

# Archer RC™: A Nonvolatile, Reactive Coalescent for the Reduction of VOC in Latex Paints



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# Presentation Outline

- Introduction
- Coalescent Function
- Chemistry
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- Summary



# ADM Mission

***‘Unlock the potential of nature to improve the quality of life’***

- Agriculture is key to sustainable global growth
- Harness the full potential of agriculture by applying advances in R&D to agriculture
- Deliver more nutritional foods, more economically
- Industrial products from renewable feedstocks



# ADM Industrials: Paint & Coatings

- Archer RC™: Reactive Coalescent
  - [www.archer-rc.com](http://www.archer-rc.com)
- Linseed Oils
- Bodied and Modified Oils
- Conjugated Oils
- Waxes
- Lecithins
- Xanthan Gum
- Sorbitol
- Envirostrip®
  - [www.envirostrip.com](http://www.envirostrip.com)
- Solvents
  - Ethyl lactate
  - Ethanol
  - FAMES
  - Glycerol



# Archer RC™ Attributes

- **Nonvolatile – help paint formulators meet VOC regulations**
- Equal to better performance
- Based on sustainable technology
- Can be substituted for conventional coalescents
- Use with existing latex polymers
- Provides service and solids



# VOC Regulations

## South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1113

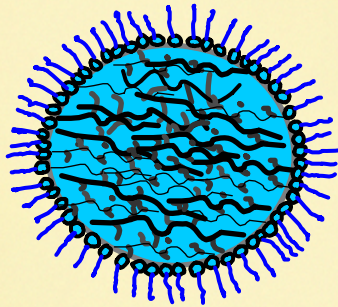
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Flat	100	7/1/2001
	50	7/1/2008
Non-Flat	150	7/1/2002
	50	7/1/2006
High Gloss	150	7/1/2002
	50	7/1/2006
Primers	200	7/1/2002
	100	7/1/2006

## Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) (Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states – Jan. 1st 2005)

	National Rule VOC Limit (g/L)	OTC Model Rule (g/L)
Flat	250	100
Non-flat	380	150



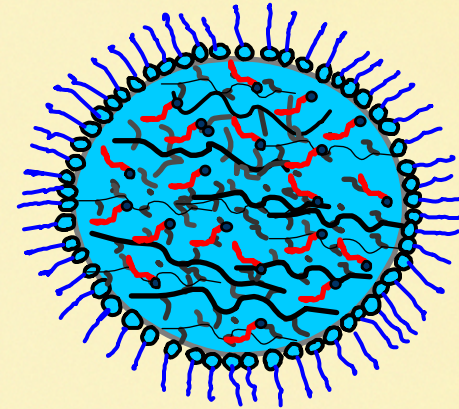
# Coalescent Function in Latex Paints



Emulsion Particle  
No Coalescent



Coalescent  
addition



Emulsion Particle  
w/coalescent  
“plasticized particle”

Conventional coalescents act as temporary plasticizers. They facilitate film formation, then volatilize into the atmosphere allowing for film recovery. Nonvolatile coalescents must have an alternate recovery method.

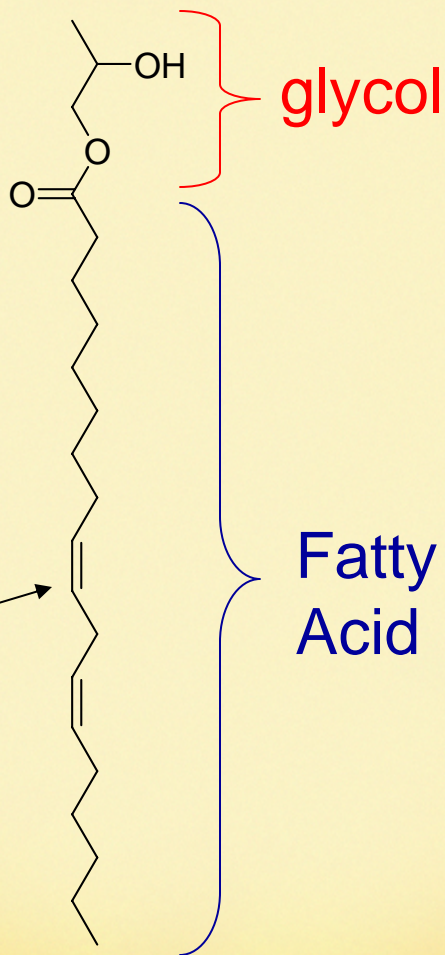


# Comparison of Chemical Composition

**Archer RC™**  
F.A. Ester-  
Alcohol Reactive  
Coalescent

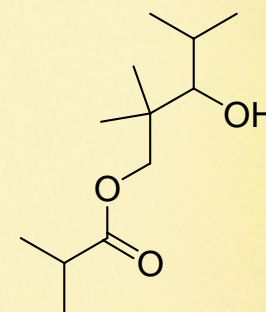
HLB ~ 3.4

Reactive Sites  
"Oxidative Cure"



**TMB Ester-Alcohol  
Coalescing Solvent  
(2,2,4-trimethyl-1,3-  
pentanediol  
monoisobutyrate)**

HLB ~ 3



100% VOC



# Designing the Coalescent

- Feedstock
- Synthesis
- Fatty Acid Composition
- Ester Selection
- Compatibility with Latex Resins
- Performance in Coating



# Renewable Feedstock: Triglycerides

Oils: *Liquid*

High degree of  
unsaturation

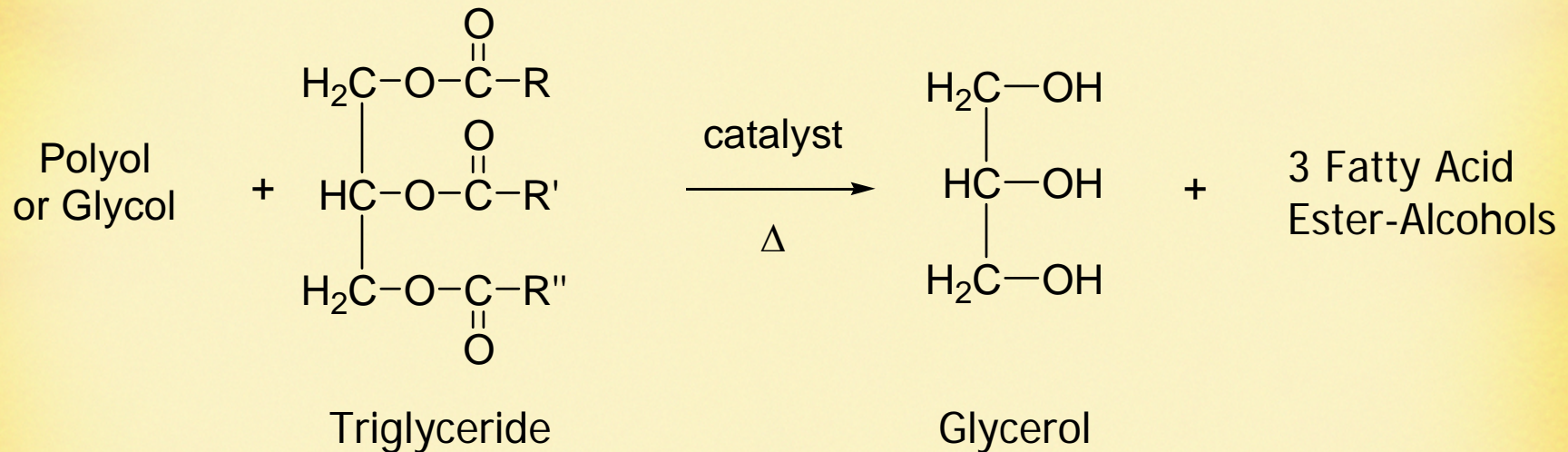


Sunflower, Corn,  
Soy, Linseed

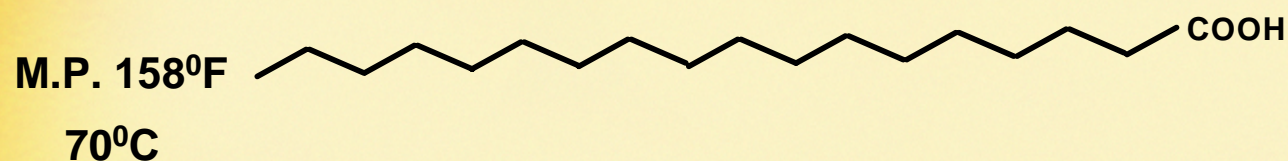
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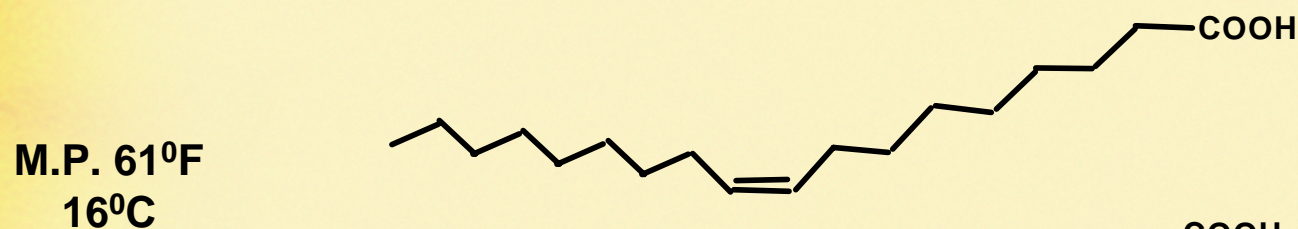
# Synthesis of Archer RC™ Fatty Acid Ester



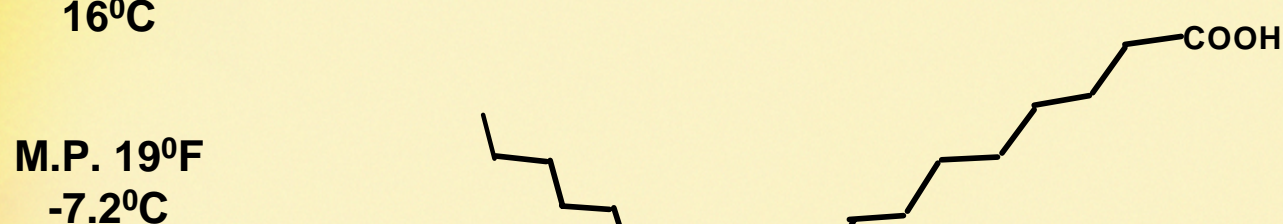
# Fatty Acids Available for Archer RC™ Synthesis



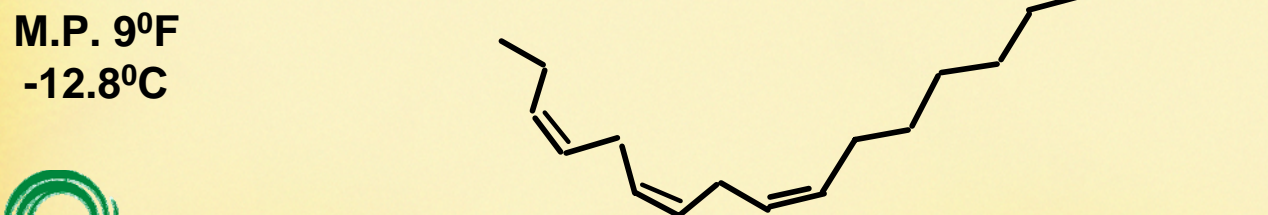
**Saturated**



**Cis-mono-unsaturated  
Oleic**



**Cis-di-unsaturated  
Linoleic**

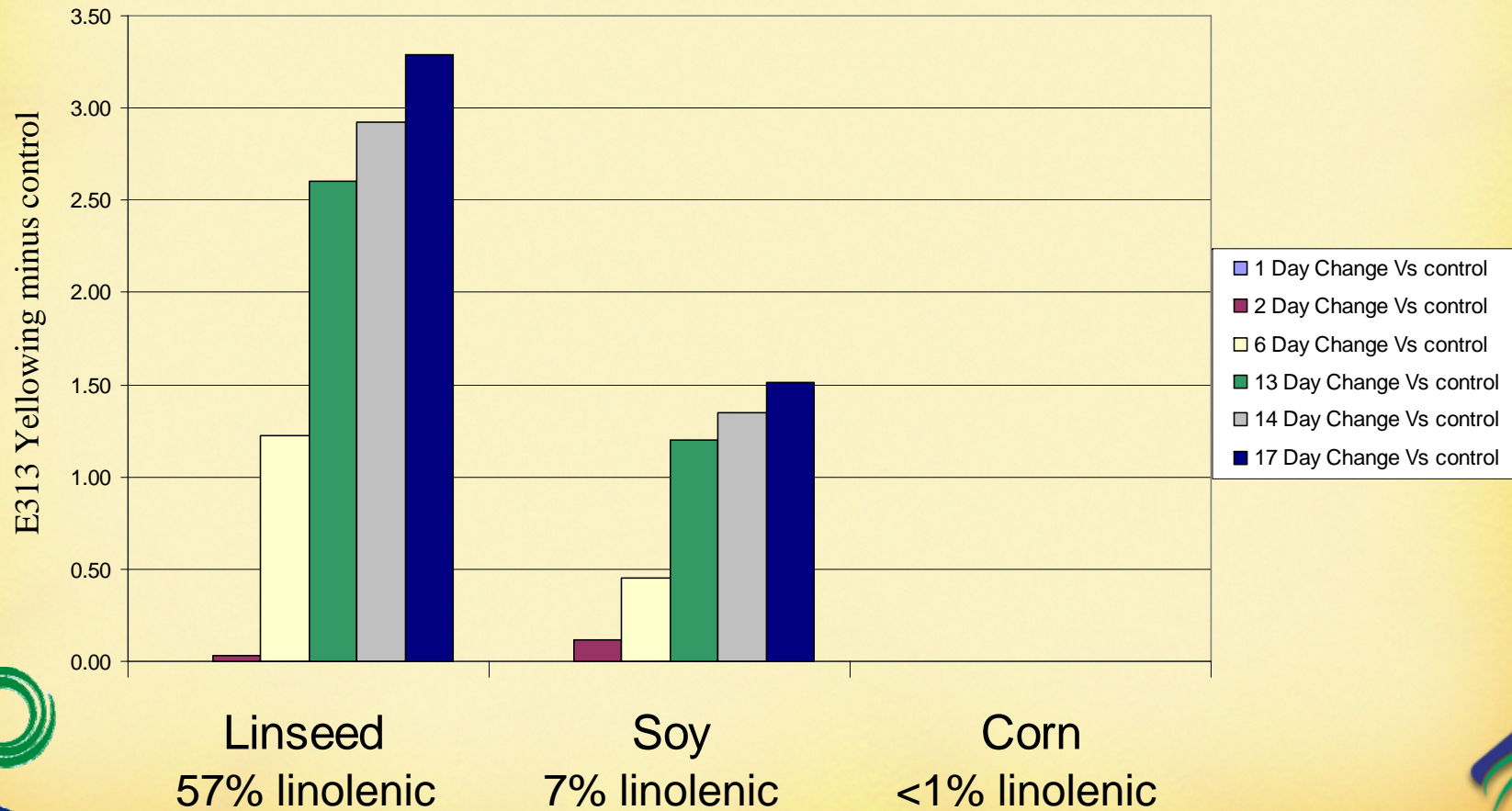


**Cis-Tri-unsaturated  
Linolenic**



# Fatty Acid-Ester Yellowing

Styrene-Acrylic Semigloss Paint - 10 mil E313 Yellowing Exp minus TMB control, Difference



# Fatty Acid Composition of Common Vegetable Oils

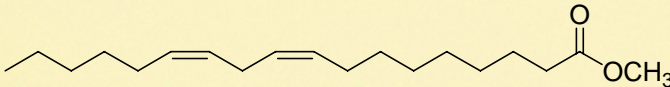
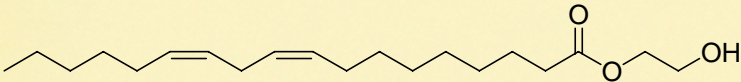
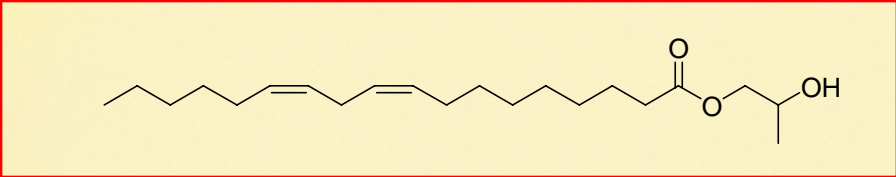
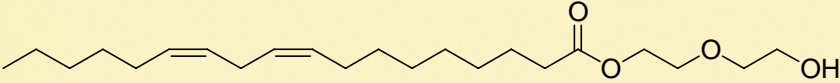
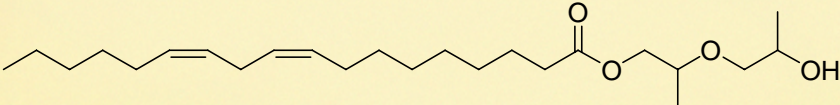
		Mono- unsaturates	Di- unsaturates	Tri-unsaturates	Conjugated	
	Saturates	Oleic	Linoleic Acid	Linolenic Acid	Eleostearic	Ricinoleic
	C-C	1 C=C	2 C=C	3 C=C		1 C=C (-OH)
Location		9	9,12	9,12,15		
<b>Vegetable Oils</b>						
<b>Non-Drying Oils</b>						
Canola	6%	62%	21%	9%		
→ Corn	13%	25%	61%	<1%		
Cottonseed	27%	19%	54%			
Palm	51%	39%	10%			
Peanut	18%	48%	34%			
Safflower	9%	13%	78%			
→ Sunflower	11%	20%	69%			
<b>Drying &amp; Semi-Drying Oils</b>						
Soybean	15%	24%	54%	7%		
Linseed	9%	19%	15%	57%	2C=C/3C=C	
Linseed (75% conj.)*	9%	19%	4%	14%	54%	
<b>Other Oils</b>						
Tung	6%	7%	4%	3%	80%	
Castor Oil	2.5%	3.30%	3.60%	0.20%		89.20%



Target: High linoleic (2 C=C) with low linolenic 3(C=C)



# Which ester should we choose?

	HLB Value
	1.0
	2.7
	3.4
	4.9
	5.9

HLB of **TMB** is ~3

$$\text{HLB} = 20 (1 - S/A)$$

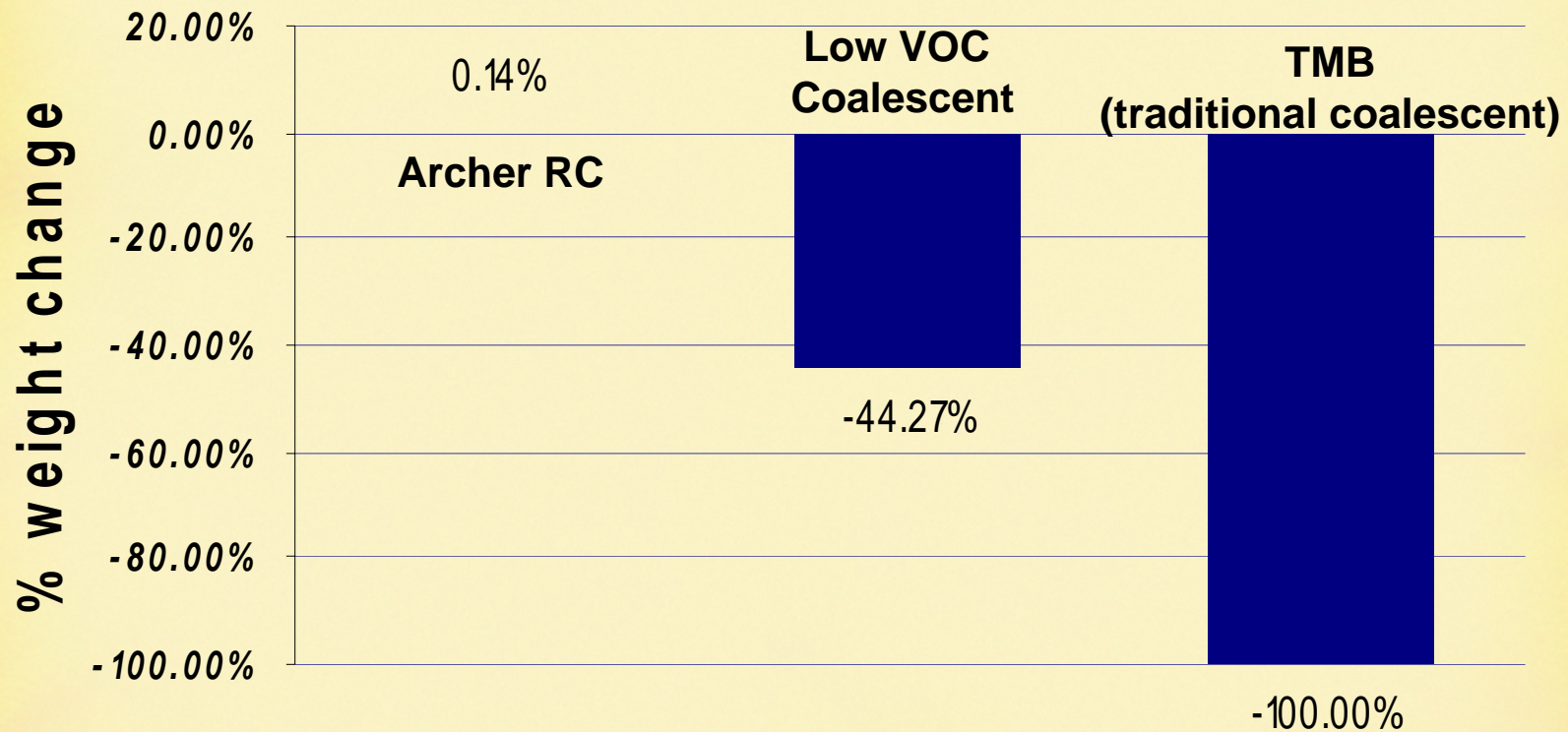
S = Saponification Number

A = Acid Value



# Total Volatile Content

(1 Hour @ 110°C, forced air oven)

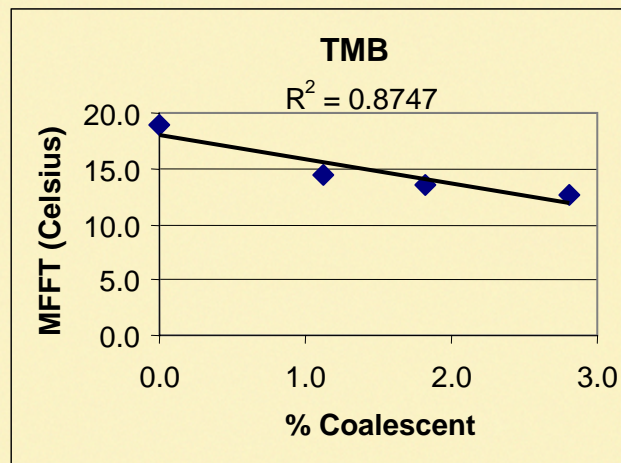
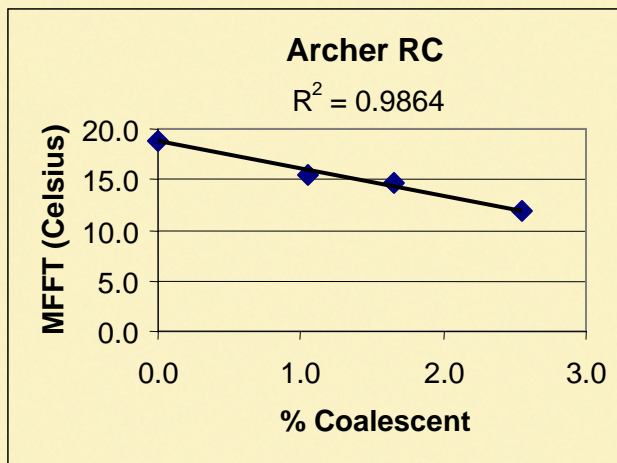


# Example Latex Paint Evaluation

- Determine coalescent demand for a given acrylic latex polymer (Rhoplex® AC-264, Rohm & Haas)
- Determine VOC contribution by EPA Method 24
- Baseline comparison to conventional coalescents in standard paint formulation
- Rate overall performance



# MFFT: Coalescent Demand (AC-264 Acrylic Latex)



The optimal amount of Archer RC with this latex is 5.4% on resin solids. The optimal amount to form the same film with TMB is 6.2% on resin solids.



<b>Formulas:</b>	<b>Archer RC</b>		<b>TMB</b>	
<b>Ingredient</b>				
<b>Dispersion</b>	Pounds	Gallons	Pounds	Gallons
Water	83.00	10.00	83.00	10.00
Colloid 643	2.00	0.26	2.00	0.26
Tamol 731	16.10	1.77	16.10	1.77
Triton CF-10	2.00	0.23	2.00	0.23
Kathon LX 1.5%	2.00	0.20	2.00	0.20
28% Ammonia	2.00	0.18	2.00	0.18
TiPure R-706	225.00	6.75	225.00	6.75
Minex 4	43.40	2.00	43.40	2.00
<i>Disperse 20 Minutes</i>				
<i>Pre-mix then add</i>				
Natrasol Plus 330	1.50	0.15	1.50	0.15
Water	41.65	5.00	41.65	5.00
<i>Disperse 20 Minutes</i>				
<b>Letdown</b>				
Water	181.26	21.76	179.59	21.56
Rhoplex AC-264	398.72	45.05	398.72	45.05
Colloid 643	5.00	0.65	5.00	0.65
Rozone 2000	3.00	0.30	3.00	0.30
Coalescent	12.92	1.67	15.03	1.90
Acrysol RM-8W	5.98	0.63	6.51	0.71
Acrysol RM-2020 NPR	7.11	0.79	8.18	0.90
Water (hold)	21.96	2.61	19.90	2.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>1054.6</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1054.58</b>	<b>100.00</b>



# VOC Content: EPA Method 24

In tests conducted at an independent lab, Archer RC did not contribute to VOC emissions when tested as part of a representative paint formulation according to EPA Method 24\*.

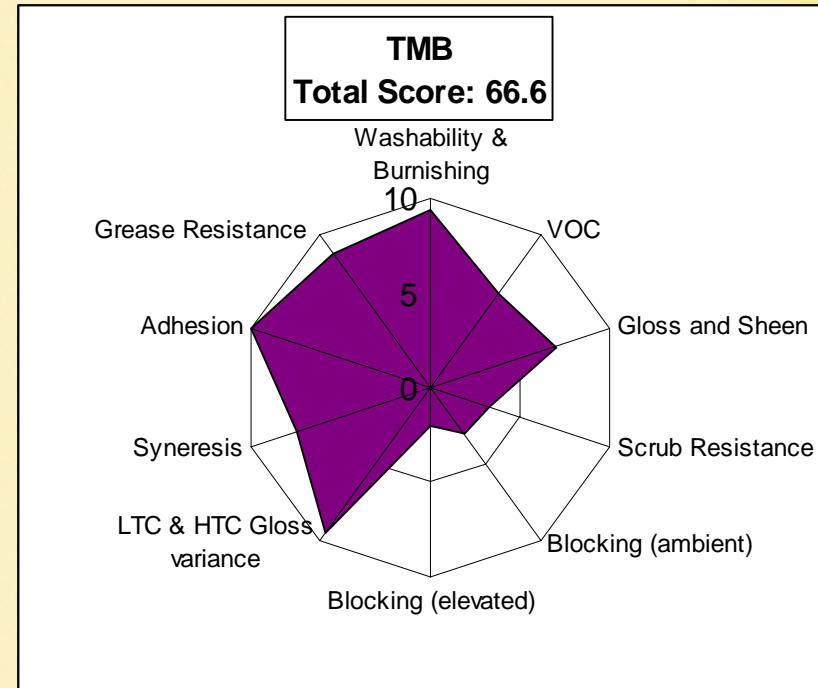
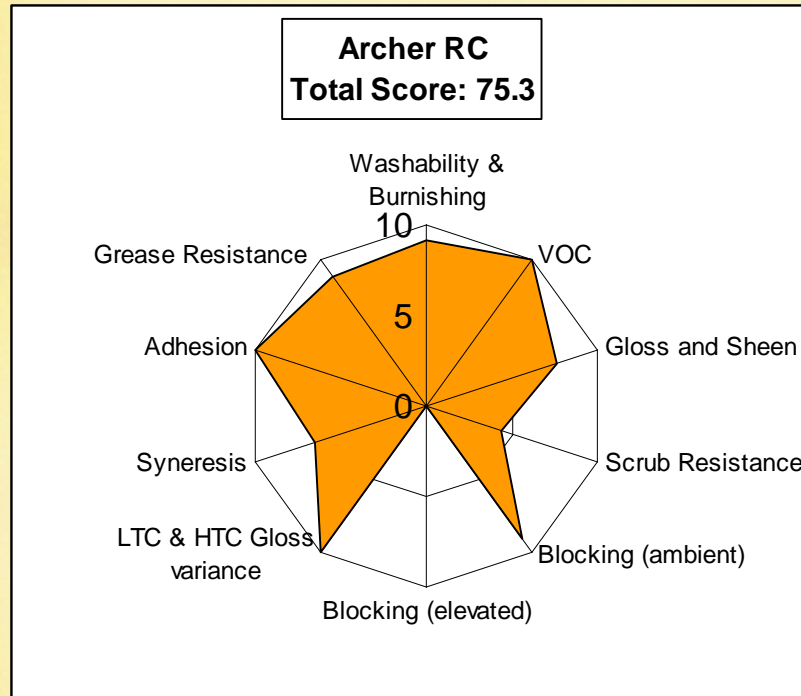
VOC Testing Results

	TMB	Archer RC
% Non-Volatile	50.51 +/- 0.04	51.49 +/- 0.06
% Water	47.72 +/- 0.09	48.70 +/- 0.15
Density (lbs./gal.)	10.62 +/- 0.02	10.60 +/- 0.01
VOC (lbs./gal.)	0.48	-0.05
VOC (g/L)	57.5	-6.4

\*see the August 2001 issue of the *The Journal of Coatings Technology* for a paper by Mania et. al. regarding the errors associated with EPA Method 24.



# Performance Summary



# Archer RC™: Service and Solids

- TMB coalescent facilitates film formation and then volatilizes into the atmosphere
  - Provides coalescing function only
  - No additional benefits
  - Added costs of meeting VOC regulations
- Archer RC™ facilitates film formation and remains as part of coating
  - Adds to overall solids in latex particle
  - Potential for minor resin reduction (cost savings) to keep solids level equal to TMB containing formulations
  - Meet VOC regulations with possibility of cost savings



# Archer RC™ Summary

- Lower paint's overall VOC content without compromising quality
- Archer RC™ can be substituted for conventional coalescents
- Provides increased scrub resistance
- Shows equal color acceptance
- Maintains a superior gloss
- Provides service and solids
- Semi-gloss and flat formulations at <50 g/L VOC with Archer RC™ reformulation available today!



# Other Applications for Archer RC™

- Alkyd Paints – reactive diluent (replaces portion of mineral spirits to lower VOC)
- Pesticides/Herbicides – carrier solvent
- Lubricants/metalworking fluids – nonvolatile/nonhazardous solvent



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