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Resistance to chemicals – EGGER Laminate



Thanks to its excellent decorative and physical properties EGGER Laminate has a very wide range of applications. By virtue of its robust surface, EGGER laminate also provides high resistance to most chemicals. This leaflet contains information on the resistance of EGGER laminate to a range of substances including its application in laboratories, medical facilities, production sites and in the food industry.

Normative Properties of the Surface

The EN 438 Standard defines special requirements regarding the surface resistance of decorative laminates. This includes testing the laminate surface against various substances for resistance to stains. The test examines how the surface is affected by substances to which the laminate may be exposed during daily use. The laminate surface is brought into direct contact with a range of substances. The exposure times and conditions for contact between each substance and the specimen are prescribed. At the end of the respective exposure time, the specimens are washed and examined for permanent surface changes.

EN 438 defines the following three groups:

Group 1

Testing is conducted with an exposure time of 16 hours at ambient temperature. EGGER laminate achieves rating 5 = no visible changes.

This group includes the following substances:

- Acetone
- Other organic solvents
- Toothpaste
- Hand cream
- Urine
- Alcoholic beverages
- Natural fruit and vegetable juices
- Lemonade and fruit beverages
- Meat products and sausage
- Animal and plant fats and oils
- Water
- Yeast suspension in water
- Salt (NaCl) solutions
- Mustard
- Lyes, soap solutions
- Commercial disinfectants
- Citric acid (10% solution)
- Stain or paint removers based on organic solvents
- Cleaning solution consisting of: 23% dodecylbenzene sulfonate, 10% alkyl aryl polyglycol ether, 67% water

GROUP 2

Testing is conducted with an exposure time of 16 hours at ambient temperature. Coffee, tea and milk are tested at a temperature of approximately 80°. EGGER laminate achieves rating 5 = no visible changes.

This group includes the following substances:

- Coffee (120 g coffee per litre of water)
- Black tea (9 g tea per litre of water)
- Milk (all types)
- Cola beverages
- Wine vinegar
- Hydrogen peroxide (3% solution)
- Alkaline cleaning agents (diluted to 10% concentration with water)
- Nail varnish
- Nail varnish remover
- Lipstick
- Watercolours
- Laundry marking inks
- Ballpoint inks
- Ammonia (10% solution of commercial concentrate)

GROUP 3

Testing is conducted with an exposure time of 10 minutes at ambient temperature. EGGER laminate achieves at least rating 4: slight change in gloss level and/or colour, only visible from certain viewing angles.

This group includes the following substances:

- Sodium hydroxide (25% solution)
- Hydrogen peroxide (30% solution)
- Concentrated vinegar (30% acetic acid)
- Bleach and sanitary cleaners containing bleach
- Cleaning agents based on hydrochloric acid ($\leq 3\%$ HCl)
- Acid-based metal cleaners
- Carbon black suspension in paraffin oil
- Hair colouring and bleaching agents
- Iodine
- Boric acid
- Lacquers and adhesives (except fast curing materials)
- Amidosulphuric acid descaling agents (< 10% solution).
- Mercurochrome (2.7-dibromo-4-hydroxymercurifluoresein, merbromin disodium salt)

No Surface Change

Apart from the Group 1 and 2 substances and reagents listed in the Standard, there are additional substances that cause no change to EGGER laminate with melamine resin surface, even after an extended exposure time.

- Activated charcoal
- Aluminium chloride
- Aluminium sulphate
- Formic acid 10%
- Ammonium chloride
- Ammonium sulphate
- Ammonium thiocyanate
- Amyl acetate (acetic acid pentyl ester)
- Aniline
- Arabinose
- Ascorbic acid
- Asparagine
- Asparic acid
- p-aminoacetophenone
- Barium chloride
- Barium sulphate
- Lead acetate
- Lead nitrate
- Blood
- Butyl acetate
- Cadmium acetate
- Cadmium sulphate
- Calcium carbonate (chalk)
- Calcium chloride
- Calcium nitrate
- Calcium oxide
- Quinine
- Cholesterol
- Cocaine
- Caffeine
- Cyclohexane
- Dextrose
- Digitonin
- Dimethyl formamide
- Dulcete
- Soil
- Acetic acid
- Ethanol
- Ether
- Ethyl acetate
- Formaldehyde
- Fructose
- Animal feed
- Galactose
- Gelatine
- Plaster
- Glucose

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- Glycerine
- Glycocol
- Glycol (ethylene glycol)
- Uric acid
- Urea solution
- Heparin
- Hexane
- Hydroquinone
- Inositol (=cyclohexane hexol)
- Isopropanol
- Caustic potash solution 10%
- Potassium aluminium sulphate
- Potassium bromate
- Potassium bromide
- Potassium carbonate
- Potassium chloride
- Potassium hexacyanoferrate
- Potassium iodate
- Potassium sodium tartrate
- Potassium nitrate
- Potassium sulphate
- Potassium tartrate
- Potato starch
- Casein
- Garlic
- Common salt
- Caffeine
- Charcoal
- Cosmetics
- Copper sulphate
- Lactose
- Laevulose
- Lithium carbonate
- Magnesium carbonate
- Magnesium chloride
- Magnesium sulphate
- Maltose
- Mannitol
- Mannose
- Meso-inositol
- Lactic acid 85%
- Lactose
- Foodstuffs
- Sodium acetate
- Sodium carbonate
- Sodium chloride
- Sodium citrate
- Sodium diethyl barbiturate
- Sodium hydrogen carbonate (sodium bicarbonate)
- Sodium hydrogen sulphate
- Sodium hyposulphite
- Sodium nitrate
- Sodium phosphate
- Sodium silicate
- Sodium sulphate
- Sodium sulphide
- Sodium sulphite
- Sodium tartrate
- Sodium thiosulphate
- Sodium hydroxide solution 10%
- Nickel sulphate
- Nicotine
- Oleic acid
- Paraffin
- Paraffin oil
- Phenol phtalein
- Polishes (creams and waxes)
- 1,2-propylene glycol
- Quicksilver
- Raffinose (melitose)
- Common household cleaners
- Rhamnose
- Rochelle salt
- Cane sugar
- Soot
- Saccharose (sucrose)
- Salves
- Salicylaldehyde
- Salicylic acid
- Saponin
- Soap
- Sorbitol
- Starch
- Stearic acid
- Talcum
- Tannin
- Tetrahydrofuran
- Tetralin
- Thiocarbamide
- Animal feed
- Toluol
- Clay
- Dextrose
- Trehalose
- Trypsin
- Tryptophan
- Urease
- Vanillin
- Vaseline
- Tartaric acid
- Zinc chloride
- Zinc sulphate

No Surface Change after Brief Exposure Time

In addition to the Group 3 substances listed in the Standard, the surface of EGGER laminate with melamine resin surface can also be exposed briefly to the substances listed below without resulting in changes. When these substances are spilled, they should be wiped quickly – within 10 to 15 minutes – using a damp cloth, and the surface should then be dried.

- Aniline dyes
- Ammonium hydrogen sulphate
- Boric acid
- Caustic potash solution 50%
- Potassium chromate
- Potassium dichromate
- Potassium hydrogen sulphate
- Potassium iodide
- Potassium permanganate
- Lithium hydroxide 10 %
- Sodium hydrogen sulphate
- Sodium hydroxide solution 48%
- Sodium thiosulphate
- Oxalic acid
- Silver nitrate

Marked Surface Change

The substances listed below lead to surface changes and/or the destruction of the laminate, even after a very brief exposure time.

- Nitric acid 10%
- Hydrochloric acid up to 10%
- Sulphuric acid up to 10%
- Adhesive (chemically hardening)

Aggressive Gases

Frequent exposure to aggressive gases, e.g. bromine, chlorine, nitrous gases and sulphur oxide, leads to surface changes of EGGER laminate.

Disinfectants

Disinfectants are used on EGGER laminates as surface disinfectants.

Various disinfectants are offered by the industry for this application. These vary both in regard to their composition and their effects.

Disinfectants used on surfaces are mainly those that exhibit one of the following active principles and/or are based on one of the chemicals listed here:

- Oxidants
- Halogens (chlorine, iodine)
- Alcohols
- Aldehydes
- Phenols
- Ethylene oxide

In addition to the components listed here, the application instructions for the various disinfectants also differ significantly.

Disinfectants and EGGER Laminate

The large number of available disinfectants with various compositions, effects and application recommendations makes it impossible to issue general approval for the use of these products on EGGER laminate.

For the above reasons, we recommend testing the disinfectants on the EGGER laminate surface in all cases. Only this approach guarantees the fabricator durability of the material for the desired application.

The following disinfectants have been tested in our laboratory according to the requirements of the EN 438-2 test procedure 26 – resistance to staining at ambient temperature - with an exposure time of 16 hours. In the results column under "Laminate" you will find the test results of the laminates with melamine surface and under "PerfectSense" the results of the lacquer-based surfaces.

Manufacturer	Product	Concentration	Unit	Result*	
				Laminate	PerfectSense Matt/Topmatt
Antiseptica	Acrylan (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	
Antiseptica	Biguacid S surface disinfection and cleansing	1%	Rating	5	
Antiseptica	Biguacid Liquid Big Spray new	-	Rating	5	
Antiseptica	Descocid-N	2%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Antiseptica	Descogen Liquid	3%	Rating	4	
Antiseptica	Descogen Liquid r.f.u	-	Rating	4	
Antiseptica	Descogen-F (Granulat/granulate) Oxygenon-S	1.5%	Rating	5	
Antiseptica	Biguacid S surface disinfection and cleansing	2%	Rating	5	
Antiseptica	Kombi-Flächen Desinfektion Antiseptica Combi Surface	4%	Rating	5	5 / 5
B. BRAUN	Hexaquart plus lemon duft	2%	Rating	5	
B. BRAUN	Hexaquart S mit Fichtennadelduft	3%	Rating	5	
B. BRAUN	Hexaquart forte (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
B. BRAUN	Hexaquart plus	2%	Rating	5	
B. BRAUN	Meliseptol (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
B. BRAUN	Meliseptol Foam pure	-	Rating	5	
B. BRAUN	Meliseptol rapid	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
B. BRAUN	Promanum pure (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
B. BRAUN	Softa-Man (Softalind) Visco Rub	-	Rating	5	
B. BRAUN	Softa-Man (Softalind) pure (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
B. BRAUN	Softasept N gefärbt / ungefärbt	-	Rating	5	
PAUL HARTMANN AG Bode Chemie GmbH	Dismozon pur	4 %	Rating	5	
PAUL HARTMANN AG Bode Chemie GmbH	Microbac Forte	2.5%	Rating	5	
PAUL HARTMANN AG Bode Chemie GmbH	Kohrsolin Extra	6%	Rating	5	
PAUL HARTMANN AG Bode Chemie GmbH	Kohrsolin FF	3%	Rating	5	

Manufacturer	Product	Concentration	Unit	Result*	
				Laminate	PerfectSense Matt/Topmatt
PAUL HARTMANN AG Bode Chemie GmbH	BacilloI AF	100%	Rating	5	
Dr. Schuhmacher	CLEANISEPT WIPES (disinfecting cloth)	-	Rating	5	
Dr. Schuhmacher	Optisept	7%	Rating	5	
Dr. Schuhmacher	Descosept PUR	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
Dr. Schuhmacher	Optisal N	0.125%	Rating	5	
Dr. Schuhmacher	Ultrasol active	1%	Rating	5	
Dreiturm	Hexawol	0.7%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Dreiturm	Hexawol fix (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
Dr. Nüsken	Nüscosept Clin	1%	Rating	5	
Dr. Nüsken	Nüscosept Foam (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
Dr. Nüsken	Nüscosept Forte	2%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Dr. Nüsken	Nüscosept OF	1%	Rating	5	
Dr. Nüsken	Nüscosept Rapid (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
ECOLAB	Incidin Active	3%	Rating	5	5 / 5
ECOLAB	Incidin Foam (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
ECOLAB	Incidin Liquid (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
ECOLAB	Incidin OxyFoam S (red) (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	3	5 / 5
ECOLAB	Incidin PLUS	8%	Rating	5	5 / 5
ECOLAB	Incidin Pro	4%	Rating	5	5 / 5
ECOLAB	Incidin Rapid	2%	Rating	5	5 / 5
ECOLAB	Sani-Cloth Active (disinfecting cloth)	-	Rating	5	
Fresenius Kali	Ultrasol F	5%	Rating	5	
Hagleitner Hygiene	hygienicDES Forte (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
Hagleitner Hygiene	hygienicDES PERFECT	2%	Rating	5	
Hagleitner Hygiene	Hygienic3000	7.5%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Hagleitner Hygiene	hygienicDES 2GO	0.5%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Hagleitner Hygiene	hygienicPLUS (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
Hagleitner Hygiene	wcDISINFECT (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	4	5 / 5
Johannes Kiehl KG	Blutoxol	7.5%	Rating	4	5 / 5
Johannes Kiehl KG	Desinet-compact concentrate	2%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Johannes Kiehl KG	Desisan concentrate	6%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Johannes Kiehl KG	RapiDes (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
Lysoform Dr. Hans Rosemann GmbH	Lysoformin rapid	2%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Lysoform Dr. Hans Rosemann GmbH	Lysoformin special	0.75%	Rating	5	5 / 5
Omnident	Omnizid (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5

Manufacturer	Product	Concentration	Unit	Result*	
				Laminate	PerfectSense Matt/Topmatt
Schülke & Mayr	acryl-des (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Pursept	100%	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Pursept-A Xpress	-	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Pursept-AF	6%	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	antifect extra	2.5%	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Mikrozid HF Liquid (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Mikrozid (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Mikrozid PAA wipes	-	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Perform	3%	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Perform	0.5%	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Terralin Protect	50%	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	Terralin Protect	0.5%	Rating	5	
Schülke & Mayr	TPH protect	2%	Rating	5	
Servi Canto	Acrilim (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5
Suma	Suma BAC D10	1%	Rating	5	
Suma	Suma MULTI D2	1%	Rating	5	
Tana Chemie GmbH	Apesin AP100 plus	3%	Rating	3	4 / 5
Tana Chemie GmbH	Apesin multi QUICK&EASY (ready to use solution)	-	Rating	5	5 / 5

* Rating scale resistance to staining

Grades	Requirement
Rating 5	No visible change
Rating 4	Slight change of gloss and/or colour, only visible at certain viewing angles
Rating 3	Moderate change of gloss and/or colour
Rating 2	Marked change of gloss and/or colour
Rating 1	Surface distortion and/or blistering

EGGER laminate surfaces must be cleaned regularly during the period of use. More detailed information can be found in our leaflet "EGGER laminate cleaning and use instructions".

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