

Novärent® AM offers a technology, registered with the EPA, for inhibiting the growth of a wide array of bacteria, mold, mildew, algae, fungi, and yeast on textile materials. Novärent® AM is an aqueous solution of an organosilane active material (3-trimethoxysilylpropyldimethyloctadecyl ammonium chloride). When dried to a film, this reactive silane crosslinks to form an extremely durable coating that will remain effective after multiple launderings.

Novärent® AM contains no solvents and is not flammable or corrosive. In addition to antimicrobial protection, Novärent® AM also provides durable antistatic properties and lubricity on all types of fibers. Novärent® AM can be applied to a broad range of textile products, including bed sheets, bedspreads, mattress pads, blankets, towels, shower curtains, wallpaper, carpets, draperies, upholstery, outerwear, socks, undergarments, uniforms, footwear, nonwovens, and outdoor equipment.

Physical Properties

Appearance:	Colorless Clear Liquid
pH (undiluted):	3.0 - 5.0
Active:	4.8% - 5.2%
Specific Gravity:	0.97 - 1.01 g/cc
Solubility:	Readily soluble in water
Ionic Character:	Cationic

Novärent® AM can be combined with cationic or nonionic additives in the bath. To promote coverage, the bath pH range should be 3.5 - 4.0. Be sure to check compatibility of all ingredients in bath prior to running production.

Optimum application and drying conditions should be determined for each substrate before application. For hydrophobic fibers such as polyester, spandex, nylon, and their blends, pad or spray application typically provides optimal coverage.

Exhaust Application: Dissolve 5% - 6% of Novärent® AM in warm water and stir until solution is uniform. Add the Novärent® AM solution into the final bath. Heat to 120 °F and exhaust for 20 minutes at pH 3.5 - 5. Drop the bath without rinsing.

Unload goods, extract, and dry. Alternatively, add Novärent® AM into final bath first and exhaust for 5 - 10 minutes at 120 °F. Then add softeners to the same bath and run for an additional 15 - 20 minutes. Do not rinse. Unload goods, extract, and dry.

Pad or Spray Application: Make a 5% - 6% solution of Novärent® AM in a drop tank by mixing in water until the solution is uniform. Apply this 5% - 6% solution

to the fabric at 100% wet pick up (this gives the desired dry add-on of 0.25% - 0.3% organosilane actives). If the wet pick up differs from 100%, adjust the bath concentration accordingly.

% Novärent® AM required in the bath = $\frac{[(\text{Activity Wanted}) (100)]}{[(0.05) (\text{Wet Pick Up})]}$. For example, wet pick up runs in the 65% range; % of Novärent® AM in Bath = $\frac{[0.3 \times 100]}{[0.05 \times 65]} = 9.2\%$ Novärent® AM required in the bath.

Drying can be completed at temperatures ranging from 280 °F to 350 °F. Lower temperatures may not cure efficiently enough to pass efficacy after laundering. Higher temperatures may inhibit wicking.

Antibacterial effectiveness can be tested by using standard methods such as ASTM E2149. This test challenges a fabric sample with measured amounts of a bacterial culture and determines reduction in bacteria due to Novärent® AM. Tests have shown that 0.25% - 0.30% dry add-on of organosilane actives is adequate for bacterial control on most textile fibers. However, for controlling mold, additional Novärent® AM may be required due to the resistance of some mold cultures.

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