



SYNALOX
Lubricants

**High-performance
polyglycols for
demanding applications**



Dow Polyglycols

Dow strength in polyglycols brings customers many benefits.

The Dow Chemical Company is a science and technology based company and one of the world's largest producers of polyglycols. Our worldwide research, manufacturing, and distribution include facilities in Europe, North America, Latin America, and Asia-Pacific.

With over 30 years experience in polyglycol manufacturing, the industry's broadest product line, and a leadership position in new product development, Dow is uniquely positioned to meet the needs of a diverse global marketplace. This success results from expanding our customers' markets through combined knowledge of their requirements and Dow's alkoxylation expertise in joint development applications. Together we focus these resources to help ensure success for our customers and their products.

Secure and reliable product supply.

Dow's unique raw material position means that you can rely on consistent product quality and a secure supply of a full array of polyglycol products. Our position is one of strength because Dow is the back-integrated manufacturer of all three alkylene oxides used to produce polyglycols, with manufacturing locations around the world.

Products tailored to customer needs.

Dow's technical leadership in alkoxylation allows us to design unique polyglycol products to meet standard or exceptional formulation and process needs. We are experts at adjusting polyglycol physical properties to find the ideal polyglycol for your application or to produce a polyglycol to your specifications.

Our research, pilot plants, and manufacturing flexibility enable us to rapidly develop and test new products, then quickly scale-up to deliver the performance qualities required for your tailor-made polyglycol.

Whether you are looking to improve an existing product or to develop an innovative new product, there's a good chance that a Dow polyglycol already exists, or can be readily customized, that will help ensure your success.

Technical expertise when and where you need it.

Dow experts on polyglycol products are regionally located to quickly respond to your needs. They are globally networked to take maximum advantage of years of combined experience. Whether your question involves products, applications, or regulations, Dow offers comprehensive customer service and technical assistance.

Safe use and handling

DOW polyglycol products are easy to store and handle. Safety Data Sheets should be consulted prior to the use of DOW polyglycols. For specific safe use and handling information, or to obtain a Dow polyglycol Safety Data Sheet, contact your local Dow representative.

Product stewardship

Dow encourages its customers and potential users of DOW polyglycols to review their applications for such products from the standpoint of human health and environmental quality. To help ensure that DOW polyglycols are not used in ways for which they were not intended or tested, Dow personnel will assist customers in dealing with environmental and product safety considerations.

SYNALOX Lubricants - Polyalkylene glycols developed specifically for lubricant applications

SYNALOX* Lubricants are helping formulators meet today's ever-increasing demands placed on lubricants. SYNALOX Lubricants have been developed with special characteristics that make them ideal choices as base stocks, components, or additives in a wide variety of lubricant formulations. They feature excellent lubricity, high viscosity indices, low pour points, and clean burning properties, which are all important attributes of synthetic lubricants.

While each SYNALOX Lubricant has unique properties useful in specific applications, all share the valuable properties listed in Table 3.

SYNALOX Lubricants are produced by polymerizing ethylene oxide (EO), and/or propylene oxide (PO) in the same molecule. The ratio and order of the oxide addition, together with the choice of initiator and the molecular weight, control the chemical and physical properties of the final polyglycol.

The family of SYNALOX Lubricants includes a diverse range of polyglycols with homopolymers and random copolymers on to mono-, di- or multifunctional initiators (See Table 1 and 2 for the SYNALOX Lubricants product family).

SYNALOX Lubricants expand your formulating possibilities by combining excellent lubrication

properties coupled with unique performance properties and broad product mix. SYNALOX Lubricants are available in the ISO viscosity range of 22-1000, as water soluble and water insoluble products. They show very good response to conventional lubricant additives and can be formulated to meet the highest performance standards, particularly in applications where high temperatures can degrade petroleum based products. Gear lubricants, compressor lubricants, hydraulic fluids and greases are common applications. Table 4 lists typical applications for SYNALOX Lubricants.

Custom manufactured products available

Through our alkoxylation expertise and unique raw material supply, Dow can provide customized solutions that significantly expand your formulation options. We can offer custom manufactured polyglycols to meet your exact specifications or we can suggest alternatives based on your performance requirements.

We have the flexibility to produce polyglycols to a wide range of viscosities, molecular weights, biodegradability, pour points, cloud points, or solubilities in water and petroleum derived oils. Customized Dow polyglycols have provided many opportunities for customers to create or enhance their products and expand their markets.

New product development capabilities

Our research, pilot and manufacturing facilities enable us to rapidly develop and test new products, then scale up to produce the quantities you require. Whether you are working to improve an existing product or to develop an innovative new product, there's a good chance that a Dow polyglycol product already exists, or can be readily customized, that will help ensure your success.

Toll blending your polyglycol-based lubricants

Dow can help you in outsourcing the blending/formulation of your polyglycol based lubricants so that you can focus more on your customer and core businesses. As polyglycols are not miscible with hydrocarbon based oils, they do need dedicated blending plants to avoid production problems and guarantee high quality standards. Such dedicated blending facilities are usually very expensive to operate compared to standard blending plants for hydrocarbon based lubricants. **If you would like to discuss this new service, please call us.**

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The Family of SYNALOX Lubricants and Their Typical Properties†

Table 1: SYNALOX Water Soluble Lubricant Base Stocks

Water Soluble SYNALOX Lubricants – EO/PO Random Copolymers

SYNALOX Water Soluble Lubricants are random copolymers of ethylene oxide and propylene oxide. This family of polyglycols is soluble in cold water, but exhibits inverse solubility at high temperatures. Water based solutions provide low surface tension, good wetting and good penetration characteristics, while also exhibiting low foaming properties. Water soluble SYNALOX Lubricants are extensively used in formulations for chemical fiber spin finishes and industrial lubricants. For example, SYNALOX 50-30B and SYNALOX 50-50B are key base stocks for spin finish lubricants in the production of textured polyester and nylon yarns. Dow offers an extensive viscosity range of water soluble SYNALOX Lubricant grades from ISOVG 22 to 1000.

Property	Molecular Weight	Viscosity @ 40°C	Viscosity @ 100°C	ISO Viscosity Grade
Unit	g/mole	cSt	cSt	
Test Method	Note 1	ASTM D445/446	ASTM D445/446	ISO 3448
50-15B	500	20	4.8	22
50-30B	1000	50	11	46
50-50B	1300	78	15	-
55-70B	1600	100	20	100
50-100B	1900	140	27	150
40-D150	1900	220	39	220
40-D220	2500	320	58	320
40-D300	3400	460	78	460
40-D700	5300	1050	178	1000

† Table contains typical properties, not to be construed as specifications

Table 2: SYNALOX Water Insoluble Lubricant Base Stocks

Water Insoluble SYNALOX Lubricants – PO Homopolymers

SYNALOX Water Insoluble Lubricants are homopolymers of propylene oxide. This family of polyglycols is insoluble in water, but is not compatible with mineral oils. Water Insoluble SYNALOX Lubricants are particularly used as base stocks in industrial gear oils, mill, and calender lubricants. Dow offers an extensive viscosity range of water insoluble SYNALOX Lubricant grades from ISOVG 32 to 680.

Property	Molecular Weight	Viscosity @ 40°C	Viscosity @ 100°C	ISO Viscosity Grade
Unit	g/mole	cSt	cSt	
Test Method	Note 1	ASTM D445/446	ASTM D445/446	ISO 3448
100-D20	400	32	5	32
100-40B	1100	57	10	-
100-50B	1300	72	14	68
100-D95	2000	143	23	150
100-150B	2600	220	38	220
100-D240	3800	350	58	320
100-D280	4000	440	64	460
100-D450	5600	690	108	680

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Viscosity Index	Flash Point (COC)	Cloud Point (1% Aq.)	Pour Point	Density 20°C	Max. Friction Coefficient	Extreme Pressure Failure Load	Wear Scar (4 Ball)	Seizure Load (4 Ball)
	°C	°C	°C	g/cm ³		N	mm	kg
ASTM D2270	ASTM D92	ASTM D2024	ASTM D97	ASTM D1298	Note 2	Note 3	DIN 51350	DIN 51350
172	161	60	-46	1.009	0.15	350	0.53	120-140
211	225	63	-45	1.030	0.14	450	0.36	140-160
218	238	55	-42	1.040	0.11	450	0.44	180-200
225	230	53	-56	1.042	0.11	700	N/d	N/d
230	240	55	-35	1.047	0.11	700	0.59	180-200
240	240	85	-38	1.082	0.10	850	N/d	N/d
250	245	80	-36	1.080	0.10	950	N/d	N/d
252	258	75	-35	1.074	0.10	1050	N/d	N/d
289	260	70	-31	1.073	0.10	1050	N/d	N/d

Notes: 1) Molecular weight was determined by gel permeation chromatography.
2) Determined by oscillation of a steel ball on a steel disc at 30°C and under a load of 200 N.

3) Determined by oscillation of a steel ball on a steel disc at 30°C. Load was increased stepwise by 100 N until failure was detected as a massive increase in the measured friction coefficient.
n/d = not determined

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ASTM D2270	ASTM D92	ASTM D2024	ASTM D97	ASTM D1298	Note 2	Note 3	DIN 51350	DIN 51350
65	194	80	-37	1.008	0.13	450	0.36	120-140
192	220	10	-35	0.985	0.12	600	0.51	120-140
193	225	10	-35	0.989	0.12	1150	0.57	120-140
191	236	15	-32	1.003	0.12	550	0.29	120-140
223	244	8	-31	0.999	0.13	700	0.46	160-180
230	235	9	-30	1.0025	0.13	450	0.54	140-160
254	250	10	-30	1.0023	0.13	750	0.59	120-140
254	226	9	-30	0.999	0.13	350	0.46	160-180

Notes: 1) Molecular weight was determined by gel permeation chromatography.
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Table 3: Unique Properties of SYNALOX Lubricants

Viscosity – SYNALOX Lubricants are commercially available in ISO viscosity range 22 to 1000.

High Viscosity Index – SYNALOX Lubricants have very high viscosity indices compared to petroleum derived base stocks and other synthetic lubricants and range typically from 180 to over 250.

Excellent Lubricity – SYNALOX Lubricants have outstanding overall load carrying capacity, film strength, and anti-wear properties.

Cleanliness, No Sludge Formation – SYNALOX Lubricants do not decompose to form sludges and carbon laquers at high temperatures as is the case with other lubricant base stocks, which are subject to degradation and polymerization.

Excellent Stability – SYNALOX Lubricants exhibit high stability to heat, air (with addition of appropriate antioxidants), acids, alkalis and high shear environments.

Low Pour Point – SYNALOX Lubricants usually exhibit very low pour points ranging from -30°C to lower than -50°C. They do not contain nor require pour point depressants.

Gas Solubility – The solubility of common compressed gases, such as natural gas, ethylene, hydrogen, etc. in SYNALOX Lubricants is substantially lower than in petroleum oils and polyalphaolefins. Therefore, SYNALOX Lubricants maintain their viscosity better in intimate contact with such gases, thus providing thicker lubricant films and better lubrication.

Table 4: Typical Applications for SYNALOX Lubricants

Gear Oils – Excellent friction modification properties coupled with high thermal stability and high viscosity index make SYNALOX Lubricants the right choice as base stocks for gear oils, especially for worm gears and gears sealed for life. Polyglycols provide the highest energy efficiency in gear oil applications.

Metal Working Fluids – Water soluble SYNALOX Lubricants are successfully used by formulators as the lubricity base for water soluble cutting and grinding fluids. Heat generated at a cutting tip or other machine tool can cause the polyglycol to come out of solution (inverse solubility) on to the metal surface providing a neat lubricant film. SYNALOX Lubricants are also used as lubricants in forming operations, such as drawing, stamping, and rolling.

Compressors – SYNALOX Lubricants are used extensively as base fluids for compressor lubricants in various applications such as ethylene, natural gas, hydrogen, vinyl chloride, ammonia, helium and nitrogen. The success of SYNALOX Lubricants in such applications is due to their adaptable solubility properties, excellent lubricity, high thermal stability and resistance to sludge and varnish formation.

Mill & Calender Lubricants – SYNALOX Lubricants are the preferred lubricant base stocks for high temperature, large-scale mills and calenders employed in the rubber, textile, paper, and plastic industries, due to their ashless burning characteristics coupled with high temperature stability and excellent lubrication properties.

Two-Stroke – Water insoluble SYNALOX Lubricants are uniquely adapted for use with air cooled two-stroke engines. The clean burn-off characteristics of SYNALOX Lubricants virtually eliminate engine problems related to spark plug fouling, exhaust port plugging, and combustion chamber deposits. SYNALOX Lubricants are the preferred lubricant base stock for model engines.

Hydraulic Fluids – SYNALOX Lubricants feature excellent lubricity and performance characteristics for use as industrial hydraulic fluids for equipment that must operate over a wide temperature range such as year-round outdoor use or high temperature applications. Specific SYNALOX Lubricants feature improved environmental properties (biodegradation and aquatic toxicity) over standard petroleum based fluids.

Greases – Superior greases can be made with SYNALOX Lubricants. These greases—highly adaptable for extreme applications of high and low temperature, as well as for standard uses—are characterized by the excellent properties of the base fluid. The solubility range of the SYNALOX product line permits the formulation of water soluble or hydrocarbon-resistant greases.

Mould Release and Mandrel Lubricants – SYNALOX Lubricants, with their negligible solvent and swelling effects on most natural and synthetic rubber compositions, as well as their excellent lubricity, are ideally suited as anti-stick, coating, and parting agents for the rubber industry. Water soluble SYNALOX Lubricants are especially used, as they can be easily rinsed off with water.

Overview of Polyglycol Applications

Industry/Application	SYNALOX Lubricants	DOWFAX Nonionic Surfactants	Polyethylene Glycols (PEGs)	Polypropylene Glycols (PPGs)	Methoxypolyethylene Glycols (MPEGs)	Custom Polyglycols
Foam Control Agents DOWFAX Nonionic Surfactants and polypropylene glycols are non-ionic and are used in a wide range of foam control applications, as neat products or components of foam-control formulations.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Synthetic Lubricants SYNALOX Lubricants feature excellent lubricity, low pour points, low volatility, and high thermal conductivity. They are non-varnishing, low foaming, compatible with common lubricant additives, and used in a wide variety of lubrication formulations.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Oil and Gas Applications DOWFAX DM-Series Nonionic Surfactants are high-performance drilling fluid additives and performance chemicals.	•	•	•	•		•
Detergents/Cleaning DOWFAX Nonionic Surfactants are high performance nonionic polyglycols used in environments where low foaming and excellent surfactancy are required.		•	•		•	•
Industrial Surfactants DOWFAX Nonionic Surfactants are versatile enough to be used in a multitude of industrial applications including emulsifiers, rinse aids, and wetting agents.		•	•		•	•
Chemical Intermediates Polyglycols have terminal hydroxyl groups that can be reacted to modify the properties of a final product. Their versatility is demonstrated by the reaction of DOW polyglycols with fatty acids to make esters, a common commercial practice.	•	•	•	•	•	•
Cosmetics and Personal Care Products In cosmetic and personal care formulations, polyglycols provide lubricity and compatibility with other ingredients, as well as functioning as thickeners, bases, and carriers.			•	•	•	•
Other Applications Adhesives, agricultural formulations, ceramics, electronics, emulsion polymerization, food processing, inks, leather, paint and coatings, paint balls, paper processing, petroleum chemicals, pharmaceuticals, rubber and plastics, silica cutting, solder assist fluids, textile, and wood preservation.	•	•	•	•	•	•

This table lists a few of the many applications for DOW polyglycols, along with the product types typically used in Europe. Contact your Dow representative for more information on specific polyglycol applications.



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