

## **VISCOMIXER**

RHOPOINT *paintlab* + 0

Fully automated

I Easy clean design

User certifiable



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Viscosity measurement of coatings is essential at each stage of the manufacturing process to ensure consistent quality standards.

Many parameters can affect the rheological behaviour of a finished coating resulting in undesirable effects such as inconsistent performance, poor levelling or sagging. The use of high precision measuring instruments is therefore essential in quality control to prevent such problems occurring during formulation, manufacture and application.

The *Paintlab*+ Viscomixer is a versatile instrument used to measure the change in viscosity during the addition of a solvent or thinner.

Three Viscomixer models are available each offering a different measuring range according to the viscosity of the test sample.

A sample from a production batch can be quickly and easily measured in a 250ml tin and the required thinning ratio determined for scaling into the production process.

The instrument operates at a fixed speed of 562rpm to directly measure the viscosity in Poise (P).



## **FEATURES**

#### Precise measurement

High stability motor speed control ensures accuracy and repeatabilty during each test. Real-time high resolution graphing allows monitoring of changes during measurement providing identification of inconsistencies between samples. Measurement results are displayed instantly on screen after tests.



## Advanced temperature monitoring

An integrated temperature probe accurately measures and records sample temperature for each test. As sample viscosity is influenced by test temperature, accurate monitoring and recording ensures reliability of test results.





#### Automatic operation

Fully automated operation saves time by accurately lowering the rotor into the sample to the correct height. Once the test has completed the rotor automatically raises to drain off, saving time during cleaning.

The easy to use quick release magnetic rotor holder allows rapid removal for cleaning after use.





## Easy clean design

Lab-tough glass allows easy removal and cleaning of unintentional splashes and smears from the capacitive sense buttons and screen. The solvent resistant anodised aluminium instrument chassis ensures the instrument can be cleaned and restored to pristine condition even in the toughest working environments.

## Data transfer

Measurement data including time, date and test temperature can be printed to a Rhopoint label printer (supplied as an optional accessory). Printed labels can be attached to each sample for easy identification and recording of results.



## Flexible range configuration

The viscomixer can be configured to use multiple ranges by purchasing additional rotor kits. User selectable ranges with calibration profiles for each rotor.

#### Calibration

Annual calibration can be performed remotely by the user with the Rhopoint certified recalibration kit. Step by step instructions and automatic verification ensure accurate, traceable results.

## TEST TYPES

#### Run to stable:

Tests for shear thinning or shear thickening to determine the time it takes to reach a constant value. User-defined test time and stability time, result given in Poise at the end of the test.

#### Run to change:

Tests for the modulus point (change in viscosity) in the sample. User-defined test time and percentage change, result given in Poise at the end of the test when percentage change is reached

Run to greater than value: Tests for shear thickening. User selectable test time. During this time instrument will look for an increase in reading to target value viscosity reading. This target reading is user selectable. Result is in Poise at the end of the test.

Run to less than value: Tests for shear thinning. User selectable test time. During this time instrument will look for an decrease in reading to target value viscosity reading. This target reading is user selectable. Result is in Poise at the end of the test.

Run to set time: User defined test time, results in Poise at the end of the test.

## APPLICATIONS





Paints and coatings

Inks



## INSTRUMENT SPECIFICATION

STANDARDS BS EN ISO 2884-2:2006,

BS 3900-A7-2:2003

**RANGE** 0.1 - 15 P

0.1 - 65 P 1.0 - 340 P\*

**RESOLUTION** 0.1 P (\*1.0 P)

ACCURACY +/- 2% REPRODUCIBILITY +/- 1% REPEATABILITY +/- 1%

**SPEED** 562 rpm +/- 0.1%

CONTAINER SIZE 250ml

OPERATING TEMPERATURE 15°C to 35°C

**POWER** 90-240V AC - 50/60 Hz

WEIGHT 7.25 kg

SIZE (H) 460 x (W) 320 x (D) 190 mm

PACKED WEIGHT 10 kg

**PACKED DIMENSIONS** (H) 680 x (W) 460 x (D) 380mm

COMMODITY CODE 9027 8017

## ORDERING CODES

Viscometer	Order code
0-15 P	RL-A30-VISCOMIXER/0-15P
0-65 P	RL-A30-VISCOMIXER/0-65P
1-340 P	RL-A30-VISCOMIXER/1-340P

Contains 1 viscometer and 1 rotor

Additional rotor kit	Order code
0-15 P	RL-B30-ROTORKIT/0-15P
0-65 P	RL-B30-ROTORKIT/0-65P
1-340 P	RL-B30-ROTORKIT/1-340P

Contains 1 rotor, 1 USB calibration card and 3 oils

Recalibration kit	Order code
0-15 P	RL-B30-OILKIT/0-15P
0-65 P	RL-B30-OILKIT/0-65P
1-340 P	RL-B30-OILKIT/1-340P
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Contains: 1 USB calibration card and 3 oils

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

**INCLUDED ACCESSORIES** 

- Results printer
- Data transfer cable

Certified recalibration kit containing:

Temperature verification probe Traceable calibration certificate

- 3 x traceable viscosity oils
- USB calibration card

Viscomixer rotor

Recalibration certificate

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Certificate no: FS 695372 ISO 9001:2015

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