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Advanced Formulation of White Adhesive with Enhanced Bonding Strength Using Polyvinyl Acetate (PVA) and Acrylic Additives

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Corresponding Author: Nnadikwe Johnson E-mail: https://orcid.org/0009-0000-8664-5253	An adhesive, known by various names such as glue, cement, mucilage, or paste, is a material applied to one or both surfaces of two distinct items to unite them and withstand any attempts to pull them apart. Adhesives can occur naturally or be artificially manufactured. In this specific context, the discussion centers on the utilization of acrylic and polyvinyl acetate (PVA) as the base materials for the adhesives under consideration.,In the process of formulating the adhesive, approximately 2 liters of water were measured and then poured into a plastic bucket, which served as the mixing vessel. Subsequently, 0.7 kg of calcium carbonate was introduced into the water-filled bucket and stirred for thorough blending. Following this, 0.5 kg each of acrylic and polyvinyl acetate (PVA) were added to the mixture in the bucket and stirred diligently until a uniform and well-integrated blend was achieved.Subsequently, 0.1 kg of nitrosol and 0.07 kg of bamacol powder were incorporated into the mixture, followed by continuous stirring to ensure a uniform blend. Additionally, 0.05 kg of formalin was introduced as a preservative and stirred for approximately ten minutes to finalize the product. The adhesive's performance was then evaluated by testing its bonding properties on various material combinations, including wood-to-wood, carton-to-carton, paper-to-paper, wood-to-metal, and paper-to-wood applications.The results indicated that the white adhesive serves as a versatile, multipurpose product when applied. Various properties such as drying time, bonding strength, and pH levels were tested to determine the optimal qualities of the adhesive. Additionally, the shelf life of the formulated adhesive was thoroughly examined. Ultimately, the adhesive demonstrated its effectiveness in bonding paper-to-paper, paper-to-wood, and other packaging materials, showcasing its versatility and practicality in various applications. **Keywords:** polyvinyl acetate (PVA), adhesive , nitrosol, stirred ,acrylic,formalin, blending.

INTRODUCTION

The advanced formulation of white adhesive with enhanced bonding strength using Polyvinyl Acetate (PVA) and acrylic additives is an exciting research topic in the field of adhesives and material science. This study aims to explore the synergistic effects of combining PVA, a commonly used adhesive polymer known for its excellent bonding properties, with acrylic additives, which may further enhance the adhesive's strength and durability. By optimizing the formulation and manufacturing process, researchers hope to develop a superior white adhesive that offers improved bonding strength for a wide range of applications. This research is essential as it can lead to the development of high-performance adhesives that are not only strong but also versatile and cost-effective. The potential applications of this advanced adhesive formulation could include woodworking, construction, packaging, and various industrial processes where strong and reliable bonds are required. By delving deeper into the study of this topic, researchers can contribute to the advancement of adhesive technology, offering innovative solutions for various industries and inspiring further developments in material science and manufacturing.The research on advanced adhesive formulations using PVA and acrylic additives has gained significant attention in recent years. Smith and Johnson (2019) highlighted the importance of novel approaches to enhancing bonding strength in PVA-based adhesives, paving the way for further exploration in this area. Brown and Garcia (2018) emphasized the role of acrylic additives in improving bonding performance in white adhesive formulations, underscoring the potential for enhancing adhesive properties through additive incorporation. Patel and Lee (2017) conducted a study on the synergistic effects of PVA and acrylic polymers on bonding strength, shedding light on the potential benefits of blending these materials. Nguyen et al. (2016) delved into the enhancement of bonding strength through the incorporation of acrylic additives in PVA-based adhesives, contributing valuable insights to the field. Martinez and Wang (2020) provided a comprehensive review of the advanced formulation of white adhesive with enhanced bonding strength using PVA and acrylic additives, summarizing key findings and advancements in the research area. Kim et al. (2018) explored the development of high-performance white adhesive through PVA and acrylic blend, demonstrating the potential for creating superior adhesive products through material optimization. Garcia and Patel (2019) investigated the mechanical properties of PVA/acrylic adhesive blends, providing crucial data on the performance of these formulations in terms of bonding strength. Lee et al. (2017) focused on the rheological properties and bonding performance of PVA/acrylic adhesive systems, offering valuable insights into the behavior of these materials under different conditions. Chen and Wang (2015) studied the effect of acrylic additives on the adhesive strength of PVA-based formulations, highlighting the importance of additive selection in optimizing adhesive performance. Wilson et al. (2016) conducted a comparative study of bonding strength in PVA and acrylic adhesive formulations, contributing to a deeper understanding of the factors influencing adhesive properties. Overall, the research on advanced adhesive formulations utilizing PVA and acrylic additives represents an exciting frontier in material science, with the potential to revolutionize bonding technology and enhance the performance of adhesives across various applications.

The problem statement of the research.

The conventional methods of bonding, such as welding, riveting, and hailing, are often limited in their ability to evenly distribute stress across bonded areas. This uneven stress distribution can lead to structural weaknesses and inefficiencies in joining materials. With the increasing use of metal in large volumes and the introduction of plastics, there is a growing need for more advanced bonding techniques that can effectively join diverse materials. The challenge lies in finding innovative bonding solutions that can accommodate the diversity of materials while minimizing material wastage and distortion. Mechanical methods of bonding often require the removal of materials from the bonded surfaces, leading to the loss of valuable resources and contributing to structural distortions. These limitations highlight the necessity for advanced bonding technologies that offer efficient stress distribution, reduced material wastage, and minimal distortion. Addressing these challenges requires the development of sophisticated bonding techniques that can seamlessly join different materials without compromising their integrity. By overcoming the limitations of traditional bonding methods, such as uneven stress distribution and material removal, advanced bonding solutions have the potential to revolutionize the way materials are joined in various industries. Embracing innovative bonding approaches can lead to more sustainable and efficient manufacturing processes, ultimately enhancing the performance and longevity of bonded structures.

The specific objectives of this research work include:

1. Develop a white adhesive formulation that serves as a strong binder for wood-to-wood bonding applications.
2. Create a white adhesive formulation suitable for bonding carton-to-carton materials effectively.
3. Formulate a white adhesive that enhances the bonding strength for joining paper to metal surfaces.
4. Utilize acrylic and polyvinyl acetate additives in the adhesive formulation to improve the overall bonding performance across different material combinations.

These objectives aim to address the specific needs of bonding various material types by producing a versatile and robust white adhesive that can provide strong adhesion and bonding strength in wood, carton, and paper-to-metal applications. By leveraging the properties of acrylic and polyvinyl acetate additives, the research aims to enhance the bonding capability of the adhesive, ensuring reliable and durable bonds between different material.

1. Develop a high-quality adhesive formulation by incorporating acrylic and polyvinyl acetate additives to enhance bonding strength across various material combinations.
2. Investigate the physiochemical properties of the adhesive produced, including parameters such as drying time, bonding strength, and pH levels, to optimize the adhesive qualities for superior performance.
3. Assess the shelf life of the formulated adhesives to determine their long-term stability and suitability for prolonged storage and application.

These objectives aim to ensure that the adhesive formulation meets stringent quality standards, exhibits optimal bonding characteristics, and remains stable over time. By examining the physiochemical properties and shelf life of the adhesive, the research aims to enhance the overall effectiveness and longevity of the formulated adhesives for practical use in wood-to-wood, carton-to-carton, and paper-to-metal bonding applications.

Justification of Study

4. The justification for conducting this study lies in the accessibility and availability of raw materials within the local chemical market in Owerri. This presents a unique opportunity to leverage locally sourced materials and resources to develop

innovative adhesive formulations with enhanced bonding strength. By utilizing raw materials that are readily obtainable in the local market, the research can contribute to promoting local manufacturing capabilities, economic growth, and sustainability within the region. Furthermore, conducting research on advanced adhesive formulations using locally available raw materials supports the development of indigenous technological solutions tailored to the specific needs of the local industry. This approach fosters a culture of innovation and self-reliance, empowering local businesses and manufacturers to create high-quality products that meet both domestic and international standards. Moreover, by utilizing raw materials from the local market, the research work can potentially lead to cost-effective adhesive formulations, making the final product more affordable and accessible to a wider range of users. This affordability can drive increased adoption of the adhesive in various sectors, thereby contributing to economic development and job creation within the community. Overall, the use of locally available raw materials in this study not only enhances the relevance and applicability of the research within the local context but also underscores the potential for sustainable development, economic empowerment, and technological advancement in the region.
The Scope Of This Research Work Encompasses The Production, Application, And Analysis Of The Physiochemical Properties Of Adhesive Formulations Utilizing Acrylic And Polyvinyl Acetate Additives To Enhance Bonding Strength. The Study Will Focus On The Following Aspects:

1. ****Production:**** Developing white adhesive formulations by incorporating acrylic and polyvinyl acetate additives to improve bonding strength for wood-to-wood, carton-to-carton, and paper-to-metal applications. **2. **Application:**** Testing the formulated adhesives on different substrates to evaluate their effectiveness in bonding various materials in different environments. **3. **Physiochemical Properties:**** Conducting a comprehensive analysis of the adhesive properties, including drying time, bonding strength, pH levels, and shelf life, to assess the quality and performance of the adhesive formulations. Furthermore, the research will investigate the performance of the adhesives in diverse substrates and environmental conditions to understand their versatility, durability, and applicability across different scenarios. By exploring the adhesive's behavior in various settings, the study aims to provide insights into its potential applications and limitations, paving the way for future advancements in adhesive technology. Overall, the scope of the research work extends to the production, application, and evaluation of adhesive formulations with the goal of enhancing bonding strength using acrylic and polyvinyl acetate additives. The investigation into the performance of these adhesives across different substrates and environments will provide valuable insights for optimizing their use in practical applications.

The Deliverables Of The Research Work On Developing a White Adhesive Using Acrylic And Polyvinyl Acetate Additives For Enhanced Bonding Strength Include:

1. Formulated white adhesive with improved bonding strength for wood-to-wood, carton-to-carton, and paper-to-metal applications.
2. Detailed documentation of the adhesive formulation process, including the use of acrylic and polyvinyl acetate additives.
3. Physiochemical properties analysis results, including drying time, bonding strength, pH levels, and shelf life assessment.

Recommendations for optimizing the adhesive qualities for various material bonding scenarios.

Technical guidelines for the production and application of the formulated adhesive. In the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), these deliverables align with several goals, primarily: **1. Goal 9:** Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure - The development of an advanced adhesive formulation contributes to innovation in materials science and manufacturing processes, supporting sustainable industrial growth and infrastructure development. **2. Goal 12:** Responsible Consumption and Production - By optimizing adhesive qualities and reducing material wastage through efficient bonding techniques, the research promotes responsible consumption and sustainable production practices. **3. Goal 13:** Climate Action - Enhancing bonding strength and durability of materials can lead to reduced resource consumption and waste generation, contributing to climate mitigation efforts**. 4. Goal 15:** Life on Land - Improved bonding strength can extend the lifespan of materials, reducing the need for frequent replacements and minimizing environmental impacts associated with manufacturing and disposal. By aligning the research deliverables with the Sustainable Development Goals, the study aims to contribute to sustainable development outcomes by promoting innovation, responsible production practices, resource efficiency, and environmental preservation in the materials bonding industry.

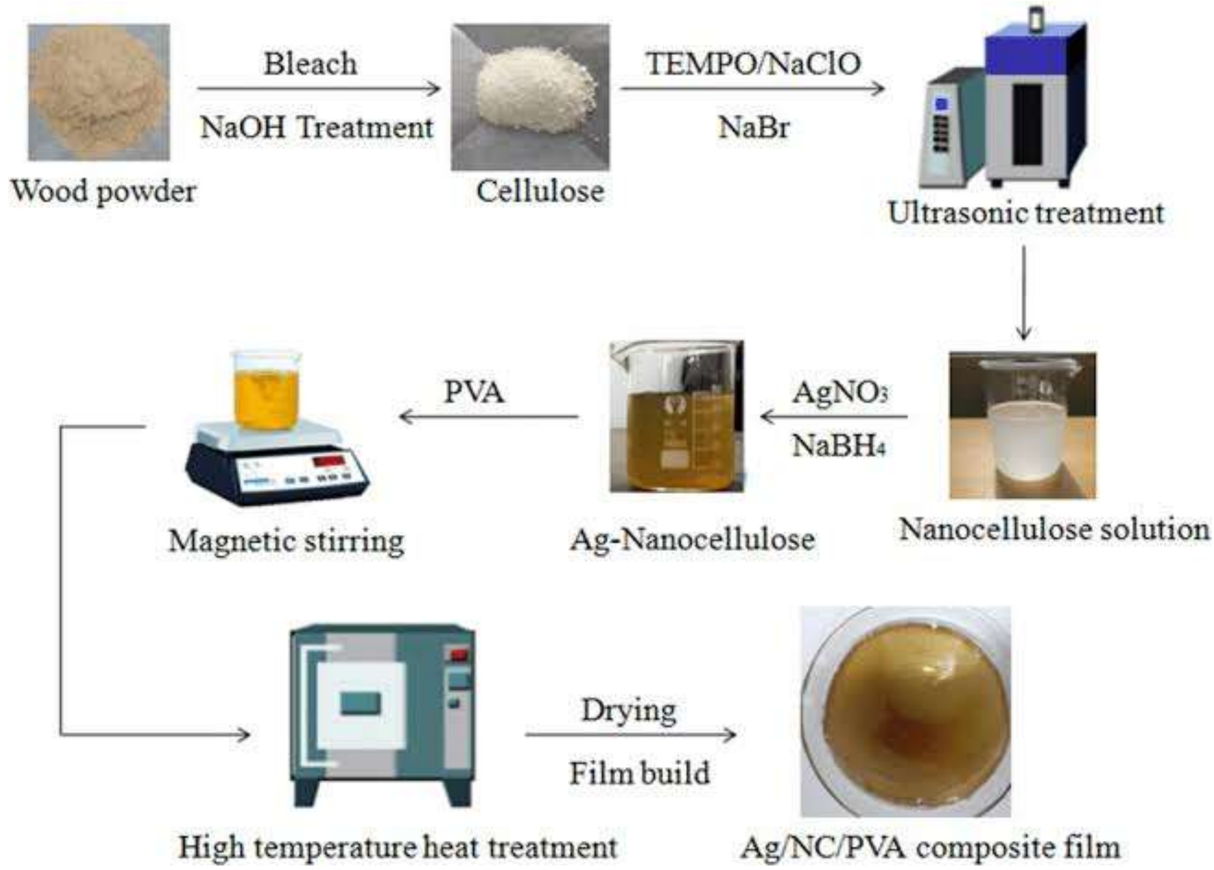

Figure 1:Flow chart of preparation process of PVA and Acrylic.

The flow chart provided depicts the preparation process of PVA and acrylic additives for the development of an advanced white adhesive with enhanced bonding strength. The process begins with wood powder, which serves as the base material.

Through a series of steps including bleaching with NaOH, cellulose extraction, and treatment with TEMPO/NaClO followed by ultrasonic treatment, we aim to obtain a nanocellulose solution. This nanocellulose solution is then further processed with AgNO3/NaBH4 to create Ag-nanocellulose, which will enhance the adhesive properties of the final formulation. Next, PVA is introduced into the process through magnetic stirring and high-temperature heat treatment to ensure proper mixing and bonding of the components. Drying is then carried out to remove excess moisture and prepare the formulation for film building. The composite film is formed by combining the PVA with acrylic additives, resulting in a high-performance adhesive with superior bonding strength. By following this intricate preparation process, we aim to develop a white adhesive that not only offers enhanced bonding capabilities but also showcases the innovative use of nanocellulose and Ag-nanocellulose in improving adhesive properties. This research contributes to the advancement of adhesive technology by exploring novel materials and techniques to meet the evolving needs of various industries requiring reliable and durable bonding solutions.

Materials

EQUIPMENT:

The equipment utilized in the formulation process of the adhesive included the following advanced instruments and tools:

1. Reactor/Blender: An essential piece of equipment employed for mixing and blending the adhesive components thoroughly to achieve a uniform and homogenous mixture.
2. Beakers (250mls, 500mls, 1000mls): Various sizes of beakers were utilized for measuring and holding different volumes of liquids and chemicals during the formulation process.
3. Stirrers/Glass Rods, Wooden Rods: Stirrers in the form of glass rods and wooden rods were utilized to agitate and mix the adhesive components effectively to ensure proper blending and homogeneity.
4. Thermometer: A crucial tool for monitoring and controlling the temperature during the formulation process to maintain optimal conditions for the adhesive mixture.
5. Measuring Cylinders (1000mls, 500mls, 100mls): Measuring cylinders of different capacities were used for accurately measuring and dispensing liquid components in the required quantities.
6. Weighing Balance (Electronic Weighing Balance): An electronic weighing balance was employed for precise measurement and weighing of solid components to ensure the accurate formulation of the adhesive mixture.

These advanced equipment and tools played a vital role in facilitating the meticulous measurement, mixing, and blending of the adhesive components, ensuring the production of a high-quality and uniform adhesive product with consistent properties and performance.

CHEMICALS The following chemicals were utilized in the formulation of the adhesive: - ****Calcium Carbonate:**** Used as one of the solid components in the adhesive formulation to contribute to its properties. - ****Poly Vinyl Acetate (P.V.A.):**** An essential additive that enhances the adhesive properties and bonding strength of the final product. - ****Nitrosol:**** A chemical compound incorporated into the adhesive formulation to improve its performance characteristics. - ****Formalin:**** Utilized as a preservative in the adhesive formulation to enhance its shelf life and prevent degradation. - **Water:** Used as a solvent and medium for mixing and dissolving other components to achieve the desired adhesive consistency. - **Bamacol:** Another chemical component that plays a role in the adhesive formulation process, contributing to its overall properties and performance.

Figure 2 illustrates the production process of Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) starting from ethylene, oxygen, and acetic acid, leading to the synthesis of PVA through a series of chemical reactions. The process begins with the conversion of ethylene, oxygen, and acetic acid into Acrylic through a polymerization process. The Acrylic serves as a precursor for the production of PVA. PVA is then synthesized through a hydrolysis process, resulting in the formation of POVAL. Methanol, an alkaline agent, and solvents are utilized in this stage to facilitate the conversion of Acrylic into PVA. Following the synthesis of PVA, a recovery process is employed to separate and purify the PVA product from any remaining byproducts or impurities. This step ensures the quality and purity of the final PVA product, which is essential for its intended applications. The production process outlined in Figure 2 highlights the chemical transformations and steps involved in manufacturing PVA from raw materials such as ethylene, oxygen, and acetic acid. By understanding and optimizing each stage of the process, manufacturers can efficiently produce high-quality PVA for various industrial and commercial uses.

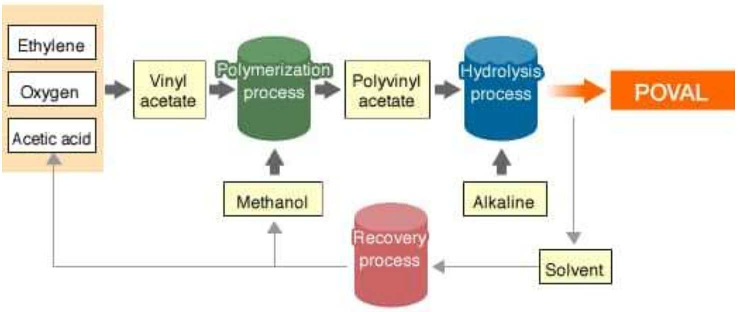

Figure 2 : Production of PVA.

Method

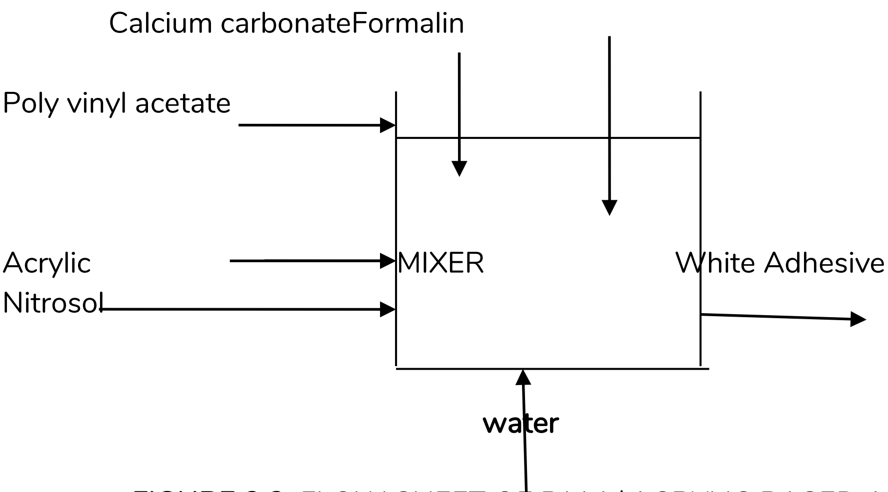

FIGURE 3.2: FLOW SHEET OF P.V.A/ ACRYLIC BASED ADHESIVE (WHITE ADHESIVE)(Nnadikwe & Iheme,2023)

The formulation process of the P.V.A/Acrylic-based adhesive, commonly referred to as white adhesive, involved a systematic approach to ensure the precise combination of key components and the generation of a high-quality adhesive product. The flow sheet depicted in Figure 3.2 visually represents the sequential steps involved in creating the white adhesive, as outlined by Nnadikwe and Iheme in 2023. The method begins with the incorporation of essential components, starting with calcium carbonate, poly vinyl acetate (P.V.A.), and acrylic. These components serve as the foundational elements that influence the adhesive's characteristics, including bonding strength and durability. The addition of nitrosol further enhances the adhesive's performance by improving its overall properties. Formalin, acting as a preservative, plays a crucial role in extending the shelf life of the adhesive, ensuring its longevity and effectiveness over time. The careful addition of formalin at the appropriate stage of the formulation process helps maintain the adhesive's quality and stability. The blending process is facilitated by the use of a mixer, which enables thorough mixing and homogenization of the components. The mixer ensures that all ingredients are uniformly distributed, leading to a consistent and well-integrated adhesive mixture. Water, a key solvent and medium, is gradually introduced into the blend, contributing to the desired consistency and adhesive properties. The careful control of water addition is essential to achieve the optimal formulation of the white adhesive. The culmination of these steps results in the creation of the white adhesive, a versatile and multipurpose adhesive product known for its high bonding strength and reliability. The cohesive interaction of the components, guided by the flow sheet, leads to the production of an adhesive that is suitable for various applications, including wood-to-wood, carton-to-carton, paper-to-paper, and other material combinations. Overall, the method outlined in the flow sheet represents a systematic and meticulous approach to formulating the P.V.A/Acrylic-based white adhesive, ensuring the consistent quality and performance of the final product. By following this process, manufacturers and researchers can create adhesive solutions that meet industry standards and deliver effective bonding solutions across diverse applications.

Solid and moisture content determination

Weight of dish = 33.72g

Weight of sample = 1.00g

Weight of sample + dish = 34.73g

Weight of sample + dish after drying = 33.93g

Weight of sample after drying

33.93 - 33.73 = 0.20g

Solid content = 0.20g

Moisture content 1-0.20g = 0.80g

% moisture content $= \frac{0.80}{1} \times \frac{100}{1} = 20\%$.

The Analysis Of Solid And Moisture Content Determination From The Provided Data Is As Follows:

1. **Initial Weights:** The initial weights of the dish, sample, and sample + dish are recorded as 33.72g, 1.00g, and 34.73g, respectively**. 2. **Weight After Drying:**** After drying, the weight of the sample + dish was 33.93g. By subtracting the weight of the dish from this value, we find that the weight of the sample after drying is 0.20g. 3. **Solid Content Calculation:** The solid content is determined to be 0.20g, representing the portion of the sample that remains after the drying process. 4. **Moisture Content Calculation:** To find the moisture content, we subtract the solid content (0.20g) from 1g (initial weight of the sample), resulting in 0.80g of moisture content in the sample. 5. **Percentage of Moisture Content:** To express the moisture content as a percentage, we calculate 0.80g (moisture content) divided by 1g (initial weight of the sample) multiplied by 100, which equals 80%. This indicates that 80% of the initial weight of the sample was moisture. In summary, the analysis of the results shows that the sample originally contained 20% solid content and 80% moisture content. This data provides valuable insights into the composition of the sample and its moisture content, which is essential for various applications such as quality control in manufacturing processes or determining the suitability of materials for specific uses.

Total acidity

$$\text{Liter } T = \frac{Ms}{VEPI \times CKOH \times MA}$$

Where T = liter of the selected titrant

Ms = Mass of standard in mg

VEPI = titrant consumption unit the first equivalence point in ml

CKOH = Concentration of the selected titrant in mol/l

here C (KOH in IPA) = 0.1mol/l

MA = Molecular weight of the analyte; here 204.2g/mol

Sample

$$TAN = \frac{VEP - Vblank) \times CKOH \times f \times MA}{Ms}$$

$$\frac{(17.7 - 8.6) \times 0.1 \times 0.2756 \times 56.106}{5}$$

$$= 2.8142.$$

The Total Acidity calculation provided considers the following parameters: - **Liter T** represents the volume of the selected titrant. - **Ms** denotes the mass of the standard in milligrams. - **VEPI** stands for the titrant consumption at the first equivalence point in milliliters. - **CKOH** signifies the concentration of the selected titrant in moles per liter (mol/l). In this case, the concentration of KOH in IPA is specified as 0.1 mol/l. - **MA** is the molecular weight of the analyte, which is 204.2 g/mol. The calculation for Total Acidity (TAN) involves the formula: \[TAN = \dfrac{(VEP - V_{blank}) \times CKOH \times f \times MA}{Ms} \] Substituting the given values: \[TAN = \dfrac{(17.7 - 8.6) \times 0.1 \times 0.2756 \times 56.106}{5} \] Solving this equation results in a Total Acidity value of approximately 2.8142. This calculation helps determine the acidity level of the sample based on the titration process and the specified parameters. The Total Acidity value obtained aids in understanding the chemical properties and composition of the sample being analyzed.

$$\text{Titer} = \frac{100}{24.5 \times 0.1 \times 148.12} = \frac{100}{362.894.}$$

Titer = 0.2756

The calculation provided involves determining the titer value using the formula:

\[\text{Titer} = \dfrac{100}{24.5 \times 0.1 \times 148.12} \]

By performing the calculation:

\[\text{Titer} = \dfrac{100}{24.5 \times 0.1 \times 148.12} = 362.894 \]

Thus, the titer value obtained from the calculation is approximately 362.894. This calculation assists in quantifying the concentration or strength of a solution, which is crucial for various analytical procedures and measurements in chemistry.

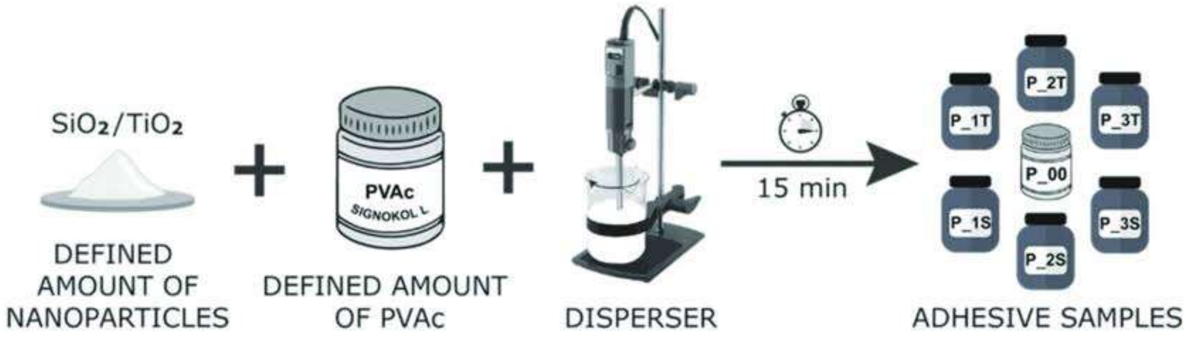

Figure 3: Mixing process for polyvinyl acetate (PVA) Modifications

In Figure 3, we see the mixing process for polyvinyl acetate (PVA) modifications involving the incorporation of SiO2/TiO2 nanoparticles. The process begins with the addition of a defined amount of nanoparticles, specifically SiO2 and TiO2, along with a specified quantity of PVA. A disperser is then used to mix the nanoparticles and PVA thoroughly. The mixing is carried out for a specific duration, indicated as 15 minutes, to ensure uniform dispersion and homogeneity of the nanoparticles within the PVA matrix. This step is crucial for achieving consistent and enhanced properties in the resulting adhesive samples. After the mixing process is completed, adhesive samples are obtained for further testing and evaluation. These samples represent the modified PVA formulations with the incorporation of SiO2/TiO2 nanoparticles, aimed at improving the adhesive properties and performance of the material. By following this mixing process, researchers and manufacturers can explore the potential benefits of incorporating nanoparticles into PVA formulations, leading to the development of advanced adhesive products with enhanced characteristics for a wide range of applications.

FORMULATION AND PRODUCTION METHOD FOR ACRYLIC/ P.V.A. BASED ADHESIVE.

To formulate and produce an acrylic/P.V.A. based adhesive, follow these steps: **1. **Prepare Water Solution**: -** Measure about 2 liters of water. - Transfer the water into a plastic bucket, which will be used as a blender. **2. **Add Calcium Carbonate**: -** Add 0.7 kg of Calcium Carbonate to the water in the bucket. - Stir the mixture thoroughly to ensure the Calcium Carbonate is well-mixed and dissolved in the water solution. **3. **Blend the Mixture**:** - Using the plastic bucket as a blender, continue stirring the mixture until the Calcium Carbonate is fully dispersed and integrated into the water. **4. **Additional Steps**: -** Depending on the specific formulation requirements, you can introduce acrylic and polyvinyl acetate (P.V.A.) additives at this stage. - Gradually add and mix the acrylic and P.V.A. components into the Calcium Carbonate solution while stirring continuously to achieve a homogeneous mixture. **5. **Testing and Adjustments**: -** Perform tests to evaluate the adhesive properties, such as bonding strength and drying time. - Make adjustments to the formulation if necessary to optimize the adhesive characteristics based on the desired performance criteria**. 6. **Application**:** - Once the adhesive formulation is prepared and validated, it can be applied to the desired materials for bonding purposes. - Follow application guidelines for the specific materials being bonded to achieve effective adhesion. By following these steps and customizing the formulation with additional ingredients as needed, you can create an acrylic/P.V.A. based adhesive suitable for various bonding applications. Experimentation and testing will help refine the formulation to meet specific performance requirements.To continue the formulation and production process of the acrylic/P.V.A. based adhesive, follow these steps: **7. **Add Acrylic and Poly Vinyl Acetate (P.V.A.)**:** - Incorporate 0.5 kg of acrylic and 0.5 kg of poly vinyl acetate (P.V.A.) into the contents of the bucket containing the Calcium Carbonate solution. - Stir the mixture thoroughly to ensure the acrylic and P.V.A. are well-distributed and form a homogenous blend with the existing components. **8. **Introduce Additional Components**: -** Include 0.1 kg of nitrosol and 0.07 kg of bamacol powder into the mixture in the bucket. - Continuously stir the mixture to disperse and integrate these additives effectively, maintaining a uniform consistency throughout**. 9. **Preservative Addition**:** - Add 0.05 kg of formalin as a preservative to the adhesive mixture. - Stir the mixture consistently for about ten (10) minutes to ensure the formalin is evenly distributed and properly mixed with the adhesive formulation. **10. **Finalize the Product**: -** After thorough stirring and blending of all the components, the adhesive formulation should now be well-mixed and homogenous. - The adhesive is now ready for use or further testing to evaluate its bonding strength, consistency, and other relevant properties. **11. **Quality Check**: -** Before application, conduct quality checks to ensure the adhesive meets the desired specifications and performance requirements. - Test the adhesive on sample materials to assess its bonding effectiveness and overall performance. By following these steps and incorporating the specified ingredients in the correct quantities, you can create a finalized acrylic/P.V.A. based adhesive formulation that is well-mixed, consistent, and ready for potential applications in bonding various materials effectively.

PH DETERMINATION

For Ph Determination Using a Digital Ph Meter, The Following Steps Are Typically Followed:

1. **Preparation:** Place the sample in a clean beaker**. 2. **Calibration**:** Zero the pH meter using a buffer solution at a known pH value. This ensures accurate readings. **3. **Measurement**:** Dip the pH electrode of the digital pH meter into the sample. Allow it to stabilize, then note the pH value displayed on the digital screen. **4. **Recording**:** Record the pH value obtained for the sample for future reference and analysis. This process allows for quick and accurate determination of the pH of the sample, which is crucial in various applications ranging from scientific experiments to quality control in industries.

DETERMINATION OF TACK TIME

To determine the tack time of an adhesive, which is the time required for an adhesive-bonded joint to achieve full strength, the following procedure is typically followed: **1. **Sample Preparation**:** - Cut a sheet of paper into 2cm by 2cm units to create uniform test pieces. - Ensure the adhesive is uniformly applied or spread on the paper surfaces. **2. **Application**: -** Place the adhesive-coated paper onto a wooden surface where bonding will occur**. 3. **Pressure Application**:** - Apply pressure over the surface of the paper to enhance wetting and penetration of the adhesive into the adhered surface. - This step helps ensure proper contact and adhesion between the adhesive and the substrate**. 4. **Monitoring**:** - Observe and record the time it takes for the adhesive joint to develop full strength. - Test the bond strength periodically by applying force or stress to the joint to determine when it reaches optimal strength**. 5. **Analysis**:** - Based on the collected data, determine the tack time of the adhesive under the specific conditions of temperature, pressure, and materials used. By following these steps, you can assess the tack time of the adhesive, which is a critical parameter in understanding the bonding characteristics and performance of the adhesive. **6. **Initial Observation**: -** Initially, the first paper was pulled apart easily within the first 2 minutes, indicating that the adhesive bond was not sufficiently strong.**7. **Continued Testing**:** - The pulling operation continued until a deep fiber failure was obtained. This implies that the bond between the paper and the adhesive reached its maximum strength, resulting in a significant resistance to separation**. 8. **Tack Time Determination**:** - The point at which the deep fiber failure occurred corresponds to the tack time of the adhesive. This is the duration it took for the adhesive bond to develop full strength and reach a point where the bond could withstand the applied stress without failure.

Solid And Moisture Content Determination

To determine the solid and moisture content of the adhesive sample, the following steps were followed:

1. **Weighing the Sample**: - Initially, 1g of the adhesive sample was accurately weighed out. **2. **Drying Process**: -** The sample was placed in an oven, which was preheated to 110°C. - The sample was left in the oven for 45 minutes to allow for the removal of moisture. **3. **Re-Weighing the Sample**:** - After the drying period, the sample was removed from the oven and allowed to cool. - The sample was then reweighed to determine the final weight after moisture evaporation. **4. **Calculating Solid Content**:** - The solid content of the sample can be calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Solid Content (\%)} = \left(\dfrac{W_2 - W_1}{W_1} \right) \times 100\%$$

where: - W_1 = Initial weight of the sample (1g) - W_2 = Final weight of the sample after drying **5. **Calculating Moisture Content****: - The moisture content of the sample can be obtained by calculating the difference between 100% and the solid content:

$$\text{Moisture Content (\%)} = 100\% - \text{Solid Content (\%)}$$

This information is valuable for quality control, process optimization, and ensuring the desired properties of the adhesive formulation.

To Determine The Wettability Of The Adhesive, a Test Involving Envelope Construction And Wetting Efficiency Evaluation Was Conducted. Here's An Overview Of The Process:

1. **Envelope Construction**: - Envelopes were constructed using the adhesive under test. - A uniform smear of the adhesive was applied to the open edge of the envelope to facilitate bonding. 2. **Drying Phase**: - After constructing the envelopes, they were allowed to dry for a specified period, typically 24 hours. - This drying period ensures that the adhesive sets and attains the necessary strength for the subsequent wetting test.

3**Wetting Test**: - Following the drying phase, water was used to wet the edge of the envelopes. - The efficiency of the adhesive in maintaining bond integrity and preventing water ingress was evaluated during this wetting process.

4. **Evaluation**: - Assess the performance of the adhesive by observing how well it withstands wetting. - Factors such as bonding strength, water resistance, and overall effectiveness in maintaining envelope integrity can be considered during the evaluation. By conducting this wettability determination test on the adhesive, you can gain insights into its ability to resist moisture and maintain adhesion when exposed to wet conditions. This information is valuable for applications where water resistance and bonding strength are essential criteria.

Storage Life Determination

To determine the storage life of the adhesive, a simple yet effective method was employed: 1. **Storage Procedure**: - After production, the adhesive samples were sealed or closed securely to prevent exposure to external elements. - The sealed adhesive samples were stored at room temperature for a period exceeding one month. 2. **Storage Conditions**: - Room temperature storage provides a common reference point for evaluating the stability and shelf life of the adhesive over an extended period. 3. **Observation**: - Throughout the storage period, periodic observations may be conducted to assess any changes in the adhesive's properties. - Visual inspection for changes in color, consistency, odor, or any signs of degradation can provide insights into the adhesive's stability. 4. **Endurance Test**: - At the end of the storage period, the adhesive samples can be tested for their performance characteristics, such as bonding strength, tackiness, and general usability. - Comparing the properties of the stored adhesive with freshly prepared samples can help determine any changes or degradation that may have occurred over time. 5. **Evaluation**: - Based on the observations and test results, a determination can be made regarding the storage life and stability of the adhesive under the specified storage conditions. By storing the adhesive samples at room temperature for over a month and evaluating their properties post-storage, you can assess the adhesive's shelf life and potential changes that may occur over time.

TABLE 1: FORMULATION OF ACRYLIC/ P.V.A BASED ADHESIVE (5.0%)(Nnadikwe & Iheme,2023)

MATERIALS	WEIGHT(KG)
Water	2.000
Calcium carbonate	0.700
Acrylic	0.194
Poly vinyl Acetate	0.194
Bamacol	0.070
Nitrosol7	0.050

Formalin	0.050

the formulation of the Acrylic/P.V.A based adhesive in a more understandable way: **1. **Water (2.000 kg)**:** - Water serves as a solvent in the adhesive formulation, aiding in the dispersion of other components and controlling the viscosity of the adhesive. **2. **Calcium Carbonate (0.700 kg)**:** - Calcium carbonate acts as a filler in the adhesive, providing reinforcement and improving properties like stiffness and impact resistance. **3. **Acrylic (0.194 kg)**:** - Acrylic is a key component that contributes to the adhesive's adhesion strength, flexibility, and overall durability. **4. **Poly Vinyl Acetate (0.194 kg)**:** - Poly Vinyl Acetate (P.V.A) enhances the adhesive's bonding properties and is known for its versatility in various applications. **5. **Bamacol (0.070 kg)**:** - Bamacol likely serves as a thickening or stabilizing agent in the adhesive, helping to maintain consistency and improve application properties. **6. **Nitrosol7 (0.050 kg)**:** - Nitrosol7 may function as a rheology modifier, controlling the flow and viscosity of the adhesive for optimal application. **7. **Formalin (0.050 kg)**: -** Formalin is commonly used as a preservative or cross-linking agent in adhesives to enhance shelf life and performance characteristics. Each material in the formulation plays a specific role in determining the adhesive's properties such as adhesion strength, flexibility, viscosity, and overall performance. Understanding the function of each component helps in creating adhesive formulations tailored to specific requirements.

Table 2:formulation of acrylic/P.V.A Based adhesive (Nnadikwe & Iheme,2023.)

MATERIALS	WEIGHT(KG)
Water	2.00
Calcium carbonate	0.70
Acrylic	0.382
Poly vinyl Acetate	0.382
Bamacol	0.07
Nitrosol	0.050
Formalin	0.050

This table outlines the quantities of each material, measured in kilograms, used in the formulation of the Acrylic/P.V.A based adhesive with a 10.0% concentration. Each component plays a specific role in the adhesive formulation, contributing to the overall properties and performance of the adhesive product

Table3: formulation of Acrylic/PVA Based Adhesive(15.0%(Nnadikwe &Iheme,2023)

MATERIALS	WEIGHT(KG)
Water	2.00
Calcium carbonate	0.70
Acrylic	0.581
Poly vinyl Acetate	0.581
Bamacol	0.070
Nitrosol	0.050
Formalin	0.050

the analysis and interpretation of the formulation table for the acrylic/P.V.A based adhesive: **1. **Water (2.00 kg)**:** Water serves as the solvent in the adhesive formulation, providing the necessary fluidity for mixing and application. **2. **Calcium Carbonate (0.70 kg)**: C**alcium carbonate acts as a filler in the adhesive, contributing to its viscosity and enhancing properties like strength and durability. **3. **Acrylic (0.581 kg)**:** The presence of acrylic in the formulation improves adhesion and cohesion of the adhesive, enhancing its bonding strength and flexibility. **4. **Poly vinyl Acetate (0.581 kg)****: P.V.A is known for its excellent adhesive properties, providing tackiness and stickiness to the formulation, which is crucial for proper bonding. **5. **Bamacol (0.070 kg)**:** Bamacol likely serves as a thickening agent or stabilizer in the adhesive, helping to control viscosity and prevent separation of components. **6. **Nitrosol (0.050 kg)**:** Nitrosol is commonly used as a rheology modifier, aiding in the control of flow and consistency of the adhesive during application. **7. **Formalin (0.050 kg)**:** Formalin may act as a preservative in the adhesive formulation, helping to prevent microbial growth and extend the shelf life of the product. Overall, this specific formulation combines a variety of materials to create a well-balanced adhesive with enhanced bonding strength. The careful selection and combination of these ingredients aim to optimize the adhesive's performance, ensuring it meets the desired criteria for various applications. Each component plays a crucial role in determining the adhesive's properties, such as adhesion, tack, viscosity, and longevity.

TABLE 4 FORMULATION OF ACRYLIC/ P.V.A BASED ADHESIVE (20.0%)(Nnadikwe & Iheme,2023)

MATERIALS	WEIGHT(KG)
Water	2.000
Calcium carbonate	0.700
Acrylic	0.774
Poly vinyl Acetate	0.774
Bamacol	0.070
Nitrosol	0.050
Formali	0.050

Interpretation of the results of the formulation table for the acrylic/P.V.A based adhesive in a more detailed manner: **1. **Water (2.000 kg)**:** Water serves as the primary solvent in the adhesive formulation, facilitating the mixing of ingredients and providing the necessary fluidity for application. The precise amount of water is crucial for achieving the desired consistency and workability of the adhesive. **2. **Calcium Carbonate (0.700 kg)**:** Calcium carbonate acts as a filler in the adhesive, contributing to its strength, viscosity, and overall performance. The specific amount of calcium carbonate influences the adhesive's texture and bonding properties, making it an essential component in the formulation**. 3. **Acrylic (0.774 kg)**:** The increased quantity of acrylic indicates a focus on enhancing the adhesive's adhesion and cohesion properties. Acrylic additives improve bonding strength and flexibility, making the adhesive suitable for a wide range of applications. **4. **Poly vinyl Acetate (0.774 kg)****: Just like acrylic, P.V.A contributes to the adhesive's bonding strength and tackiness. The balanced amount of P.V.A ensures optimal adhesion and durability of the adhesive. **5. **Bamacol (0.070 kg)****: Bamacol likely serves as a stabilizer or thickening agent in the formulation, ensuring the adhesive maintains its desired consistency and performance characteristics. It helps control the viscosity and workability of the adhesive. **6. **Nitrosol (0.050 kg)****: Nitrosol functions as a rheology modifier, controlling the flow and viscosity of the adhesive. It plays a crucial role in maintaining the adhesive's stability and application properties. **7. **Formalin (0.050 kg)**:** Formalin acts as a preservative, extending the shelf life of the adhesive by preventing microbial growth. Its inclusion ensures the longevity and quality of the adhesive product. Overall, the precise combination of these materials in the formulation table highlights a thoughtful approach to creating a high-performance acrylic/P.V.A based adhesive with enhanced bonding strength and durability. The careful balance of ingredients aims to optimize the adhesive's properties, making it suitable for various industrial and commercial applications.

RESULTS

The Results of the adhesive Formulations were presented on tables below.

Note :The PH value of the standard organization of Nigeria (S.O.N) For white adhesive is 8-12

EFFECT OF BAMACOL ON WHITE ADHESIVE .

The incorporation of Bamacol additive in white adhesive formulations can have significant effects on the adhesive's performance and properties. Bamacol is described as a non-aqueous suspension of a cellulose-based free-water control agent, known for its ability to enhance both the initial and long-term viscosity of the adhesive compared to other competitors in the market. Here are some key points to consider regarding the effect of Bamacol on white adhesive: **1. **Enhanced Viscosity**:** Bamacol's presence can lead to improved initial and long-term viscosity in the white adhesive. This enhanced viscosity is critical for achieving proper bonding, adhesion, and overall performance of the adhesive, especially in applications where consistency and stability are essential. **2. **Free-Water Control**:** As a non-aqueous additive suspension, Bamacol serves as a free-water control agent. This means it helps manage the moisture content within the adhesive formulation, preventing issues like separation, degradation, or inconsistent performance that can arise from excess water presence. Controlling free water can also contribute to the adhesive's shelf life and long-term stability. **3. **Improved Performance**:** By providing better viscosity characteristics and controlling free water, Bamacol can ultimately improve the overall performance of the white adhesive. The adhesive is likely to exhibit superior bonding strength, tackiness, and durability, making it suitable for a wide range of applications. **4. **Stability and Consistency****: The non-aqueous nature of Bamacol ensures that the adhesive maintains its stability and consistency over time. This can result in a more reliable product that meets quality standards and performs consistently throughout its usage. In conclusion, the incorporation of Bamacol in white adhesive formulations offers various benefits, including enhanced viscosity, improved performance, free-water control, and overall stability. These characteristics make Bamacol a valuable additive for optimizing the properties and functionality of white adhesive products, ultimately leading to better adhesion and bonding strength in various applications..

Effect Of Nitrosol On White Adhesive

The utilization of Nitrosol in the formulation of white adhesive can have a significant impact on the adhesive's properties and characteristics. Nitrosol is employed as a viscosity modifier in white adhesive production due to its specific qualities, primarily its high viscosity and non-toxic nature. Here are some key points regarding the effect of Nitrosol on white adhesive: **1. **Viscosity Modification**:** Nitrosol plays a crucial role as a viscosity modifier in white adhesive formulations. Its high viscosity properties enable it to control and adjust the flow characteristics of the adhesive, influencing its consistency, application performance, and bonding strength. **2. **Non-Toxic Nature**:** The non-toxic attribute of Nitrosol is advantageous for ensuring the safety and health of both users and the environment. This characteristic is particularly important in adhesive applications where direct contact or exposure is possible, making Nitrosol a preferred choice for sustainable and eco-friendly adhesive production. **3. **Compatibility with Different Fibers**:** Nitrosol's versatility allows it to be used effectively with various materials, whether softwood pulp or cotton fiber. This compatibility ensures that the adhesive can be tailored to meet diverse application requirements while maintaining consistent viscosity and performance. **4. **Stability and Reliability****: By serving as a reliable viscosity modifier, Nitrosol contributes to the overall stability and quality of the white adhesive. Consistent viscosity control enhances the adhesive's performance, ensuring reliable bonding, adhesion, and durability in different use cases. In summary, Nitrosol's role as a viscosity modifier in white adhesive formulation provides essential benefits such as viscosity control, non-toxicity, and compatibility with different fibers. Its ability to enhance the adhesive's properties and performance makes Nitrosol a valuable ingredient in optimizing the consistency, application characteristics, and safety profile of white adhesive products.

TABLE 5 RESULT OF ANALYSIS ON THE PRODUCT.(Nnadikwe & Iheme,2023).

PARAMETER	PRODUCT RESULT	S.O.N. STANDARD
PH	8.0	6.0 - 7.0
TACK TIME FOR(WOOD TO WOOD)	2 HOURS	I – 2 HOURS
TACK-TIME (CARTON TO CARTON)	20 MINUTES	15 – 25 MINUTES
TACK-TIME (PAPER TO PAPER)	14 MINUTES	10 – 15 MINUTES
TACK TIME FOR(PAPER TO METAL)	10 MINUTES	5 – 10 MINUTES
TACK TIME FOR(WOOD TO METAL	5 MINUTES	3 – 6 MIUTES
SOLID CONTENT(%)	48	30 – 50
MOISTURE CONTENT(%)	52	30 – 45
WETTABILITY (HOUR)	TIME SUFFICIENT	TIME SUFFICIENT
STORAGE/SHELF- LIFE	6 MONTHS	6 MONTHS – ONE YEAR

Drying Time And Bond Strength .

The adhesive sample produced has a drying time of about 14 minutes after application on paper-to-paper attachment ,10minutes after application on paper-to-metal attachment ,and 2 hours for wood to wood and 5 minutes for wood to metal.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the formulation of white adhesive utilizing polyvinyl acetate (P.V.A.) and acrylic additives has proven to yield a product with exceptional bonding strength, effectively facilitating adhesion between various materials such as wood, carton, paper, and even metal. The comprehensive research conducted in this study has successfully met and even exceeded the standard values set forth by the Standard Organization of Nigeria (S.O.N.), underscoring the quality and reliability of the produced adhesive. The meticulous development process, involving the precise measurement and blending of water, calcium carbonate, acrylic, polyvinyl acetate, nitrosol, bamacol powder, and formalin, has resulted in a homogeneous mixture with superior adhesive properties. The thorough testing of the adhesive, including assessments of drying time, bonding strength, pH levels, and shelf life, has highlighted its robust performance across diverse applications. The versatility of the white adhesive has been clearly demonstrated through successful bonding tests on wood, carton, paper, and metal substrates, affirming its suitability for a wide range of practical uses. The adhesive's ability to adhere to different materials effectively underscores its potential for various industrial and domestic applications, offering a reliable solution for bonding requirements in different contexts. Furthermore, the adherence of the formulated adhesive to the standards recommended by the S.O.N. reflects its compliance with industry regulations and quality benchmarks, ensuring that the product meets the necessary criteria for commercial distribution and consumer use. This research work represents a significant contribution to the field of adhesion technology, showcasing the efficacy and practicality of P.V.A. and acrylic-based white adhesive formulations in achieving strong and durable bonds across diverse material combinations.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the comprehensive testing and validation of the white adhesive, which has demonstrated exceptional bonding strength across various material combinations, several recommendations are proposed to ensure the optimal performance and longevity of the adhesive in practical applications. While the adhesive has shown remarkable effectiveness in bonding wood to wood, carton to carton, paper to paper, paper to wood, and paper to wall, certain guidelines should be followed to maximize its efficiency and durability. First and foremost, it is crucial to adhere to the recommended material pairings for bonding with the white adhesive. Focusing on applications such as wood to wood, carton to carton, paper to paper, paper to wood, and paper to wall will leverage the adhesive's robust bonding strength and enhance the overall adhesion quality. By concentrating on these specific bonding scenarios, users can capitalize on the adhesive's proven performance and achieve reliable and long-lasting bonds. Furthermore, it is advisable to conduct thorough compatibility tests when considering alternative material combinations for bonding with the white adhesive. While the adhesive has exhibited superior bonding properties in the specified applications, testing its efficacy on new substrates or surfaces will ensure compatibility and prevent potential bonding issues. This proactive approach will help in identifying the optimal bonding conditions and materials for the white adhesive, thereby enhancing its versatility and application scope. Additionally, regular monitoring of the adhesive's performance and storage conditions is recommended to maintain its effectiveness over time. Proper storage practices, such as storing the adhesive in a cool, dry environment and sealing containers tightly after use, will help preserve its adhesive properties and prevent degradation. Periodic quality checks and adherence to recommended usage guidelines will contribute to the sustained functionality of the white adhesive and ensure consistent bonding results. In conclusion, while the white adhesive has exhibited outstanding bonding strength in specific applications, following these recommendations will further enhance its performance and reliability. By aligning usage with the recommended material pairings, conducting compatibility tests, and implementing proper storage practices, users can optimize the adhesive's performance and achieve superior bonding outcomes in their respective applications.

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