



VertecBio ELSOL™ - THFR

Patent Pending Blend of Biobased Solvents

- 100% Biobased Replacement for Tetrahydrofuran
- Better Cleaning Power and Reduced Solvent Usage vs. Tetrahydrofuran
- Precision Cleaning Solvent, Dries Completely and Leaves No Residue
- High Performance, Versatile Solvent Blend for Formulations
- Excellent Solvency for Paint, Coating and Ink Formulations
- 20% - 30% More Efficient in Viscosity Reduction than Tetrahydrofuran
- Provides Excellent Flow Characteristics When Used in Formulation
- Easy and Inexpensive to Distill/Recycle
- High Loading Capacity
- 100% Biodegradable to Carbon Dioxide and Water
- Sustainable Chemistry – No Impact on Global Warming (“Carbon Neutral”)
- EPA Approved SNAP Solvent – No Ozone Depleting Chemicals
- No Environmentally Hazardous Ingredients
- Safe, Non-Toxic, Non-Carcinogenic
- No HAP’s – No Hazardous Air Pollutants
- Manufactured in the United States

GENERAL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

VERTECBIO ELSOL-THFR

Flash Point ...28 F ASTM D3278 (Setaflash)
Vapor Pressure.....76 mmHg @ 68 F
PH of Water Dispersion.....4
Specific Gravity.....0.88
Evaporation Rate.....3.4
Boiling Point Range.....71°-155° F

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Vertec BioSolvents ELSOL™-THFR Performance Sheet

Suggested Replacement for Tetrahydrofuran (THF)

Introduction

Tetrahydrofuran's largest use is in industrial coatings applications, extrusion, wood furniture and fixtures, containers and closures, automotive finishes and machinery. Formulators have been seeking an alternative to these hazardous solvents due to employee exposure concerns and increased legislative pressure geared toward reducing the use of these solvents.

Vertec BioSolvents suggests a replacement blend with renewable, carbon neutral biobased solvents. These biobased solvents are derived from corn, soybeans, citrus fruits and other renewable feedstocks, and have reduced toxicity profiles.

Reformulation Solvents

Hazardous Solvents	Tetrahydrofuran
BioBased Replacement	ELSOL™-THFR

The solvent blend shown is only a suggested starting point for developing alternative systems. All blends should be thoroughly evaluated to determine suitability for specific applications

	Relative	Flash	Hansen Solubility Parameters			Total
	Evaporation Rate	Point(°F)	Dispersion	Polar	H Bonding	
ELSOL™ -THFR	3.4	28	7.7	3.0	5.0	9.7
Tetrahydrofuran	6.3	1.0	8.2	2.8	3.9	9.5

Reformulation Solvents Typical Properties

Blend	Environmental	Uses	Comments
ELSOL- THFR	Non Hap	Paint, coatings	Renewable, carbon neutral
	Non SARA reportable	cleaners, adhesives	Reduced toxicity profile

Conclusion

Formulators and applicators are looking for alternatives to hazardous solvents as more regulations are enforced. This can be seen in many industries including paint and coatings, adhesives and inks. Formulators are not only feeling the pressures at the federal and state level, but abroad as well. The suggested replacements using the sustainable, carbon neutral, biobased solvents above should assist in meeting your performance requirements and the regulatory challenges.

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Tetrahydrofuran (THF) Replacement

Specifications

Item	Unit	Specification
Appearance		Clear, substantially Free From Suspended Matter
Specific Gravity	20/20° C	0.88
Acidity	Wt % as Acetic Acid, Max.	0.05
Purity	Wt % Min.	99.5
Water Content	Wt % Max.	0.2
Viscosity	cps @ 20° C	0.60
Color	PtCO, Max	10

Physical Properties

Item	THFR
Molecular Weight	76.15
Specific Gravity 20/20° C	0.88
Boiling Point	71° - 155°F
Flash Point	28°F
Viscosity @ 20°C (cps)	0.60
Evaporation Rate	3.4
Vapor Pressure, mm Hg, @20°C	76