

Swiss Quality

Aerosols as SPF boosters – how does that work?

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Agenda

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- Aerosols as Solubility Booster
- Aerosols as Dry Touch Booster
- Summary All info on one slide



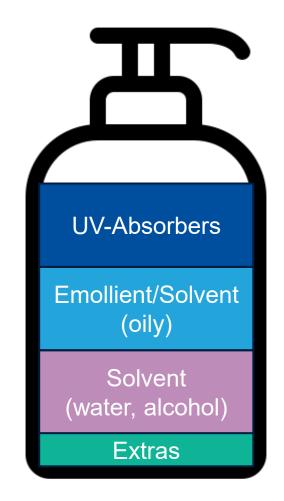
SPF - what has to be considered



SPF formulation and development

- Application of UV-aborbers can occur in numerous formulation types
 - W/O, O/W, oil, gel, spray, etc.
- UV-Absorbers work chemically (organic) or physically (mineral)
- Organic UV-absorbers come in liquid or solid state

	INCI	State at RT	UV-Absorbtion
BEMT	BIS-ETHYLHEXYLOXYPHENOL METHOXYPHENYL TRIAZINE	Solid	UVA/UVB
DBT	DIETHYLHEXYL BUTAMIDO TRIAZONE	Solid	UVB
EHT	ETHYLHEXYL TRIAZONE	Solid	UVB
DHHB	DIETHYLAMINO HYDROXYBENZOYL HEXYL BENZOATE	Solid	UVA
BMDBM	BUTYL METHOXYDIBENZOYLMETHANE	Solid	UVA
OCR	OCTOCRYLENE	Liquid	UVB
	HOMOSALATE	Liquid	UVB
EHMC	ETHYLHEXYL METHOXYCINNAMATE	Liquid	UVB
EHS	ETHYLHEXYLSALICYLATE	Liquid	UVB



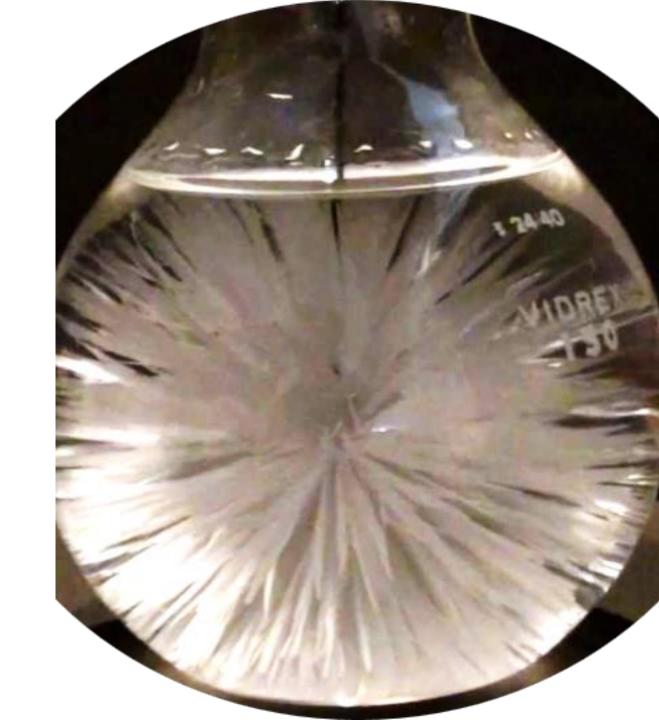
Background Stability is key

Supersaturated solutions

- More critical for monophasic systems
- oil, gel and alcoholic solution

Recrystalisation

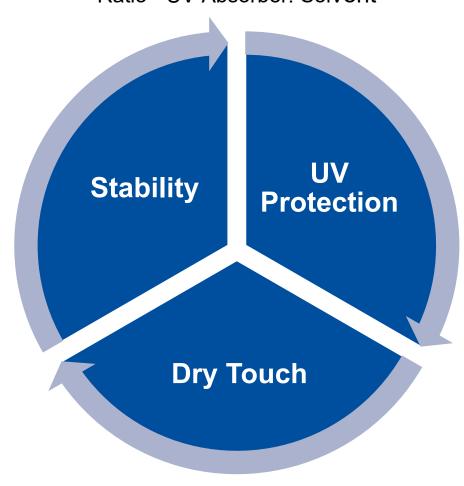
- solid chemical UV-absorbers = no protection
- can take long time (>70 days)
- bigger issue for monophasic solution (oils, sprays)



Background Challenges of formulating sun care

- Market demands
 - Reef Friendly
 - Higher SPF popular
- No liquid organic UV-absorbers (viewed critically)
- Majority of product launches today (no OCR, no EHMC)
- Customer need for "Dry Touch"
 - Light texture, velvety, quick skin absorption





Background

Aerosols can solve crystallisation issues

Customer Briefing

- Monophasic Sun Spray
- Dry-Touch (less oily, light touch)
- High SPF (50 and 50+)
- No UV-absorbers with bad image

Development approach

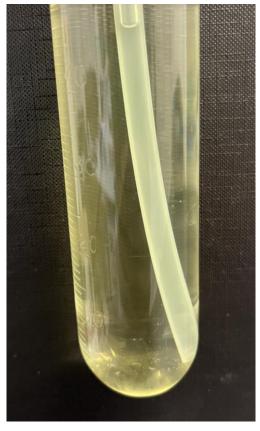
- Emollient reduction
- UV-Absorber maximisation

Unstable formulation (with crystals) turns to stable aerosol formulation within hours at RT.

Formulation non-Aerosol (2 weeks)



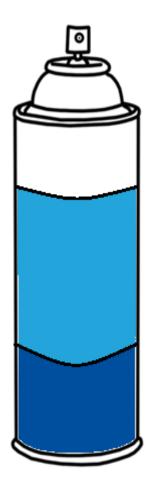
Formulation in Aerosol (2 years)



Aerosols as Solubility Booster Propellants act as solvents

Aerosols – the most suistainable packaging (Sepawa 2023)





Packaging

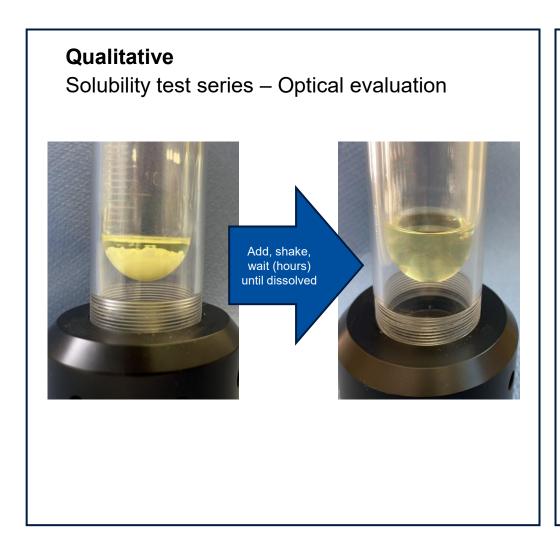
(Can, Valve, Actuator, Cap)

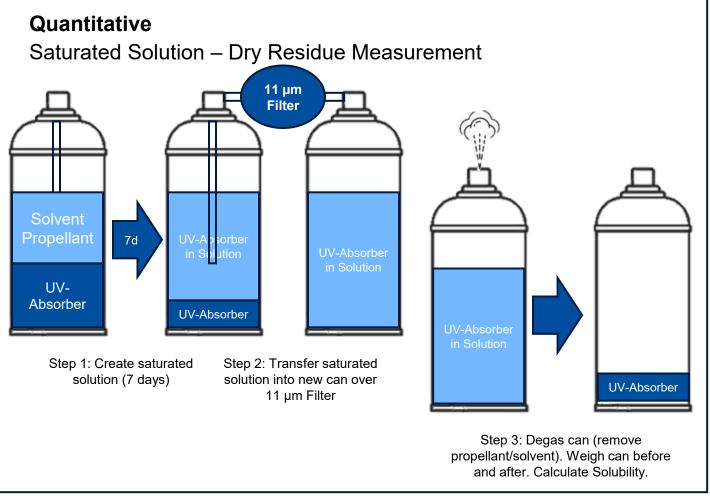
Solvent / Propellant (Butan, Dimethylether)

Active Phase

(e.g. UV-Absorbers, Emollient, Polymers, Perfume, etc.)

Aerosols as Solubility Booster Methods



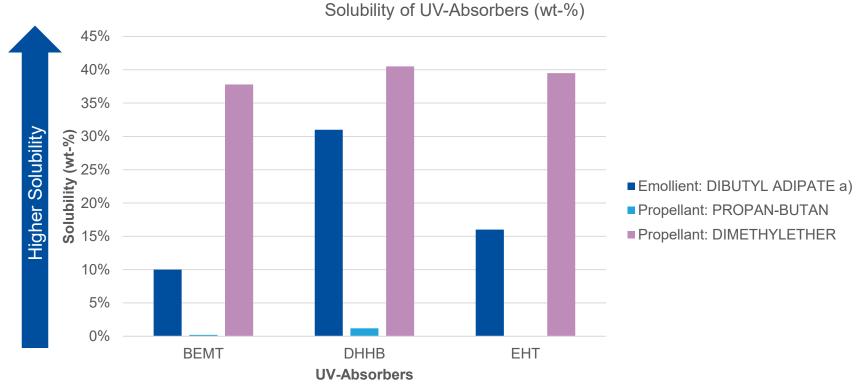


Aerosols as Solubility Booster Propellant with exceptional solubility characteristics

Solubility of UV-Filter in different propellants (quantitative results) Both methods show the same trend.

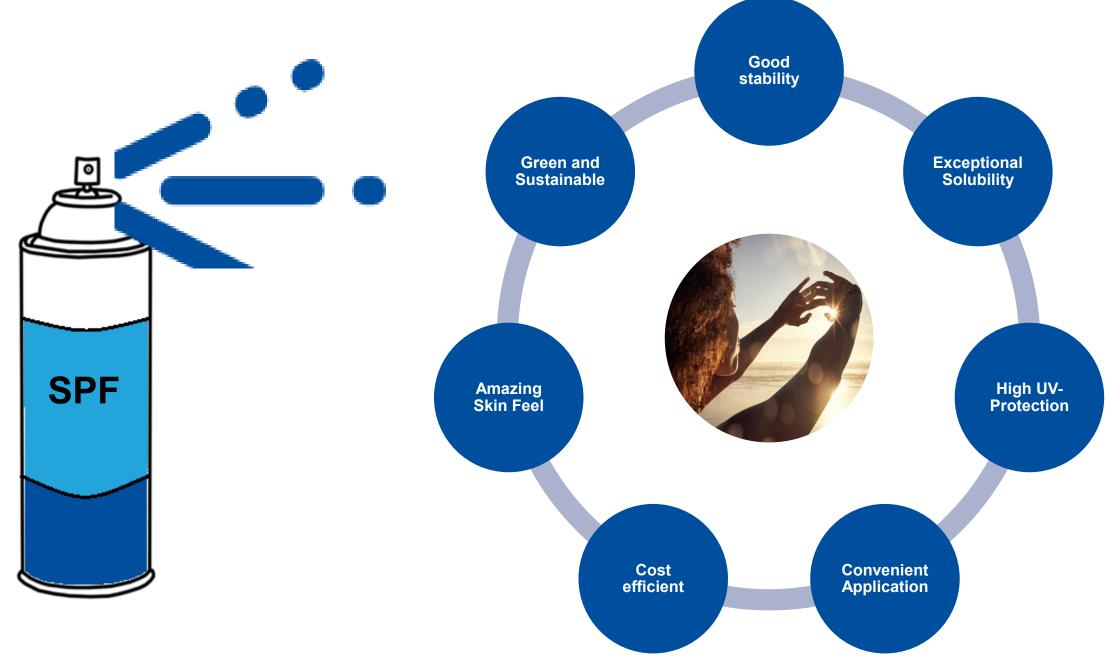
Dimethylether is an **exceptional solvent** of UV-Absorbers.

Dimethylether outperforms emollients as solvent of UV-Absorbers.



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Aerosols as Dry-Touch Booster Recipe comparison

Basis

- Applying the same amount of UV-absorber on skin
- Exchange oily solvent (Dibutyl Adipate) with dry solvents (Dimethylether, Propan-Butan)

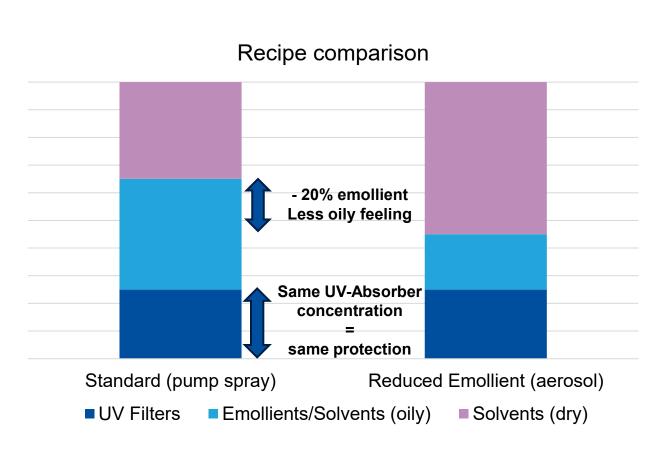
Effects

- Less oily solvent applied on skin -> boost dry-touch
- Higher concentration of UV-filters in film on skin
- We can use an instable formulation

Qualitative survey (n=10)

to showcase improvements on:

- Dry-Touch / Cooling / Fast absorbtion
- Less Oily / Less fatty shine / Less Stickiness



Aerosols as Dry-Touch Booster

Sensory evaluation



boosts Dry Touch

Aerosol

Standard (pump spray)

Reduced Emollient (aerosol)

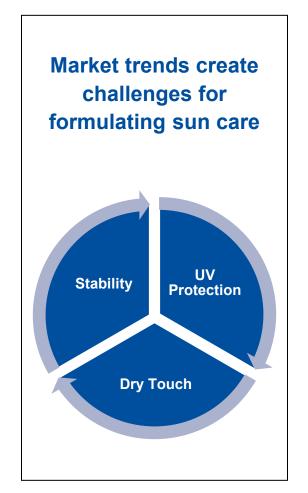
Aerosol provides faster absorption

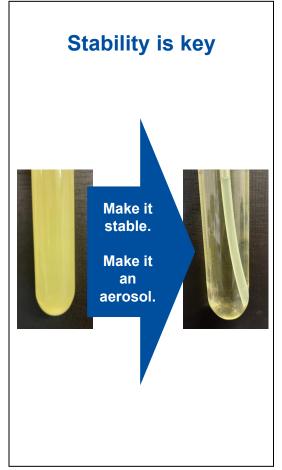
Aerosol reduces greasy shine

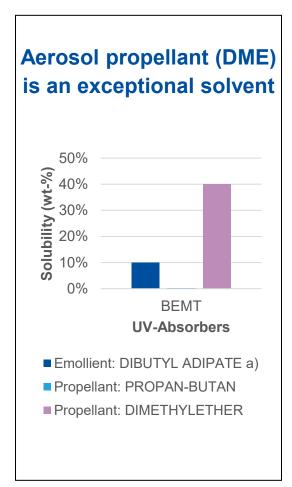
n=10, Scale: 1-6, with 1=not accurate, low and 6=very accurate, high

Summary

Aerosols as Solubility and Dry-Touch Booster









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Aerosol propellants opens new doors for formulating dry-touch, sun care products



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