



## DOWFAX 81N13

### Nonionic Surfactant

#### General Information

The Dow Chemical Company is a science and technology-based company and one of the world's largest producers of polyalkylene glycols. Our worldwide research, manufacturing, and distribution includes 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 customer formulation knowledge and Dow alkoxylation expertise in joint development applications. Together we focus these resources to help ensure success for our customers and their products.

#### DOWFAX Nonionic surfactants

DOWFAX\* Nonionic Surfactants are high-performance products that feature excellent solvency, low foam characteristics, chemical stability, and a long list of other valuable performance properties. They are produced by polymerizing ethylene oxide (EO), propylene oxide (PO), and/or butylene oxide (BO) in the same molecule. The ratio and order of oxide addition, together with the choice of initiator, control the chemical and physical properties.

DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant is a linear copolymer with a low pour point. It is a viscous liquid at room temperature. See Table 1 for Typical Properties of DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant.

#### Applications and Uses

Due to low foam characteristics and inverse water solubility, DOWFAX 81N13 makes a particularly efficient foam control agent. The optimum operating temperature range is +/- 10°C of the surfactant's cloud point in that system. DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant is used in such processes as fermentation of lactic and citric acids and some alcohols, food processing, and metal working like degreasing chemicals and cutting oils. It can be reacted with an organic acid to form esters, which are also effective foam control agents. Other applications include rinse aid and industrial surfactant.

**TABLE 1: Typical Properties of DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant**

Property (Unit)	Typical Value	Test Method
Viscosity @ 25°C (cSt)	475	ASTM D 445 / D 446
Cloud Point, 1% Aqueous (°C)	20	ASTM D 2024
Cloud Point, 10% Aqueous (°C)	14	ASTM D 2024
Cloud Point, 10% Solvent <sup>1</sup> (°C)	41	ASTM D 2024
Surface Tension <sup>2</sup> (mN/m)	34.9	ASTM D 1331
Pour Point (°C)	-27	ASTM D 97
Specific Gravity (g/cm <sup>3</sup> @ 25°C/25°C)	1.017	ASTM D 892

<sup>1</sup> 10% surfactant in a solution of 25% diethylene glycol butyl ether in water

<sup>2</sup> Temperature 20°C, 1% surfactant in water

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### Technical Expertise When and Where You Need It

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### Safe Use and Handling

DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant is easy to store and handle. For specific safe use and handling information, or to obtain a DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant Material Safety Data Sheet, contact your local Dow representative or please visit us at [www.dow.com](http://www.dow.com). DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant has been shown to be readily biodegradable in the Manometric Respirometry test according to OECD Guideline 301 F.

### Product Stewardship

Dow encourages its customers and potential users of DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant to review their applications from the standpoint of human health and environmental aspects. To help ensure that DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant is not used in ways for which it is not intended or tested, Dow personnel will assist customers in dealing with environmental and product safety considerations. Dow literature, including Safety Data Sheets, should be consulted prior to the use of DOWFAX 81N13 Nonionic Surfactant.

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