

# MAGNASOFT\* HSSD hydrophilic textile softener

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Magnasoft HSSD can be an efficient hydrophilic silicone softener for a wide range of fabrics, such as 100% cotton, polyester/cotton blends, wool, rayon, as well as acrylic wovens, nonwovens and knits.

# **Key Features and Typical Benefits**

Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener is a water-dispersible aminomodified hydrophilic softener. It can impart the soft, silky hand characteristics of traditional amino-silicones but with the added property of hydrophilicity. Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener typically provides superior softening, hydrophilicity and non-yellowing properties compared to competitive hydrophilic products.

Durable softening and hydrophilicity can be achieved with Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener in the presence or absence of durable press resins. A luxurious hand is typically imparted to substrates treated with Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener at low add-on levels (1-2 weight percent).

Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener is easy to use because it is water-dispersible. Its non-ionic nature makes it compatible with other components that might be used during the finishing of nonwovens, wovens or knits.

Typical Physical Properties				
Appearance	Pale yellow			
Actives, %	100			
Color, GVS, max	2			
Viscosity at 25 °C, cSt	3,500			
Solvent	Water-dispersible			

Typical properties are average data and are not to be used as or to develop specifications.

## **Performance Data**

## Nonwoven Fabrics

Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener was pad bath-applied to 100% thermalbonded polyester and 100% spunbonded polypropylene at a 1.0% actives level. Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener imparted a soft, luxurious feel to both nonwovens and reduced wetting times of both materials from >300 sec to <1 sec.

Table 1: Magnasoft HSSD Hydrophilic Textile Softener Performance on Nonwoven Fabrics

Fabric	Percent Silicone Add-On	Softness <sup>(1)</sup>	Wettability <sup>(2)</sup> , sec
100% Thermalbonded polyester			
Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener	1	1	<1
Water only (control)	_	10	>300
100% Spunbonded polypropylene (1.3 oz)			
Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener	1	1	<1
Water only (control)	_	10	>300

<sup>(1)</sup> Scale: 1 = Softest, 10 = Harshest

Note: Test data. Actual results may vary.

<sup>(2)</sup> AATCC 79-1986

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## Performance Data (continued)

## Woven Fabrics

Table 2 shows the results of applying Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener to 100% cotton terry cloth, 65/35 = polyester/ cotton broadcloth and 100% cotton knit fabrics. These fabrics exhibited substantially improved softness with no reduction in hydrophilicity. In addition, there was no reduction in fabric whiteness, either initially or after 100 seconds of exposure at 200 °C.

Table 2: Magnasoft HSSD Hydrophilic Textile Softener Performance on Woven Fabrics

		Percent Reflectance <sup>(2)</sup>					
Percent		at 200 °C			(4)		
Fabric	SIlicone Add-On	Dp <sup>(1)</sup> Resin	Initial	50 seconds	100 seconds	Softness <sup>(3)</sup>	Wettability <sup>(4)</sup> , seconds
100% cotton terrycloth (S420) Set I Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Water only (control)	2.0	No No	67 67	58 60	51 43	1 10	<1 1
Set II Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Water only (control)	1.0	No No	68 66	_	46 44	2 10	<1 1
Set III Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Resin only (control)	1.0	Yes Yes	68 68	_ _	48 49	3 10	<1 <1
65/35 = Polyester/cotton broadcloth (S7409) Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Resin only (control)	1.0	Yes Yes	78 80	_ _	60 69	3 10	4 4
100% cotton knit (S459) Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Resin only (control)	1.0	Yes Yes	76 73		51 56	2 10	<1 <1

<sup>(1)</sup> Formulations contained 15 parts DMDHEU durable press resin (38%)

Note: Test data. Actual results may vary.

# **Knit Fabrics**

The performance of Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener was compared to a competitive silicone softener on 100% cotton and 50/50 = polyester/cotton knits at 0.5% and 1.0% silicone solids (BOWF). As Table 3 shows, Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener exhibited superior non-yellowing and softness properties on both knits. The hydrophilic properties of both silicones were comparable.

Table 3: Magnasoft HSSD Hydrophilic Textile Softener Performance on Knit Fabrics

	Percent Silicone		Wettability(2),	Percent Reflecta at 200 °C	nce <sup>(3)</sup>
Fabric	Add-On	Softness <sup>(1)</sup>	sec	Initial	100 sec
100% cotton knit (S459) Set I Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Competitive hydrophilic silicone Water only (control)	0.5 0.5 —	1 3 10	<1 <1 <1	79 76 76	55 52 43
Set II Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Competitive hydrophilic silicone Water only (control)	1.0 1.0 —	1 4 10	<1 <1 <1	80 77 76	55 51 43
50/50 = Polyester/cotton (S7421) Set III Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Competitive hydrophilic silicone Water only (control)	0.5 0.5 —	1 4 8	2 1 12	96 88 86	81 74 58
Set IV Magnasoft HSSD hydrophilic textile softener Competitive hydrophilic silicone Water only (control)	1.0 1.0 —	1 3 8	1 1 12	95 91 86	80 77 58

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