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Polyvinyl alcohol for hot melt extrusion

Parteck[®] MXP: two polymers, unparalleled value.

With two specifically engineered grades of polyvinyl alcohol, our Parteck[®] MXP polymers are optimal for generating high performing, solubility enhanced formulations via hot melt extrusion.

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Enhancing drug solubility

Parteck® MXP polyvinyl alcohol for HME

Poor active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) solubility is a critical challenge in drug development. One formulation technique to increase solubility and, consequently, improve bioavailability of drugs is hot melt extrusion (HME). With this technology, the API is dispersed within a polymer matrix to form an amorphous solid dispersion. Hot melt extrusion is a solvent-free process and so also provides unique benefits from a sustainability perspective.

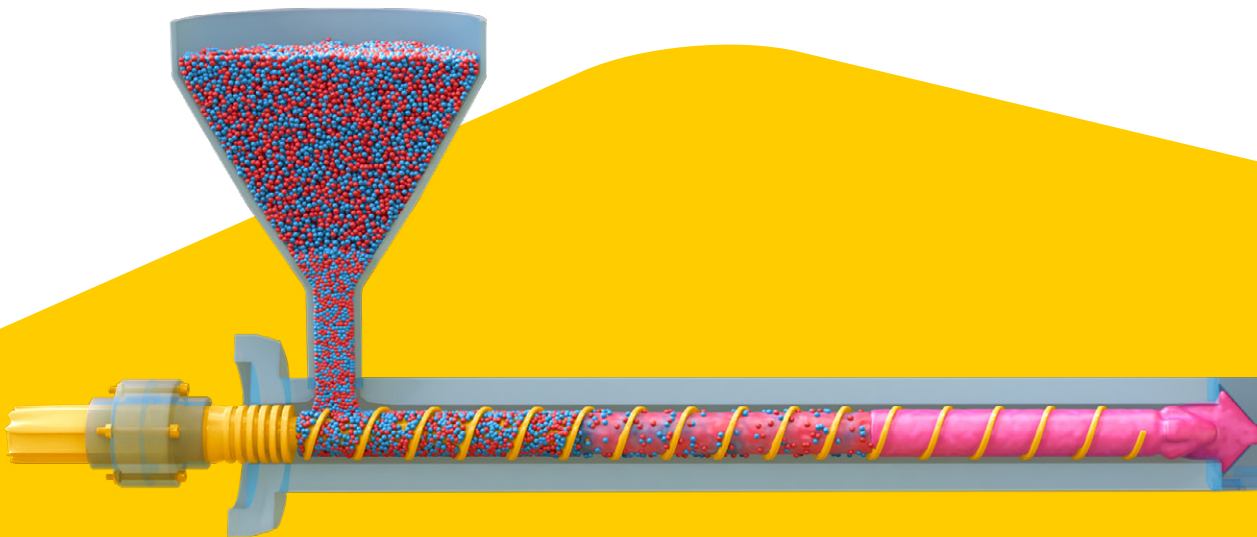
Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), from a chemical perspective, is ideal for application in HME due to its capabilities in stabilization of amorphous APIs, solubility enhancement, and precipitation inhibition. From a regulatory and safety perspective, PVA has a strong track record in oral solid dosage forms and is Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Our Parteck® MXP range, Parteck® MXP 3-82 and Parteck® MXP 4-88, has been specifically designed with HME performance in mind.

Low melt viscosity, prolongation of supersaturation and the ability to stabilize active APIs over a broad temperature range are important assets of the Parteck® MXP range. Finally, both of our Parteck® MXP products come supported with extensive and market leading Emprove® dossiers of quality information.

Interested in learning more?

You can count on our extensive global network of scientists, engineers, regulatory experts and state-of-the-art Application Service Labs to support you in your request.



Graphical representation of the Hot Melt Extrusion Process

Parteck® MXP 3-82 polymer

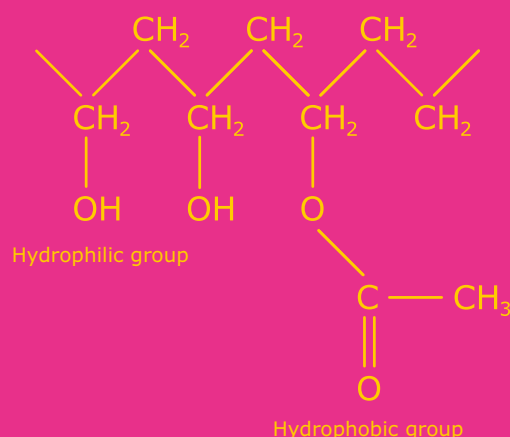
Key parameters

Parameters	Ranges
Angle of repose [°]	30–31
Bulk density [g/mL]	0.6
Tapped density [g/mL]	0.8–0.9
Particle size $d_v(0.10)$ [µm]	22–32
Particle size $d_v(0.50)$ [µm]	70–90
Particle size $d_v(0.90)$ [µm]	140–22
pH value of 4% solution	5.0–6.5
Hydrolysis degree [%]:	80–82
Mass average molar mass M_w [g/mol]	47000

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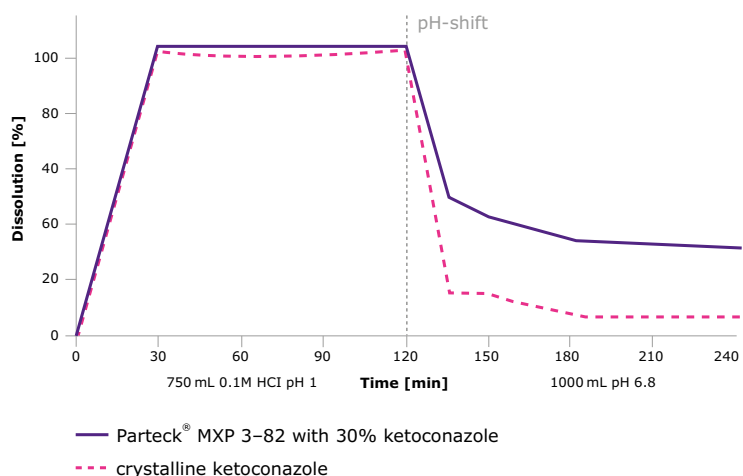
With a lower degree of hydrolysis along the PVA chain, Parteck® MXP 3-82 polyvinyl alcohol is especially beneficial in forming strong interactions with hydrophobic drug molecules – in the solid state and in solution. Due to this, Parteck® MXP 3-82 excipient has very high capabilities as a precipitation inhibitor and can maintain high levels of supersaturation for physiologically relevant timescales. As a result, Parteck® MXP 3-82 polyvinyl alcohol can provide solubility enhancement for even the most challenging molecules. Furthermore, Parteck® MXP 3-82 is compliant with Ph. Eur.

Polyvinyl alcohol structure



The PVA grade naming convention (e.g., 4-88) specifies the apparent viscosity in mPa • s of a 4% aqueous solution at 20 °C (first number) and the hydrolysis grade (second number). So, Parteck® MXP 3-82 shows a viscosity of 3 mPa • s and a hydrolysis grade of 82%, while Parteck® MXP 4-88 shows a viscosity of 4 mPa • s and a hydrolysis grade of 88%.

Parteck® MXP 3-82 dissolution with a strong precipitation inhibition profile



There's no such thing as a one-size-fits all formulation, all APIs have individual and specific needs. With our two grades of polyvinyl alcohol for hot melt extrusion, we provide you with the possibility to fine tune your formulation to your specific API.

Parteck® MXP 4-88 polymer

Key parameters

Parameters	Ranges
Angle of repose [°]	35
Bulk density [g/mL]	0.53
Tapped density [g/mL]	0.74
Particle size $d_v(0.10)$ [μm]	17 – 35
Particle size $d_v(0.50)$ [μm]	59 – 79
Particle size $d_v(0.90)$ [μm]	137 – 156
pH value of 4% solution	5.0 – 6.5
Hydrolysis degree [%]:	85 – 89
Mass average molar mass Mw [g/mol]	32000

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With a hydrolysis grade of 88%, Parteck® MXP 4-88 polyvinyl alcohol is more hydrophilic, which provides unique benefits for stabilization of certain molecules in the amorphous form. Furthermore, with a uniquely high thermal application range, Parteck® MXP 4-88 excipient can be utilized for molecules across a broad range of melting temperatures while still providing strong performance, including those classically seen as unsuitable for extrusion due to high melting points.

Application range

API	T _m of API [°C]	Loading [%]	Solubility Enhancement (max.)**
Ibuprofen*	78	min. 30	2-fold
Cinnarizine	118 – 122	20	10-fold
Indomethacin	151	min. 50	3-fold
Ketoconazole	146	min. 35	17-fold
Naproxen	152	min. 30	4-fold
Atorvastatin	159 – 160	min. 55	154-fold
Itraconazole	166.5	min. 30	80-fold
Carbamazepine	204 – 206	30	2-fold
Telmisartan*	260	min. 15	35-fold

*Plasticizer is required to make the extrusion feasible or easier.

**Dissolution studies were performed using recommended conditions from the FDA.

Parteck® MXP Polymers Provide:



Optimal performance

Our Parteck® MXP product range is designed for HME, supporting superior process development.



High thermal stability

Parteck® MXP polymers are resistant to high extrusion temperatures, extending the potential application range.



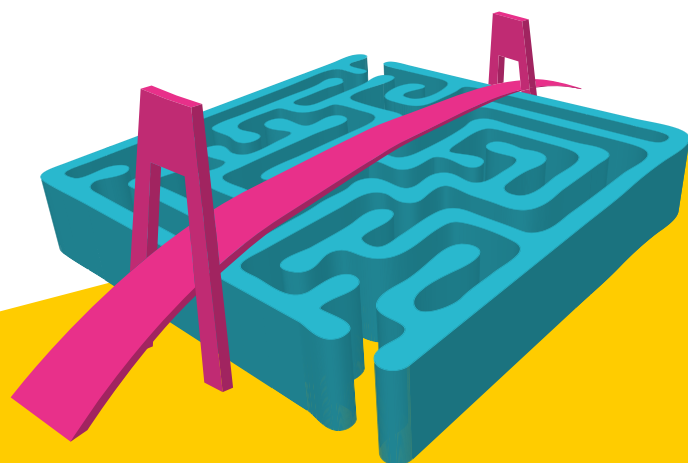
Stable, high drug loads

Parteck® MXP polyvinyl alcohol is able to stabilize a range of molecules in the amorphous form.



Flexible

Our PVAs for HME are compatible with several downstream processing capabilities.



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Cat. No.	Product	Pack size	Packaging
1.41544.1000	Parteck® MXP 3-82 EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL, Ph. Eur.	1 kg	PE bottle
1.41544.9025	Parteck® MXP 3-82 EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL, Ph. Eur.	25 kg	PE bag (in corrugated cardboard box)
1.41464.1000	Parteck® MXP 4-88 EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL, Ph. Eur., ChP, JPE, USP	1 kg	PE bottle
1.41464.9025	Parteck® MXP 4-88 EMPROVE® ESSENTIAL, Ph. Eur., ChP, JPE, USP	25 kg	PE bag (in corrugated cardboard box)

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