Function
Rhenocure® ZDEC is an ultra accelerator suitable for all curing processes.

Product description
Composition: zinc diethylthiocarbamate (ZDEC)

![Chemical structure of zinc diethylthiocarbamate (ZDEC)]

Appearance: white to yellowish powder
Density: approximately 1.48 g/cm$^3$

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<th>Property</th>
<th>Nominal value</th>
<th>Unit</th>
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<td>Initial melting point</td>
<td>≥ 175.0</td>
<td>°C</td>
<td>ASTM D 1519 A</td>
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<td>Final melting point</td>
<td>≤ 185.0</td>
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<td>Assay</td>
<td>≥ 97.0</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>RUC 500</td>
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<td>Volatile matter</td>
<td>≤ 0.30</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>ASTM D 4571 (15 - 23)</td>
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<td>Sieve residue (0.063 mm)</td>
<td>≤ 0.30</td>
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Use

Application: Rhenocure® ZDEC is an ultra accelerator suitable for all curing processes (press, steam, hot air, LCM, CV). It can be employed as primary or secondary accelerator in NR, SBR, BR, NBR, IIR and EPDM, including solutions and latices.

Rhenocure® ZDEC is most commonly employed as a secondary or booster accelerator for thiazole and sulfenamide cure systems where a high cure speed is demanded. It is used in a wide range of applications particularly in extruded goods. Rhenocure® ZDEC is also widely used in latex products including threads and dipped goods.

Processing: Rhenocure® ZDEC is easily dispersed in rubber compounds. It does not decompose even at high temperature unless sulfur is present. Rhenocure® ZDEC does shorten the scorch times of compounds to which it is added. Its compounds exhibit a narrow vulcanization plateau and are subject to reversion if vulcanization is at high temperature.

Dosage: Typical levels of addition based on 100 parts by weight of elastomer are:

NR bottle rings, preserving-jar rings, wine and beer hose
- 2.0 - 2.4 sulfur
- 0.25 - 0.4 Rhenocure® ZDEC
- 0.05 Vulkacit® DM
- 0.08 Rhenocure® TMTD/C

NR as secondary accelerator
- 2.0 - 2.5 sulfur
- 0.05 - 0.3 Rhenocure® ZDEC
- 0.7 - 1.3 Vulkacit® Merkapto or sulfenamides or Vulkacit® DM

SBR, NBR
- 2.0 - 3.0 sulfur
- 0.05 - 0.3 Rhenocure® ZDEC
- 0.7 - 1.5 Vulkacit® Merkapto or Vulkacit® DM or sulfenamides

EPDM
- 1.5 sulfur
- 0.5 - 1.5 Vulkacit® Merkapto
- 0.5 - 2.0 Rhenocure® TMTD/C
- 0.5 - 1.5 Rhenocure® ZDEC

Vulcanize Properties: Rhenocure® ZDEC gives high tensile strength and resilience values when compounds are properly cured. Rhenocure® ZDEC has a beneficial effect on rubber to metal bonding. Rhenocure® ZDEC when dosed above its solubility limit in the rubber leads to surface blooming. Rhenocure® ZDEC does not affect the color of compounds nor does it cause a sensitivity to discolor when exposed to light.
Packaging
20 kg paper bag on 900 kg skid.

Storage stability
In original closed containers under cool (approximately 25 °C) and dry conditions 730 days from date of production.

Handling
For additional handling information on Rhenocure® ZDEC please consult current safety data sheet.

These raw material properties are typical and, unless specifically indicated otherwise, are not to be considered as delivery specification.

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