



# FlexaTrac

SOLVENTS



DMEs | DMS | DMG | DMA

	FlexaTrac- DME-100	FlexaTrac- DME-200	FlexaTrac- DME-300	FlexaTrac- DMS-400	FlexaTrac- DMG-500	FlexaTrac- DMA-600
Chemical Properties						
Dimethyl Succinate, wt. %	17-25	1.0 max.	1.0 max.	98.5 min.	1.0 max.	1.0 max.
Dimethyl Glutarate, wt. %	59-73	72-76	8 –12	1.0 max.	99.0 min.	1.0 max.
Dimethyl Adipate, wt. %	10-14	23-27	87-91	1.0 max.	1.0 max.	99.0 min.
Acid Content, mg KOH/g, max.	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Water Content, wt. %, max.	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Methanol Content, wt. %, max.	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Color, APHA, max.	15	15	15	15	15	15
Physical Properties						
Molecular Weight	159	163	172	146	160	174
Distillation Range, °C	195-216	203-220	211-229	192-201	203-214	216-230
Density, #/gal, @ 25°C	9.10	8.98	8.83	9.28	9.03	8.82
Specific Gravity @ 25°C	1.091	1.076	1.058	1.112	1.082	1.057
Viscosity, cps, @ 25°C	3.88	3.31	3.71	3.91	3.66	4.33
Solubility in Water, wt. %	5.5	4.3	2.6	10.3	5.1	2.1
Water Solubility in DMEs, wt. %	3.6	3.2	2.8	4.0	2.9	2.9
Freezing Point, °C	-40.0	-42.4	2.8	16.8	-37.5	9.4
Flash Point, °F (Pensky-Martin cc)	212	226	235	201	224	255
Flash Point, °C (Pensky-Martin cc)	100	108	113	94	107	124
Surface Tension, dynes/cm	35.3	35	32.5	34.6	35.6	35.1
Electrical Resistance, megohms	1.3	1.9	3.0	1.3	2.3	5.0
Vapor Pressure, @ 20°C (Torr)	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.12	0.05	0.01

<sup>\*</sup>NOTE: Product specifications are subject to change without notice. Please write or call us for our current product specifications.

## **Key Attributes**

- Low volatile organic compound (VOC) content
- Readily biodegradable
- Clear, colorless liquid
- Mild to no odor
- Excellent polymer solvency
- Controlled evaporation rate
- Miscibility with most organic solvents

### **Key Applications**

- Paints & Coatings: Solvent for water-reducible and solvent-based latex coatings
- Cleaners & Strippers: Remove grease, lubricating oils, metal working fluids and fines from metal surfaces
- Scent & Pigment: Carrier solvent
- Oilfield Chemicals: Solvent and emulsifier
- Solvent for Resins: Polyurethane/Acrylics in adhesives and sealants
- Leather Industry Solvent: Dyeing and aiding in film formation and flow
- **Printing Inks:**

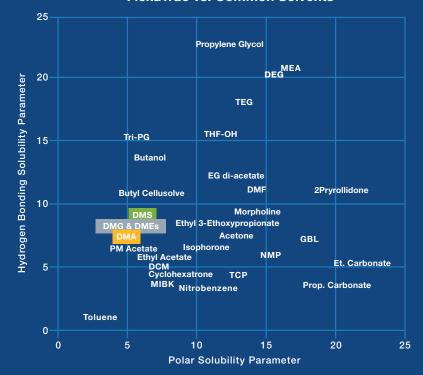
Solvents of printing inks – good alternatives to perceived non-environ-mentally friendly products such as acetates, glycol ethers, methyl ethyl ketone and other low-boiling alcohols

#### **Replacement for perceived HAPS solvents:**

- Acetates
- Acetone
- Glycol ethers
- Dichloromethane (DCM)
- N-methyl-2-Pyrrolidones (NMP)

# Hansen Solubility Parameters

FlexaTrac vs. Common Solvents



	FlexaTrac- DMEs	FlexaTrac- DMS	FlexaTrac- DMG	FlexaTrac- DMA
Resin Types & Compatibility				
Ероху	+++*	+++	+++	+++
Acrylic	+++	+++	++	++
Polyester	+++	+++	++	++
Phenolics	++	+++	++	+
Melamine-formaldehyde resin	+++	+++	++	+
PVBs (Polyvinyl Butyrals)	++	++	+	+
Solvent Types & Compatibility				
Alcohols, Esters & Ketones	+++*	+++	+++	+++
Hydrocarbons/Aromatics**	+++	+++	+++	+++
Common Halogenated Solvents	+++	+++	+++	+++
Water	+	+	+	+
Glycol Ethers, Carbonates & Acetates	+++	+++	+++	+++

<sup>\*</sup> Degree of compatibility (three +'s highly compatible and gives clear blend solution and + means low to no compatibility or hazy blend solution)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Except Heptan



# **About Ascend**

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