl

alcohol

Polyvinyl

alcohol



Aldehyde

+ Butyraldehyde

+ Acetaldehyde

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Polyvinyl butyral

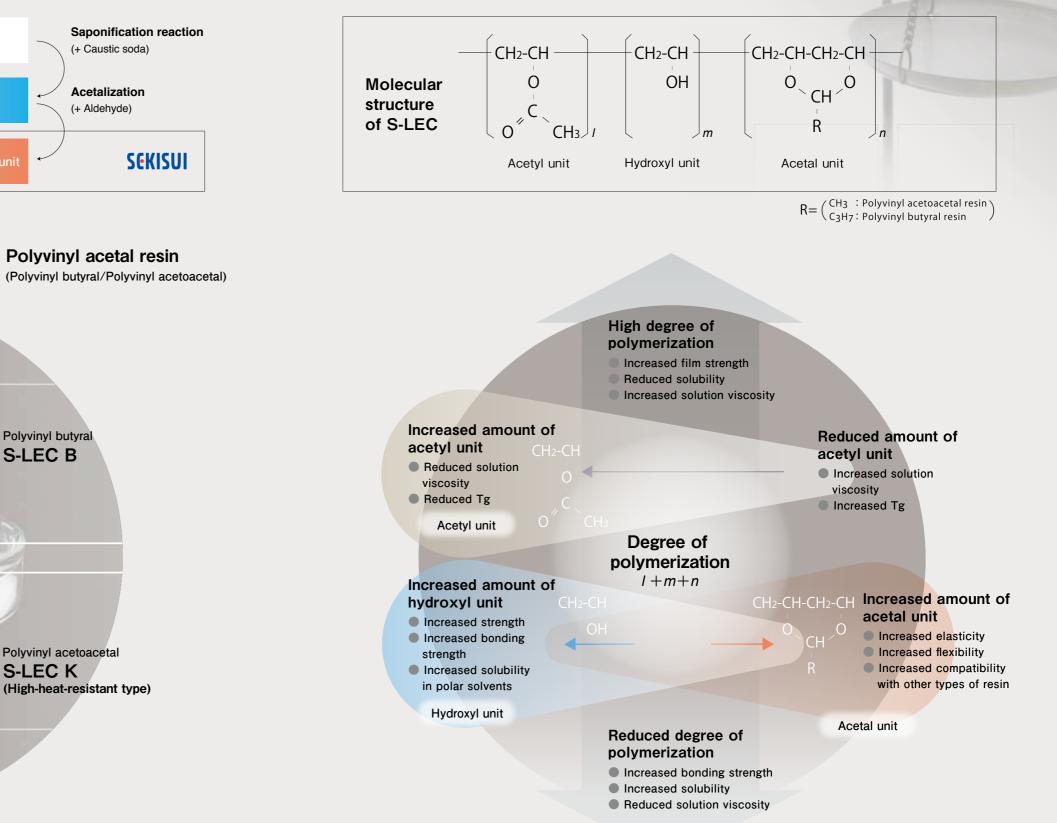
Polyvinyl acetoacetal

= S-LEC K

= S-LEC B

The chemical and physical properties of S-LEC can be controlled by altering the chemical units and polymerization.

The weight ratio of the three chemical units and the degree of their polymerization can be changed to alter the chemical and physical properties of S-LEC, such as strength, viscosity, adhesiveness, solubility and flexibility.



Toughness

S-LEC can be used to modify resins that are hard but brittle or resins that are soft but weak to strong and elastic materials.

S-LEC has not only a "pulling" characteristic (hydroxyl unit) but also a "non-pulling" characteristic. Therefore, it can be used to create tough materials that have an appropriate strength as well as elasticity to receive external impacts softly.

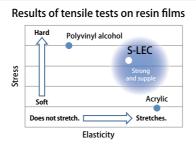


ing" characteristic exist in a balanced manner. As a result, strength and elasticity, which are conflicting properties, can be realized at the same time.

S-LEC's properties of strength and elasticity are utilized in flexible printed circuit boards and other items.

The toughness of S-LEC is clearly verified in tensile test results (see the graph at the right). This property is utilized in various types of film materials and binders (bonding agents) for ceramic sheet forming.

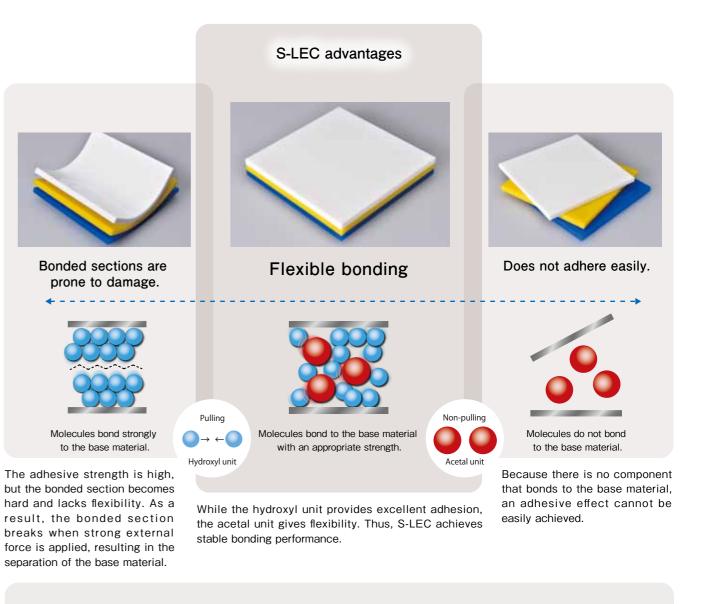




Bonding strength

S-LEC realizes ideal bonding properties - easy to adhere and resistant to peeling. It ensures firm bonding of films to metals, glass, ceramics and other materials.

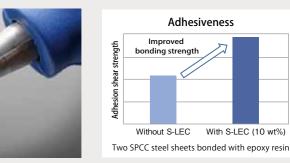
S-LEC is effective not only for producing highly functional materials, but also for improving adhesive strength. Because the molecules of S-LEC have both a "pulling" characteristic (hydroxyl unit) and a "non-pulling" characteristic, S-LEC provides an ideal bonding condition that is flexible and resistant to breakage and peeling.

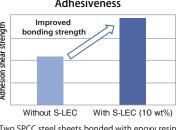


The superb bonding properties are utilized in adhesives, ink binders and others.

The graph at the right shows the adhesive strength of two SPCC steel sheets bonded together with epoxy resin. It indicates that S-LEC provides superb bonding performance even when it is added to another adhesive material.

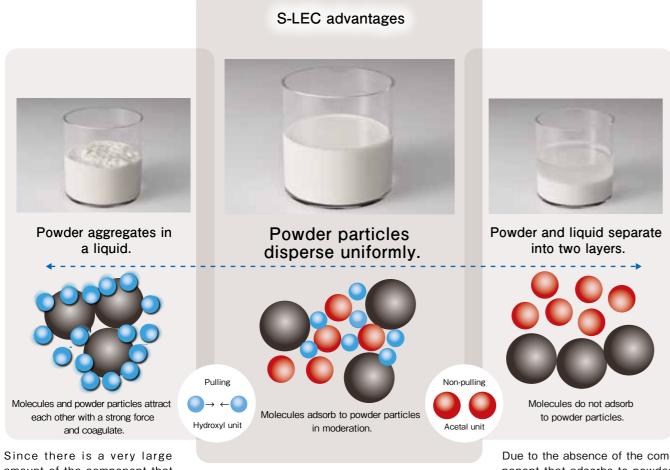






S-LEC achieves uniform dispersion in easy-to-aggregate materials at the molecular level and ensures uniform distribution of components in liquids.

The part (hydroxyl unit) of S-LEC that has a pulling characteristic adsorbs to each and every powder particle, and the part (acetal unit) without a pulling characteristic maintains a certain distance between particles. As a result, S-LEC achieves uniform dispersion of powder particles in liquids.



amount of the component that adsorbs to powder, the powder particles aggregate and form large lumps in the liquid.

The hydroxyl unit adsorbs to powder particles in moderation and the acetal unit maintains a certain distance between particles, thus resulting in a uniformly dispersed liquid.

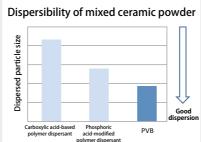
Due to the absence of the component that adsorbs to powder particles, there is no dispersion effect. As a result, the powder and liquid separate into two vertical layers.

S-LEC is widely used in inks, paints and other products that require uniform dispersion of components.

S-LEC can achieve uniform dispersion of fine powders, such as pigments, so it helps to improve the quality of products requiring a high level of homogeneity.

The graph at the right shows the dispersibility of inorganic powder. It clearly indicates that the use of S-LEC achieves thorough and even dispersion of powder particles.





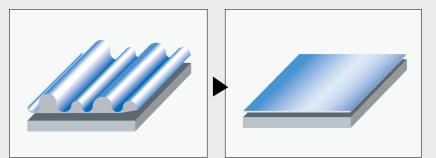
And More

S-LEC also offers excellent leveling properties and moldability for product development in a wide range of industrial fields.

The leveling properties and moldability described here are just some of the superb features of S-LEC. S-LEC offers immense possibilities for solving various issues in product development. Let S-LEC help your new product development.

Leveling properties

Inks produced with S-LEC achieve very flat and smooth surfaces after application and drying. S-LEC distributes the components in the liquid evenly, thus providing a leveling (smoothing) effect to the ink after drying. S-LEC provides a lustrous and high-precision finish for printed matter.



In a liquid, components are usually S-LEC distributes the components distributed in an irregular manner, so uniformly in the liquid, thus resulting when it dries, the surface becomes irregular.

Moldability

Molded products of various shapes can be produced by mixing S-LEC and inorganic powder and using a hot melt molding process, or by coating the powder surface with S-LEC and using a compression molding process.

By adding a very small amount of S-LEC, the finishing quality can be noticeably improved.



in a smooth surface finish.

Electronics and IT Field

S-LEC is utilized in the manufacture of IT and key electronic devices, such as LCD displays, substrates and semiconductors. Sekisui products help to improve product performance and reliability as functional materials.



Ceramic chips

S-LEC is used as a binder for inner dielectric layers. Its toughness, adhesiveness and dispersibility enable the production of ultra-thin ceramic sheets.

Toughness

Automotive Field

Sekisui provides a variety of products that enhance the safety and comfort of automobiles, such as lamination glass interlayer film and interior materials.

Ceramic substrates

substrates.

Thanks to the excellent dispersibility and dimensional stability in sintering, S-LEC allows the manufacture of uniform and high-precision ceramic

> S-LEC offers toughness, adhesiveness and dispersibility. These functions can be utilized to create solutions



Adhesives

When S-LEC is mixed with a thermosetting resin, it adds flexibility and adhesiveness to the resin, so the resin can be used as an adhesive. Compatibility with other types of resin is also an excellent S-LEC advantage.

Adhesiveness



Silver halide (X-ray photos) The transparency and dispersibility of S-LEC is utilized in film binders.

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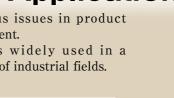
Inks Since S-LEC dissolves in alcohol. low-viscosity grades of S-LEC are used in flexographic and gravure printing inks.



Paints S-LEC dispersibility is maximized in products that require high levels of homogeneity, such as inks, paints and dyes, thus helping to improve product quality.

S-LEC Functions and Applications

to various issues in product





Life Science Field

Sekisui produces products for such fields as inspection, drug development support, and pharmaceutical and conducts business on a global scale. Our products accurately respond to a wide range of needs in these fields.



The dye dispersibility, heat resistance and adhesiveness of S-LEC are used in ink ribbon binders and

Dispersibility

Living Environment and Infrastructure Field

Sekisui products play important roles in the living environment and infrastructure field as a raw material for heat-resistant pipes and fireproof walls used in houses, factories and other buildings.

FAQ

Since S-LEC was released to the market more than 50 years ago, it has been used by many companies over time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our company. The following questions are often asked by customers who use S-LEC for the first time.

What form does S-LEC come in?

S-LEC is a powder resin that has properties such as toughness, high adhesiveness and excellent dispers-

ibility. S-LEC is also non-toxic, odorless, colorless and transparent. It can be dissolved in solvents or formed into film, so it is processed by various methods in a wide range of fields.



What form does S-LEC come in?

S-LEC is a white powder in standard form, but it is also available in granulated form (granules) and in liquid form. The availability of S-LEC in those forms varies depending on the grade. For details, please contact our company.

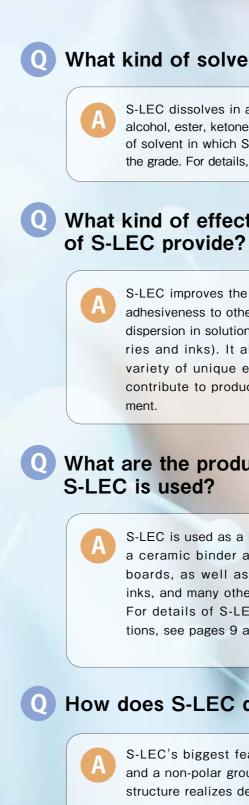
How is S-LEC used?



Most commonly, S-LEC is dissolved in organic solvents and mixed with powders of various kinds, such as

inorganic powders and pigments. It can also be melted by heating. Using a heating process, S-LEC can be formed into sheets or used as a raw material for adhesives.







What kind of solvent does S-LEC dissolve in?

S-LEC dissolves in a wide range of solvents, such as alcohol, ester, ketones and aromatic solvents. The types of solvent in which S-LEC dissolves vary depending on the grade. For details, see page 15.

What kind of effect does the use

S-LEC improves the toughness of coating films, adds adhesiveness to other materials, and achieves uniform

dispersion in solutions (like slurries and inks). It also adds a variety of unique effects that contribute to product develop-



What are the products in which

S-LEC is used as a laminated glass interlayer film, as a ceramic binder and adhesive for printed circuit

boards, as well as in paints, inks, and many other products. For details of S-LEC applications, see pages 9 and 10.



Q How does S-LEC differ from other resins?

S-LEC's biggest feature is that both a polar group and a non-polar group exist in the resin. This unique structure realizes desired processing results according to the customers' applications.



What kind of "key" are you looking for to solve your problems? Examine the features and advantages of S-LEC.

We want excellent solubility in various solvents.

S-LEC dissolves in a wide range of solvents. Solubility can be further improved by using a mixed solvent. (See page 15.)

We want both hydrophilicity and water resistance.

Since S-LEC has both a polar group and a non-polar group, it has unique characteristics of being both hydrophilic and water resistant.

We want to adjust ink viscosity (a dispersing liquid).

We offer the most variations in the industry. You can select and use grades with different degrees of polymerization, compositions, etc., to adjust the viscosity. (See pages 17 and 18.)

We want to produce molded products without using a solvent.

S-LEC and a plasticizer can be heated and mixed, and then molded. S-LEC is suitable for producing thick films and molded products.

We want to improve dispersibility.

S-LEC adsorbs easily to various types of powder and improves their dispersibility. We offer many grades with different polarities, so customers can select the most suitable grade for the powder used.

We want to ultimately burn off S-LEC.

Sintering leaves only a small amount of residual S-LEC. (See page 21.)

We want to use an environmentally friendly resin.

S-LEC can be dissolved using only alcohol. Water-soluble S-LEC is also available. Customers can select the processing method in consideration of environmental impact.



We want to use S-LEC as a coating. mance. It can be used to coat

various base materials.

S-LEC has excellent dispersibility, stable viscosity and adhesiveness,

We want to produce a gel using S-LEC.

Because S-LEC has a hydroxyl unit. it can be formed into a gel in the presence of boron or the like. It can be used to create unique gel materials.

We want to add strength to molded products.

Since S-LEC has excellent binding properties, it bonds powder particles tightly, thus adding strength to molded products.

We want to mix S-LEC with We want to add antifogging properties.

S-LEC is highly compatible with thermosetting resins, such as epoxy. Addition of a small amount of S-LEC improves flexibility and bonding strength.

a different resin.

We want to manufacture tough films.

The main feature of S-LEC is its toughness. Addition of a small amount of S-LEC improves toughness significantly.



S-LEC dissolves in solvents. adheres to base materials, and provides excellent leveling perfor-

We want to use S-LEC in printing.

so it is commonly used as a printing binder. The S-LEC SV Series offers improved printability.



The grades with a large content of hydroxyl unit are very hydrophilic and provide excellent anti-fogging characteristics when coated on glass and other materials.

Technical Data

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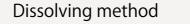
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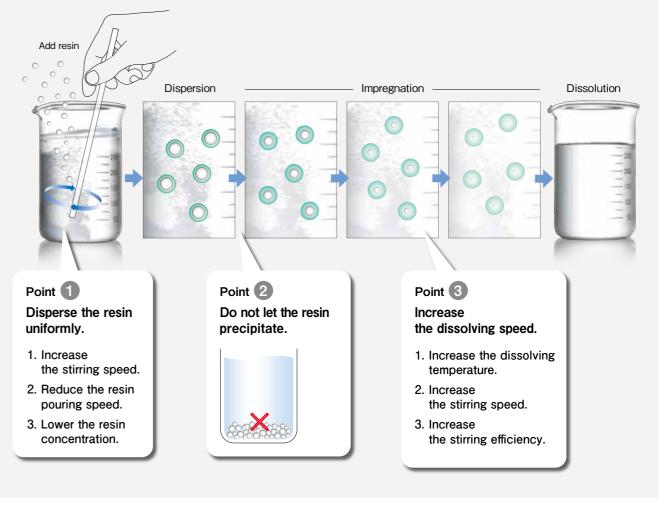
Solubility

S-LEC B/K dissolves in a wide range of organic solvents, such as alcohols, esters, ketones and aromatic solvents. Although S-LEC dissolves well in a single-component solvent, the use of a mixed solvent tends to further reduce the solution viscosity and minimize the change of viscosity during storage. We recommend mixed solvents, such as alcohol-based solvents, aromatic solvents, ketone-based solvents and ester-based solvents for use with S-LEC.

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Alcohol _	Methanol	S	S	I	S	S	S		S	S	S	S	S	S
	Ethanol	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	I	S
	1-Propanol	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	2-Propanol	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	PS	S	S	I	I	I
	1-Butanol	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	1-Octanol	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	PS	S	S	S	I	S
	Ethylene glycol	I	I	Ι	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
Ketone	Acetone	S	S	S	S	I	S	S	I	S	S	PS	S	S
	Methyl ethyl ketone	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	PS	S	S	S	S	S
	Methyl isobutyl ketone	I	Ι	S	S	I	I	S	I	S	Ι	I	I	Ι
	Cyclohexanone	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	PS	S	S	S	S	S
Amide	Dimethylacetamide	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	NN,N-Dimethylformamide	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	N-Methylpyrrolidone	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
ster	Methyl acetate	I	S	S	S	I	S	S	I	S	S	S	S	S
	Ethyl acetate	Ι	S	S	S	I	S	S	I	S	PS	S	S	S
	n-Butyl acetate	I	I	S	S	I	I	S	I	S	PS	PS	PS	S
	1,3-Butylene glycol diacetate	I	I	S	S	I	I	S	I	PS	I	PS	PS	S
Ether	1,4-Dioxane	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	PS	S	S	S	S	S
	Tetrahydrofuran	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Hydrocarbon	Toluene	Ι	Ι	S	S	I	I	S	Ι	I	Ι	I	I	Ι
F	Xylene	I	Ι	S	I	I	I	I	I	Ι	I	I	I	I
	Hexane	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	Ι	I	I	I	Ι	Ι	Ι	I	Ι
Others -	Ethylcellosolve	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	Dimethyl sulfoxide	S	S	PS	S	S	S	PS	S	S	S	S	S	S
	Acetic acid	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
	Terpineol	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	PS	S	PS	S	I	S
	Butyl carbitol	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	PS	S	S	S	S	S
	Butyl carbitol acetate	Ι	PS	S	S	I	I	S	I	PS	I	PS	PS	S



achieve a better dissolving effect.



* Resin concentration : 5 wt%

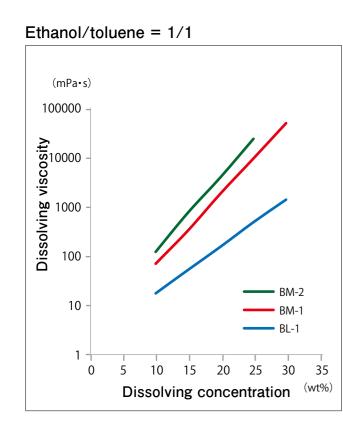
* Solubility: S (Soluble), PS (Partially Soluble), I (Insoluble)

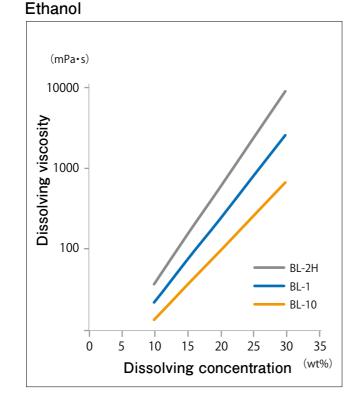
S-LEC dissolves easier in a solvent when resin is added gradually while being stirred. Although S-LEC dissolves at room temperature, quicker dissolving can be achieved by heating. In that case, however, heating immediately after the addition of resin can result in the formation of blocks. Therefore, heat should be applied after the resin swells sufficiently. Also, pay heed to the volatilization of the solvent during heating.

If a mixed solvent is used, first, let S-LEC swell sufficiently in a solvent in which S-LEC does not dissolve easily (such as an aromatic solvent, ester, ketone or chlorinated hydrocarbon), and then add an alcohol solvent to

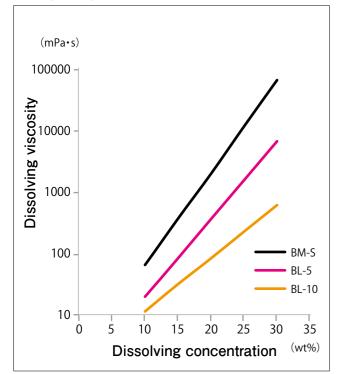
Solution Viscosity

S-LEC is generally dissolved in a solvent for use; thus, the viscosity characteristic of the solution is a very important factor when using S-LEC. The main factors that affect solution viscosity are (1) degree of polymerization and (2) composition. S-LEC tends to form into blocks when it dissolves, so use caution. By adding the resin gradually while stirring the solvent, a better dissolving effect can be achieved.

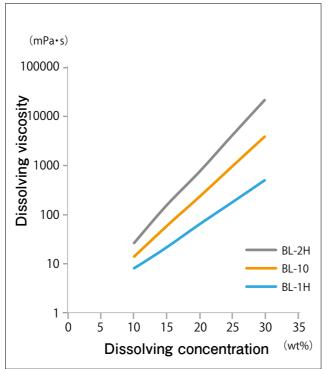




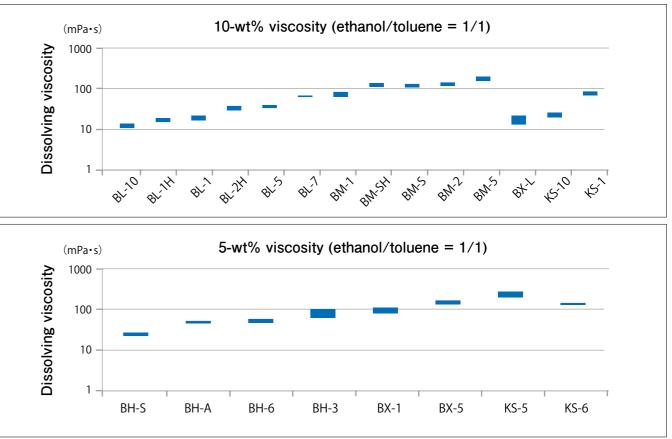
Methyl ethyl ketone



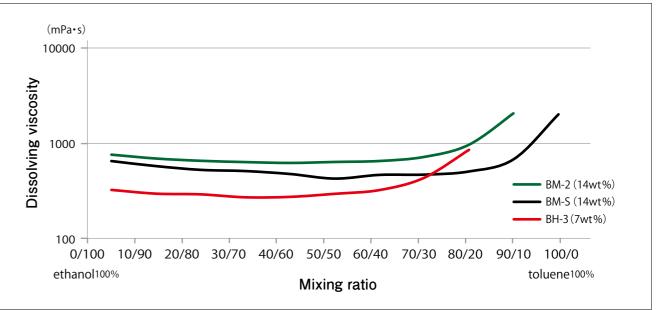
Ethyl acetate



Comparison of solution viscosities of different product grades



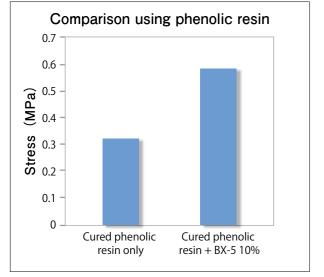
Relationship between ethanol/toluene mixing ratio and solution viscosity

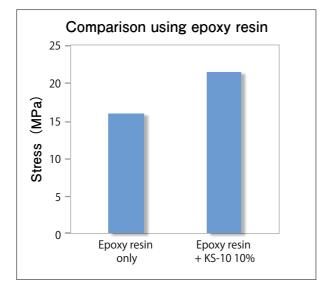


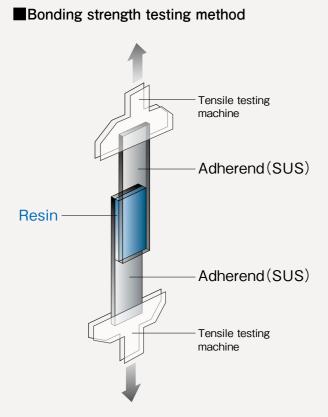
Adhesiveness

S-LEC can be used to improve the adhesiveness of epoxy resins, phenol resins and other thermosetting resins as well as various other resins. One of the benefits of S-LEC is that only a very small amount of S-LEC is required to produce the effect. S-LEC can increase bonding strength without causing any major change to the characteristics of the main material.

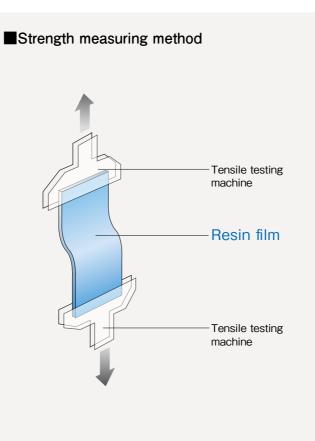
Comparison of adhesive strengths







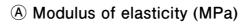
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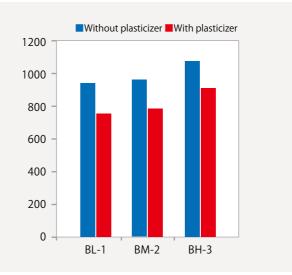


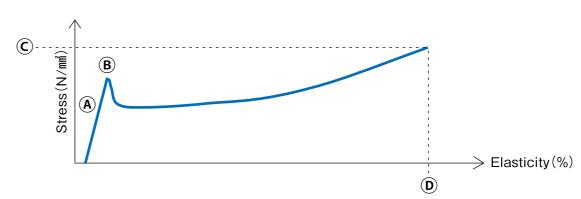
The strength of the resin film was measured using a tensile testing machine.

Strength

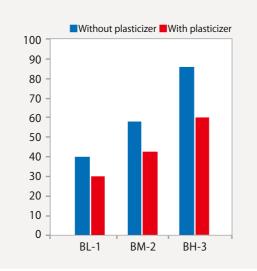
S-LEC boasts excellent film forming properties so it creates tough coating films. The film strength varies depending on the degree of polymerization, degree of acetalization and the type of acetal unit. Addition of a plasticizer results in a flexible coating film.

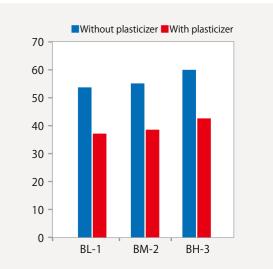






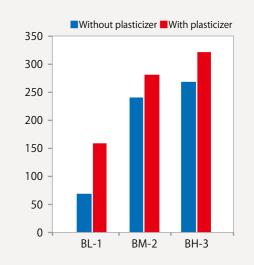
 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$ Stress at breaking point (MPa)





(B) Stress at upper yield point (MPa)

D Elasticity at breaking point (%)

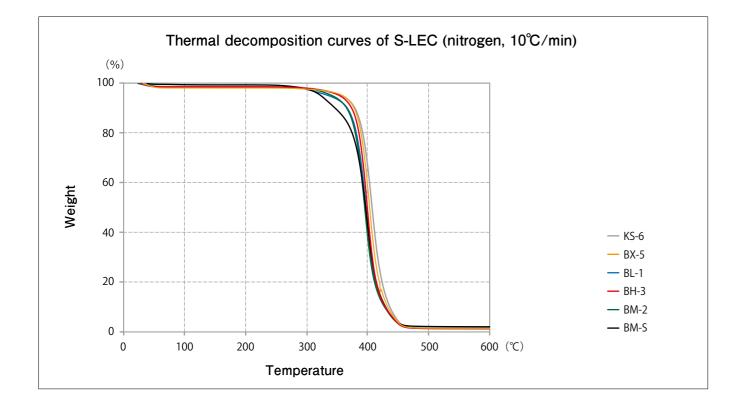


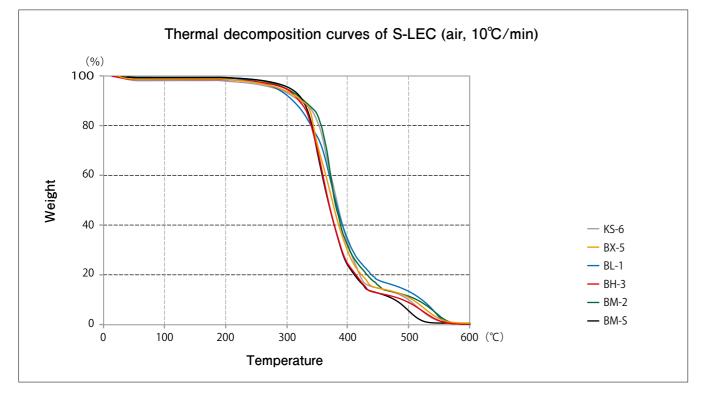
Pyrolytic properties

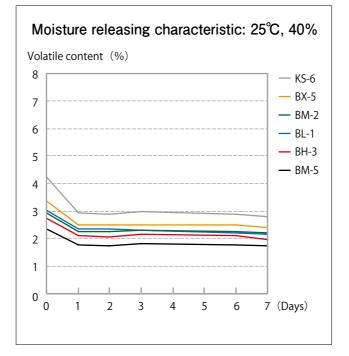
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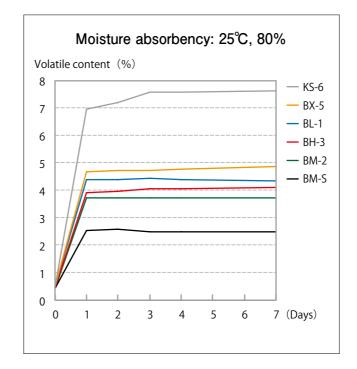
S-LEC absorbs and releases water vapor under certain conditions. Generally, product grades with a larger amount of hydroxyl unit are more moisture-absorbent and absorb a greater amount of water vapor.

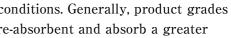
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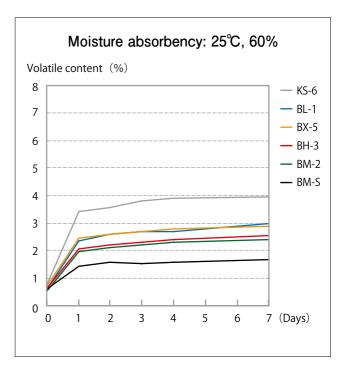


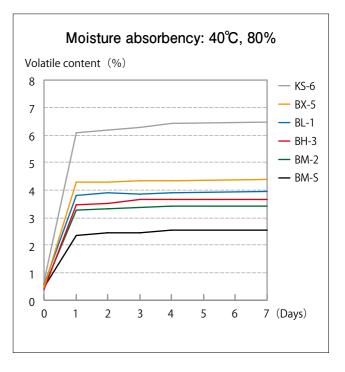












General Information

1. Safety

	B types	BX/KS types				
CAS	No 63148-65-2*	70775-95-0*				
EINECS No.	2091833, 2035454	2091833, 2035454				
	2046466	2046466, 2008368				
GHS	GHS mark not required					
RoHS	Controlled materials not contained					
Halogen	IEC 61249-2-21					
lalogen	Less than upper limit					
BGVV	Adapt	_				
FDA	175.105 175.300 176.170 176.180	_				

Registration status in various countries (as of O	B/BX/KS	
Australia and Oceania		
Australia	AIC S	Listed
New Zealand	N ZIoC	Listed
Asia		
China	IEC SC	Listed
Japan	ENCS	Listed
K orea	ECL	Listed
Philippines	P ICCS	Listed
Taiwan		Listed
Europe		
EU	REACH	Listed
North America		
Canada	DSL	Listed
United States	TSCA	Listed

Japanese laws and regulations (as of October 2014)

	B/BX/KS
Chemical Substance Control Law	Class VI, 708
Fire Service Act	Equivalent to designated combustibles (synthetic resins)
Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Law	Not applicable
Ordinance on Prevention of Hazards Due to Specified Chemical Substances	Not applicable
Industrial Safety and Health Law	Not applicable

* Designated only in the Japanese versions.

	Property	Unit	Physic	Measurement		
	riopenty	Unit	S-LEC B S-LEC K (KS)		method	
Mechanical	True specific gravity	_	1.1	1.1	JIS K-7112	
properties	Refractive index	_	1.48~1.49	1.48 ~ 1.49	ASTM D542	
	Elongation	%	5~20 5~20		JIS K-7113	
	Modulus of elasticity	10 ⁴ kg/ cm ³	1.1~1.4 1.2~1.6		JIS K-7113	
	Bending strength	kg/ cm 700~750		1000~1200	JIS K-7203	
	Flexural modulus	10 ⁴ kg/ cm ²	2.2~2.4	3.0~3.3	JIS K-7203	
Thermal properties	Specific heat	cal/g ∙°C	0.44~0.57	0.45	ASTM D2766 (Note1)	
p. op cco	Thermal conductivity	10⁻¹kcal/m.Hr •℃	r •℃ 1.03~1.04 1		ASTM C177	
Electrical	Surface resistance	Ω	10 ⁹ ~10 ¹²	10 ⁹ ~10 ¹²	JIS K-6911	
properties	Volume resistance	Ω• cm	10 ¹⁴ ~10 ¹⁶	10 ¹⁴ ~10 ¹⁶	JIS K-6911 (Note2)	
	Insulation resistance	Ω	10 ⁸ ~10 ¹⁶	10 ⁸ ~10 ¹⁶	JIS K-6911	
	Dielectric breakdown voltage	KV	25 以上	25 以上	JIS K-6911	
	Dielectric constant 30c/s	_	3.1~4.2	3.1~4.2	JIS K-6911	
	Dielectric constant 1000c/s	_	3.1~4.0	3.1~4.0	JIS K-6911	
	Dielectric tangent 30c/s	10-3	2.7~7.8	2.7~7.8	JIS K-6911	
	Dielectric tangent 1000c/s	10-3	5.0~8.2	5.0~8.2	JIS K-6911	

(Note 1) at 100°C (Note 2) at 30°C, 75% RH Other than above: at 30°C, 65% RH

Physical properties of S-LEC B/K



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properties that determine the product quality, such as minimum quality deviation and low impurity content, are the results of Sekisui technologies and expertise cultivated during a long history of more than a half century.



Minakuchi Factory around the time the company was founded

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