





# TECHNICAL UPDATE

Dymalink® 709 Enables Zinc Reduction in Accelerated Sulfur Vulcanization Through More Efficient Activation



More recent environmental concerns regarding the ultimate fate of our own species in our articles serve to increase the pressure on manufacturers to reduce the amount of non-renewable resources in their formulations. The increased activity of Dymalink 709 allows for a reduction in the zinc concentration used to achieve similar ultimate sulfur properties. Reactions receive the same amount of zinc to cure lower zinc sulfur systems. In addition, the alternative molecular weight, for example, even the equivalent ratio in sulfur, Dymalink 709 contains only 1/12 the amount of zinc.

Results from model formulations are provided below, including tire sidewall, in order to demonstrate the efficiency of wirecoated compounds, in model rubber rolls. In these studies, the level of Dymalink 709 was so timed such that the cure rate for the zinc-based systems were similar to the control. The resulting reduction in molecular weight concentration is illustrated.

**Sidewall Formulation & Performance**

Component / Property	ZnO-Based, phr	Dymalink® 709-Based, phr
Cis BR	50.0	50.0
NR	50.0	50.0
Carbon black	50.0	50.0
DAE oil	12.0	12.0
IPPD	2.0	2.0
TMQ	1.0	1.0
Stearic acid	0.8	0.8
<b>ZnO</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Dymalink 709</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Sulfur	2.5	2.5
TBBS	0.7	0.7
<b>Performance Data</b>		
t <sub>2</sub> , mins.	3.62	3.21
t <sub>90</sub> , mins.	6.31	5.85
ML, dNm	4.1	3.4
MH, dNm	30.9	30.3
MH-ML, dNm	26.9	26.8
Shore A	51	56
Tensile strength, MPa	22.8	23.2
Elongation @ break, %	738	758
Modulus, 100%, MPa	1.7	1.7
Modulus, 300%, MPa	6.5	6.5
Die C tear, kN/m	86.1	84.6
<b>Moles Zn/100 gms. Polymer</b>		
	<b>0.063</b>	<b>0.012</b>

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## Silica Tread Formulation & Performance

Component / Property	ZnO-Based, phr	Dymalink® 709-Based, phr
Cis BR	25.0	25.0
HVSSBR	75.0	75.0
Silica	65.0	65.0
Silane (50%)	10.4	10.4
DAE oil	25.0	25.0
IPPD	2.0	2.0
Stearic acid	1.0	1.0
<b>ZnO</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Dymalink 709</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Sulfur	1.4	1.4
CBS	1.7	1.7
DPG	2.0	2.0
<b>t<sub>2</sub>, mins.</b>	<b>2.11</b>	<b>2.84</b>
<b>t<sub>90</sub>, mins.</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>ML, dNm</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>
<b>MH, dNm</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>33.8</b>
<b>MH-ML, dNm</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>28.1</b>
<b>Shore A</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Tensile strength, MPa</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>17.5</b>
<b>Elongation @ break, %</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>385</b>
<b>Modulus, 100%, MPa</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Modulus, 300%, MPa</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>
<b>Die C tear, kN/m</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>38.0</b>
<b>Moles Zn/100 gms. Polymer</b>	<b>0.063</b>	<b>0.015</b>

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## Wirecoat Formulation & Performance

Component / Property	ZnO-Based, phr	Dymalink® 709-Based, phr
NR	100.0	100.0
Carbon black	65.0	65.0
DAE oil	3.0	3.0
TMQ	1.0	1.0
Stearic acid	2.0	2.0
<b>ZnO</b>	<b>5.0</b>	--
<b>Dymalink 709</b>	--	<b>5.0</b>
Sulfur	3.5	3.5
CBS	0.8	0.8
IPPD	1.0	1.0
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t <sub>2</sub> , mins.	0.86	1.05
t <sub>90</sub> , mins.	3.06	5.36
ML, dNm	6.3	4.9
MH, dNm	50.7	56.4
MH-ML, dNm	44.5	51.5
Shore A	66	69
Tensile strength, MPa	26.4	25.1
Elongation @ break, %	518	481
Modulus, 100%, MPa	4.4	4.6
Modulus, 300%, MPa	16.0	16.5
Die C tear, kN/m	133.0	157.0
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<b>Moles Zn/100 gms. Polymer</b>	<b>0.063</b>	<b>0.030</b>

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## Rubber Roll Formulation & Performance

Component / Property	ZnO-Based, phr	Dymalink® 709-Based, phr
NBR	100.0	100.0
Carbon black	50.0	50.0
DAE oil	10.0	10.0
IPPD	2.0	2.0
Stearic acid	0.8	0.8
<b>ZnO</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Dymalink 709</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Sulfur	1.0	1.0
CBS	1.2	1.2
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t <sub>2</sub> , mins.	2.75	3.68
t <sub>90</sub> , mins.	4.92	6.46
ML, dNm	3.5	3.3
MH, dNm	22.5	21.3
MH-ML, dNm	19.0	18.0
Shore A	62	64
Tensile strength, MPa	19.7	18.8
Elongation @ break, %	957	1005
Modulus, 100%, MPa	1.6	1.6
Modulus, 300%, MPa	5.1	4.6
Die C tear, kN/m	64.1	62.8
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<b>Moles Zn/100 gms. Polymer</b>	<b>0.063</b>	<b>0.012</b>

## Concluding Remarks

It is notable that application of the demonstrated technology will provide the most benefit in conventional and semi-efficient sulfur vulcanization systems. Available sulfur is a prerequisite to formation of the active sulfurating agent. It has been proposed that zinc sourced from the activator plays a central role in this reaction intermediate. It has also been proven that zinc monomethacrylate does not contribute to additional non-sulfur crosslinks when applied. Dymalink 709 should be considered in any zinc rationalization study, as the potential for significant reductions in zinc concentration exists.

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