# eneral Surfactants Inc. Surfonate 100 Cocamide DEA 2:1 Modified

#### **Overview**

- 100% active 2:1 Kritchevsky detergent grade coconut based diethanolamide surfactant
- Mild, naturally derived and readily biodegradable
- Exceptional solubility in alcohols and glycols, and aromatic and chlorinated hydrocarbons
- Water soluble detergent, lubricant and antistat for use in hard surface cleaning, textile fiber spinning, cutting fluids and conveyor belt lubricants
- Use in water-based cleaning formulations along with anionic surfactants for enhanced foam control and viscosity response

#### Regulatory

The substances in Surfonate 100 are listed on and in compliance with the following Inventories: US (TSCA), Canada (DSL), Mexico (INSQ), Europe (EINECS: 271-657-0), Australia (AICS), China (IECSC), Japan (ENCS: 8-311), Korea (ECL: KE-03192, 06169), New Zealand (NZIoC), Philippines (PICCS)

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# **Technical Information**

Surfonate 100 is a 2:1 coconut based diethanolamide surfactant. Effective as a detergent, foam booster and stabilizer, fragrance and essential oil solubilizer, and viscosity builder in liquid detergent formulations, Surfonate 100 is a versatile inaredient.

Surfonate 100 is a 100% active, naturally plant derived surfactant with high biodegradability and low aquatic toxicity. The exceptional quality and low color profile of Surfonate 100 allows for use in a wide range of markets and applications.

# Formulary

Surfonate 100 is a 2:1 Kritchevsky modified detergent grade alkanolamide characterized by solubility in alcohols and glycols, and aromatic and chlorinated hydrocarbons, "backtitrated" for optimized performance.

Surfonate 100 is an effective degreasing emulsifier and corrosion preventing lubricant used in metal cleaning and finishing processes. Use Surfonate 100 in textile applications as an ingredient for scouring, dye-leveling and sizing applications.

Surfonate 100 is used as an antistatic agent in plastics, e.g. in polyethylene film for food packaging and rigid poly(vinyl) chloride, and used in combination with metallic salts as an antistatic for polystyrene and in impact-resistant rubber polystyrene blends.

#### **Typical Properties**

PROPERTY	VALUE
Appearance	Viscous amber liquid
Odor	Mild
lonic character	Nonionic
Water solubility	Soluble
Activity, %	100
Free amine, %	18-22
pH (1% aq.)	9.0±1.0
Density@25°C	0.99±0.04 g/ml
Flash point, °F	>200
RVOC, EPA, %	0
Storage	Freeze/thaw stable
Shelf life	2 years

# **Packaging and Handling**

Surfonate 100 is available in: Totes (Net Wt. 2200 lbs) Drums (Net Wt. 450 lbs)

Refer to Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for information on the safe use, handling, and disposal of this product.

DOT Classification: Non-Regulated

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Alkanolamides are versatile ingredients that find application as foam boosters and stabilizers, and as viscosity builders in liquid detergent formulations ranging from liquid dishwashing liquids to liquid laundry. Alkanolamides are economical ingredients in HI&I cleaning formulations, textile scouting, dye-leveling and sizing ingredients, and in lubricants as corrosion inhibitors.

Commercial alkanolamides are produced through a condensation reaction between fatty acids or fatty esters with an alkanolamine as characterized by monoethanolamine (MEA, diethanolamine (DEA) and diisopropanolamine (DIPA).

The generalized amide formation reaction from primary alkanolamines is illustrated below between 1 mole of fatty acid and 1 mole of MEA, resulting in a 1:1 monoethanolamide and water:

### RCOOH + H2NCH2CH2OH → RCONHCH2CH2OH + H2O

To minimize competing reactions resulting in by-products such as amine soap, amino esters and ester amides, monoethanolamides are more typically made from fatty esters, either fatty acid methyl esters or fatty triglycerides. The methyl ester reaction is illustrated below resulting in a 1:1 monoethanolamide and methanol:

#### RCOOCH3 + H2NCH2CH2OH → RCONHCH2CH2OH + CH3OH $\uparrow$

The related reaction substituting the methyl ester with a fatty triglyceride, reacting with 3 moles of MEA results in 3 moles of 1:1 monoethanolamide with 1 mole of glycerin. In this example, glycerin typically remains in the product, where methanol is typically removed via vacuum stripping when made from the methyl ester. Residual glycerin from the fatty triglyceride reaction may yield beneficial properties such as humectancy and lubricity, where the methyl ester reaction yields higher amide actives after vacuum stripping methanol, but at the possible expense of unwanted odor. Monoethanolamides and Monoisopropanolamides are characterized by limited water solubility and likely to be a solid at room temperature.

Secondary amine dialkanolamides are produced through a condensation reaction similar to that of monoalkanolamides characterized by limited water solubility but likely to be a liquid at room temperature. The generalized amide formation reaction from secondary alkanolamines is illustrated below between 1 mole of fatty acid and 1 mole of DEA, resulting in a 1:1 diethanolamide and water, and similar to monoalkanolamides, can be prepared from the either fatty acid methyl esters or fatty triglycerides. Diethanolamides produced from methyl esters are typically referred to as "super amides" due to their high amide content:

RCOOH + HN(CH2CH2OH)2 → RCON(CH2CH2OH)2 + H2O

RCOOCH3 + HN(CH2CH2OH)2 → RCON(CH2CH2OH)2 + CH3OH↑

Original work involving dialkanolamides is generally credited to Wolf Kritchevsky (US Patent 2089212 issued 1937), where fatty dialkanolamides where produced in both a 1:1 ratio of fatty acid, either through fatty acid or ester, and 2:1 ratio indicating a 2:1 molar excess of amine to fatty acid. The 2:1 fatty alkanolamides, or Kritchevsky amides, are characterized as liquid, water soluble products made up of a mixture of amide, amino ester, free amine, amine soap, amide ester and water, differing in performance and physical properties from a simple blend of a 1:1 amide with added alkanolamine. The 2:1 alkanolamides when back titrated with fatty acids of same or varied composition to the amide are referred to as "modified" 2:1 amides, and can be tailored to a very wide range of applications.

Surfonate 100 is an outstanding detergent agent in heavy duty cleaning formulations, as the starting point formulation below illustrates:

# **Alkaline Floor Cleaner/Stripper**

INGREDIENTS	WT. %
Water	to 100.0
Sodium Hydroxide, 50%	3.0
Potassium Hydroxide, 45%	2.5
Sodium Silicate, "N" Clear	7.5
Na4EDTA, 38%	2.0
Surfonate 100	3.0
Monoethanol amine	5.0
Ethyleneglycol monobutyl ether	2.0
Diethyleneglycol monobutyl ether	8.0

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