

Comments on paint-wetting impairment substances (PWIS)

Dear customers

Referring to silicone-free or paint-wetting impairment substances (PWIS) also including silicones, we would like to comment as follows:

We confirm that we do not deliberately use any paint-wetting impairment substances in our process chains.

In order to provide for the relevant scope conditions, a suppliers' survey confirming PWIS-freedom of the supplied products was carried out. In case of new suppliers, this confirmation is the basis for supplier release.

Furthermore, we have specified in-house requirements stating that no paint-wetting impairment substances like creams, lotions etc. may be used by employees. A relevant skin-protection plan exclusively prescribing the use of PWIS-conform care products was drawn up and implemented. Eventually, the employees were instructed on PWIS requirements. Such instruction will be repeated at regular intervals.

In case of new materials that we consider a risk regarding PWIS, performing a PWIS-test is a must. This test is effected according to VW test specification PV 3.10.7 effective February 2005 and is a must criterion for the release of the introduction and usage of new- or the changed materials.

The introduction and implementation of these measures as well as the pre-materials we use, their composition, and the flow of our production processes do not allow any silicone contamination. Our confirmation is based on the current state-of-the art and thus does not mean any pledge for the purpose of warranty rights.

Kind regards
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