

# Tackifier Products



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All clients – from small blenders to multi-national corporations – receive world-class support on the necessary technologies, formulations, and regulations from experts on staff to succeed on their projects.

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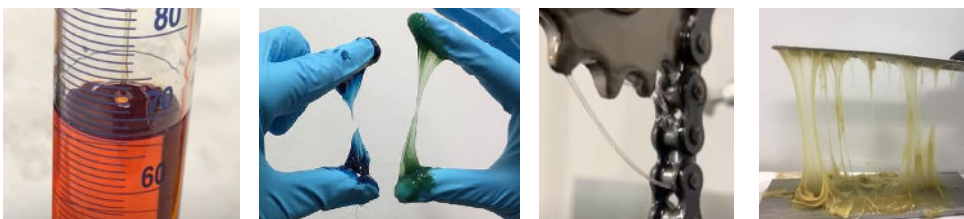
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# Tackifier Products

Lubricant tackifiers add an adhesive, string-like quality to lubricating oils, greases, and fluids. This viscoelastic behavior prevents fling-off, dripping, and misting on high speed equipment. Tackifiers also improve the surface wetting, sealing properties, and cohesion of lubes and greases. An efficient tackifier adds this effect at low treat levels with negligible effect on viscosity or other properties.

Tackifiers are used in wide range of applications, not limited to: Bar & chain oils, saw guide oil, open gear lubricants, antimist oil, cutting and metalworking fluids, rust preventatives, and grease.

Functional Products Inc. is the global leading manufacturer and researcher of tackifiers. This brochure highlights the key tackifiers for a wide range of petroleum, synthetic, and biobased base fluid types.



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**Functional Products Inc. has received best technical paper awards at:**

ELGI (Paris, 2011)

NLGI (Coeur d'Alene, 2018)

NLGI-IC (Amritsar, 2018)

CLGI (Wuyishan, 2011)

Functional Products Inc. was noted as an 'HPM Valuable Contributor' for the NLGI High Performance Multiuse Grease Specification (2020).

Scientists from FPI authored the chapter "Tackifiers and Antimisting Additives" in *Lubricant Additives: Chemistry and Applications*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (2009) and 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (2017), edited by Leslie R. Rudnick; and helped edit the *NLGI Lubricating Grease Guide*, 7<sup>th</sup> ed. (2022).

# Industrial Lubricant Tackifiers

Functional Products Inc. offers further options to customize your selection to specific performance parameters or even different handling viscosities to suit different manufacturing sites. **FUNCTIONAL V-176** is an excellent start to any formulating project but see the last page of this brochure for a quick guide to tackifiers by application.

Tackifiers vary by the molecular weight of the active polymer, the concentration and viscosity, and by diluent oil.

| Product | Diluent Oil     | Chemistry | Viscosity, 100°C | Typical Color | Shear Stability | String Length |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| V-172   | Paraffinic      | PIB       | 4000             | Light Yellow  | Better          | 48            |
| V-175   | Paraffinic      | PIB       | 5900             | Light Yellow  | Fair            | 65 (0.25wt%)  |
| V-176   | Paraffinic      | PIB       | 2900             | Light Yellow  | Good            | 55            |
| V-177   | Paraffinic      | PIB       | 10500            | Light Yellow  | Good            | 98            |
| V-178   | Paraffinic      | PIB       | 4000             | Light Yellow  | Good            | 90            |
| V-178N  | Naphthenic      | PIB       | 4000             | Orange        | Good            | 90            |
| V-188   | Paraffinic      | OCP       | 4000             | Light Yellow  | Best            | 28            |
| V-298   | Tech. White Oil | PIB       | 4000             | Colorless     | Good            | 53            |

**Diluent Oil** – FPI can offer over a dozen conventional and synthetic base stocks to prepare a custom-fit tackifier for your project.

**Chemistry** – Different active polymers have unique advantages that best complement an application.

*PIB* – polyisobutylene: best tackiness and lower handling viscosities

*OCP* – olefin copolymer: best thermal and mechanical stability

*Proprietary* – a unique polymer chemistry developed by FPI

**Viscosity** – In centistokes; products are available in lower viscosity cuts for better ease of handling or high viscosity cuts for better economics.

**Color** – Typical color of the product. Product color range is specified by ASTM D1500.

**Shear Stability** – Relative measure of ability to withstand shearing or crushing forces in application: Best > Better > Good > Fair > Poor

**String Length** – Measured at 0.5wt% in ISO 68 Group I; measure of tackiness with ductless siphon test method. See last page for more.

## PARATAC® and PARATAC XT®

Functional Products Inc. is proud to offer legacy tackifiers PARATAC and PARATAC XT for all applications.

| Product    | Diluent Oil | Chemistry | Viscosity, 100°C | Typical Color | Shear Stability | String Length |
|------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| PARATAC    | Paraffinic  | PIB       | 2950             | Light Yellow  | Better          | 23            |
| PARATAC XT | Paraffinic  | PIB       | 750              | Light Yellow  | Good            | 41            |

PARATAC and PARATAC XT are high quality tackifiers with longstanding approvals in industrial and automotive applications.

PARATAC XT is recommended as an easy to handle and low viscosity option for facilities with limited heating or pumping capabilities.

# Specialty Tackifiers for Lubrication

## High Performance Synthetics

### For Synthetic Oils or High Temperature Use

Prior work has found that additives based in Group I or II conventional oil can carry over sufficient impurities to full synthetic base oils to affect oxidative or color stability. The V-300 series is formulated in synthetic Group III base oil which adds greater oxidation stability over the colorless V-200 or V-400 products.

| Product | Diluent Oil | Chemistry | Viscosity, 100°C | Typical Color | Shear Stability | String Length |
|---------|-------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| V-378   | Group III   | PIB       | 6250             | Colorless     | Good            | 75            |
| V-388   | Group III   | OCP       | 4000             | Colorless     | Best            | 22            |

## NSF HX-1 Incidental Food Contact

### For Food Machinery Lubricants and Greases

Incidental food contact, or food machinery, lubricants require rigorous compliance to NSF standards. V-400 products are formulated in NSF H1 white oil and are registered on the NSF White List to ensure that formulations will pass NSF review.

| Product | Diluent Oil  | Chemistry | Viscosity, 100°C | Typical Color | Shear Stability | String Length | HX-1? |
|---------|--------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------|
| V-422   | H1 White Oil | PIB       | 3000             | Colorless     | Good            | 53            | Yes   |
| V-425   | H1 White Oil | OCP       | 3000             | Colorless     | Best            | 15            | Yes   |
| V-475   | H1 White Oil | PIB       | 1650             | Colorless     | Fair            | 82            | Yes   |

## Biobased or Biodegradable

### For Environmentally Acceptable Lubricants (EAL)

Natural oils, synthetic esters, and other biodegradable or 'environmentally acceptable lubricants' require unique tackifiers to impart tack effectively. Functional Products Inc. has been a strong supporter of the European Ecolabel program and features a number of additives on the European Ecolabel Lubricant Substance Classification (LuSC) list. See the **Biobased Additive** brochure for more information.

| Product | Diluent Oil  | Chemistry   | Viscosity, 100°C | Typical Color | Shear Stability | String Length | Ecolabel? |
|---------|--------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|
| V-188P2 | PAO          | OCP         | 9250             | Colorless     | Best            | 20            | Yes       |
| V-515   | Triglyceride | Proprietary | 8000             | Yellow        | Good            | 5             | Yes       |
| V-584   | Triglyceride | Proprietary | 1250, 40°C       | Amber         | Fair            | 10            | Yes       |

# Tackifiers for Grease

In addition to **FUNCTIONAL V-177** and other concentrated tackifiers, there are specialized tackifiers for imparting cohesion and adhesion to industrial lubricating grease.

## Emulsion Form Grease Tackifier

**FUNCTIONAL V-191** is a highly concentrated tackifier to add tack and consistency to calcium or particle based greases.

| Product      | Diluent Oil | Chemistry   | Typical Color | pH |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----|
| <b>V-191</b> | Water       | Proprietary | White         | 10 |

## Solid Grease Polymers

Solid polymers melted into a batch of grease provide high amounts of tackiness which will best survive the intense greasemaking and milling processes. See the **Grease Additive** brochure from Functional Products Inc. for more

| Product      | Suggested wt% | Form  | Polymer Type    | Recommended Use                              |
|--------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|--|
| <b>V-207</b> | 0.5wt%        | Flake | Temp. Sensitive | Calcium sulfonate, calcium sulfonate complex |
| <b>V-211</b> | 0.5wt%        | Flake | Temp. Sensitive | Aluminum complex; NSF HX-1 greases           |

## Anti-misting Agents

Misting of metalworking fluids is an environmental and health concern in many metal-removal applications such as milling and grinding. Anti-misting agents are similar to tackifiers but provide mist suppression without contributing tackiness to the lubricant.

Anti-mist additives **FUNCTIONAL MW-612** and **V-162** greatly reduce the formation of mist and are especially in equipment that lacks mist-collecting systems. **FUNCTIONAL V-421** is available as an NSF HX-1 incidental food contact version of **FUNCTIONAL V-162**.

| Product       | Diluent Oil  | Chemistry   | Viscosity, 40°C | Typical Color | Shear Stability | Note                 |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>V-162</b>  | Paraffinic   | PIB         | 850             | Light Yellow  | Excellent       | Industrial oils      |
| <b>V-421</b>  | H1 White Oil | PIB         | 3000            | Colorless     | Excellent       | Food grade, NSF HX-1 |
| <b>MW-612</b> | Water/Oil    | Proprietary | 10              | Colorless     | Excellent       | For emulsions        |

# Unique Tackifiers for Specialty Fluids

## Water-Based Tackifiers

**FUNCTIONAL V-802P** is an environmentally friendly, nonhazardous liquid additive that thickens and confers tack/stringiness to fluids made from water or emulsions of water and soluble oils. Other applications include: flocculating agents, home care/cleaning, and ceramic applications, including as a binder for powders and an anti-sag agent in paints.

| Product | Diluent Oil | Chemistry   | Typical Color | pH      | NSF HX-1 |
|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------|----------|
| V-801   | Water       | Proprietary | White         | Neutral | No       |
| V-802   | Mixture     | Proprietary | White         | Neutral | Yes      |
| V-802P  | Mixture     | Proprietary | Colorless     | Basic   | No       |

## Silicone Tackifier and Anti-Mist

**FUNCTIONAL V-870** is a tackifier for lubricants based in silicone or silicone/petroleum blends. **FUNCTIONAL V-870** is an effective anti-mist agent in low viscosity silicone sprays or lubricants to prevent unwanted aerosol formation.

| Product | Diluent Oil | Chemistry   | Viscosity, 100°C | Typical Color | Shear Stability | String Length |
|---------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| V-870   | Proprietary | Proprietary | 8500             | Colorless     | Good            | 22            |

# Instructions for Testing, Handling, and Blending

## **String Length Testing using the Ductless Siphon Method:**

The ductless siphon method quantifies the tackiness of fluids up to ISO 100. 100 mL of sample is placed in a 100 mL graduated cylinder and evacuated through capillary tube under vacuum. The capillary is positioned at the surface of the liquid level and as the fluid is evacuated the surface level will drop. This causes a string of oil to be pulled between the capillary tip and the receding liquid level. Tackier solutions will draw a longer string of oil than less tacky solutions; non-tacky solutions do not form an oil string. The maximum height of the filament supported by the vacuum is recorded as the string length in arbitrary units, i.e. "80 mL DS" or "ductless siphon string length of 80".

A comprehensive discussion of this test method is available. The ductless siphon test is based upon a paper, *Evaluating Tackiness of Polymer Containing Lubricants by the Open Siphon Method: Experiments, Theory, and Observation*, which was authored by scientists from FUNCTIONAL PRODUCTS INC. and the University of Akron Department of Polymer Engineering.

## **Incompatibilities:**

Like other polymers, tackifier polymers can drop out of solution if the polarity of the diluent is changed. Usually, this problem arises when a polymer is blended with another (more-polar) additive such as a motor oil detergent package, way oil package or a sulfonate emulsifier. In such cases the polymer may drop out of solution. Incompatibility can be avoided by attention to the blending sequence; when blending a polymeric additive and a polar additive, always completely dissolve one additive in the diluent oil before starting the addition of the other.

## **Blending:**

Viscous additives like tackifiers can be difficult to mix into low-viscosity diluents. Poor mixing may cause incompatibility when other additives are added (as stated above). If the agitation is not sufficient for good blending, the easiest solution is to heat the tackifier before blending.

## **Thermal Breakdown:**

Polyisobutylene-based tackifiers start to break down during prolonged storage above 100°C (212°F). Fortunately, most tackifier applications are at modest temperatures. Some greases, however, are made at higher temperatures and breakdown can occur. Be especially wary of the long cooling time of grease that is drummed hot.

## **Shear Breakdown:**

The high molecular weight of polymers provides tack in solution. While some tackifiers are more shear-stable than others, shear will eventually break down any tackifier. The shear that occurs in agitating with air or with ordinary open propellers is typically not a serious problem.

Shear in pumping, however, frequently leads to loss of tackiness. Best practice is to use a diaphragm pump or centrifugal pump, without pump recirculation during blending. The number of transfer operations should be minimized. Be especially careful about devices that re-circulate through a by-pass to limit pressure. One solution is to replace the pump with an air-driven diaphragm pump, which will stop pumping when the discharge pressure reaches the limit.

## Quick Guide to Lubricant Tackifiers

Decades of R&D in lubrication suggest these eight key tackifiers for starting a new project:

### FUNCTIONAL V-176

Versatile industrial tackifier; good balance in effectiveness, handling viscosity, and stability.



*Key Areas: General purpose lubricants*

### PARATAC

Legacy tackifier with long-standing OEM approvals. Improved shear stability.



*Key Areas: Industrial, auto, off-highway*

### FUNCTIONAL V-178

High strength, efficient tackifier for lubricants used at higher speed or lower viscosity.



*Key Areas: Machine oils, slideway*

### FUNCTIONAL V-188

Unique mechanically and thermally stable chemistry for enclosed or open gears.



*Key Areas: Gear oil, long service life*

### FUNCTIONAL V-177

Highly concentrated tackifier for thickening and tackifying industrial greases or coatings.



*Key Areas: Grease, rust coatings, seals*

### FUNCTIONAL V-298

Clear and colorless in aromatic-free oil for the best color stability to prevent staining.



*Key Areas: Textile, needle oil, paints*

### FUNCTIONAL V-422

NSF HX-1 tackifier for incidental food contact. Clean burn off and low varnish at high temperatures.



*Key Areas: NSF H1, oven, chain*

### FUNCTIONAL V-584

Biodegradable and biobased tackifier for natural vegetable oils and fatty synthetic esters. NSF HX-1 listed.



*Key Areas: Environmental, esters*

### Suggested treat levels to start:

| Light Tack                       | Medium Tack                        | Heavy Tack                       |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>0.3 – 0.5wt% Tackifier</b>    | <b>0.5 – 1.0wt% Tackifier</b>      | <b>1.0 – 2.0wt% Tackifier</b>    |
| Table and slideway lubes         | Pneumatic / rock drill oils        | Bar & chain and saw guide oils   |
| Circulating oil                  | Non-drying corrosion preventatives | Open gear lubricants and greases |
| Textile machinery and needle oil | Wire rope lubricants               | Neat cutting lubricants          |