

Silicone surfactants that support improved foam properties

VORASURF™ Silicone Polyurethane Additives selection guide



The solutions you seek. The quality you deserve.

We get it. Your requirements are specific, and for good reason. You need reliability. Quality. Dependability. On-time, in-spec delivery. Technical expertise.

This checklist isn't demanding. It's a necessity, which is why we make it our priority to not only check all of your boxes, but to serve as your dedicated supplier of high-quality silicone surfactants. We offer a broad range of options for ideal performance and adaptability.

With our team comes a robust resume centered on global experience and trust. We offer:

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- An extensive toolbox of proven Dow silicone surfactants for flexible, rigid and microcellular polyurethane foam
- An array of global resources, game-changing science and technical know-how
- An exceptional range of value-added polyurethane systems, components and additives

Our tools, your answers

Achieve multiple goals with silicone surfactants from Dow. With innovation on your side, you can increase the compatibility of your raw materials. You can decrease the surface tension of your polyurethane foam system. Our silicone surfactants can improve emulsification and nucleation, prevent coalescence and stabilize cell membranes.

Let's bridge the gap with understanding

Success and solution begin and end with understanding. We aren't in the business of keeping secrets. Our team wants to open a dialogue with you in order to bridge the gap and share our deep understanding of silicone surfactant technology.

We want to equip and empower you with knowledge. Together, we can start a discussion so your questions are answered. You will not only understand how the surfactant affects polyurethane foam formulation, but how you can maximize its ability to achieve desired foam characteristics.

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Continuous conventional and viscoelastic foam

Product	Processing window	Effective bulk stabilizer	Good mixing of components	Fine cell structure	High cell opening	FR Compatible Surfactants	Viscoelastic foams	Hypersoft foams	Alternate blowing agents	Reduced VOC	Features and benefits
VORASURF™ DC 198LV Additive	**	**	**	**	**	*	•		•	•	High efficiency surfactant for a wide variety of formulations including molded flexible polyurethane foams, such as a pillow.
VORASURF™ DC 198 Additive	**	**	**	**	**	*	•		•		High-efficiency silicone surfactant used for a wide variety of formulations.
VORASURF™ DC 5951LV Additive	***	**	***	*	**	*	•	•	•	•	High efficiency surfactant for a variety of formulations including TDI/MDI systems using EO rich polyols, low-medium density foams using auxiliary blowing agents
VORASURF™ DC 5951 Additive	***	**	***	*	**	*	•	•	•		New surfactant for high ethylene oxide rich polyol (cell opener) systems and for alternate blowing agent foams. Well suited for low- medium-density foams.
VORASURF™ FF 5955 Additive	***	**	**	***	***	*		•			Versatile surfactant for a wide range of applications, including visco (MDI and TDI), combustion modified foams and systems with high level of ethylene oxide rich polyols.
VORASURF™ FF 5959 Additive	**	*	**	***	*	**	•			•	Surfactant designed for use as a cosurfactant with traditional flexible foam surfactants to introduce finer cells or to introduce pneumaticity for foam applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5906LV Additive	**	***	**	***	***	**	•	•	•	•	Excellent bulk stabilization and compatibility with a wide range of blowing agents. Wide processing latitude. Suitable for flame retardant modified foams.
VORASURF™ DC 5906 Additive	**	***	**	***	***	**	•	•	•		Excellent bulk stabilization and compatibility with a wide range of blowing agents. Wide processing latitude. Compatible with high filler content.
VORASURF™ DC 5188 Additive	*	*	***	***	***	*					Excellent emulsifying surfactants for incompatible components in formulations and discontinuous applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5950 Additive	***	***	**	**	***	***	•	•			Medium-efficiency surfactant for a wide variety of formulations. Offers exceptional performance for FR foams and high-density foams.
VORASURF™ DC 5950LV Additive	***	***	**	**	***	***	•	•		•	Medium-efficiency surfactant for a wide variety of formulations. Offers exceptional performance for FR foams and high-density foams.
VORASURF™ DC 5160 Additive	***	***	*	*	*	**					High bulk-stabilizing surfactant used for soft, low-medium-density foams.
VORASURF™ DC 5810 Additive	**	**	***	**	***	**				•	Improved mixing of incompatible components in different formulation. High-efficiency surfactant. Compatible with high filler content.
VORASURF™ DC 5933 Additive	***	**	***	**	***	*				•	High-emulsification surfactant compatible with high PO containing polyols.
VORASURF™ DC 5982 Additive ¹	***	***	*	**	**	**	•		•		Medium-efficiency surfactant, compatible with a wide range of formulations and CO ₂ blown foams.
VORASURF™ DC 5986 Additive	**	**	**	**	***	***	•		•		Medium-efficiency surfactant compatible with a wide range of formulations.
VORASURF™ DC 5987 Additive	**	***	***	**	***	**	•		•		Surfactant compatible with a wide formulation range.
VORASURF™ DC 5990 Additive	**	**	*	*	**	***					Excellent FR surfactant. Used in conjunction with flame retardants.
VORASURF™ DC 5901 Additive ²	***	***	*	**	**	**	•		•		Medium-efficiency surfactant, compatible with a wide range of formulations and CO ₂ blown foams.

*Low performance **Moderate performance ***High performance • = Attribute present in product

¹Product unavailable in the E.U.

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Conventional box foams

Product	Rectangular block	Cylindrical block	Good mixing of components	High filler content	High cell opening	FR Compatible Surfactants	Features and benefits
VORASURF™ DC 5933 Additive	***	**	***	*	**	*	High-emulsification surfactant compatible with high PO containing polyols. Wide processing window for discontinuous process.
VORASURF™ DC 5188 Additive	***	**	***	*	*	*	High-efficiency surfactant for low- and ultra-low density. Offers excellent stabilization for high levels of blowing agents, including methylene chloride.
VORASURF™ DC 5906 Additive	**	***	***	***	***	**	Good cell opening, offers excellent stabilization to cylindrical blocks. Compatible with high-filler content.
VORASURF™ DC 5906LV Additive	**	***	***	***	***	**	Low VOC, good cell opening surfactant. Offers excellent stabilization to cylindrical blocks. Compatible with high filler content.
VORASURF™ DC 5810 Additive	***	***	**	***	**	**	Improved mixing of incompatible components in different formulations. High-efficiency surfactant forming finer and homogeneous cells. Compatible with high-filler content.
VORASURF™ DC 5986 Additive	***	***	***	**	*	***	Medium-efficiency surfactant compatible with a wide range of formulations in continuous and discontinuous. Improves utilization of FR additives.
VORASURF™ DC 5950 Additive	***	***	*	**	***	***	Medium-low efficiency surfactant for densities from 45 to 100 kg/m³. Excellent mixing of components and FR additives.

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TDI Viscoelastic foams

Product	Processing window (usage range)	Fine cell Structure	High cell opening	Low VOC	Type of foam
VORASURF™ SZ 1959 Additive	*	***	**		TDI Viscoelastic foam, mechanical froth.
VORASURF™ SZ 1952 Additive	*	**	*	•	TDI Viscoelastic foam, mechanical froth.

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HR Slab foams

Product	Processing window	Fine cell Structure	High cell opening	Bulk stabilization	Type of foam
VORASURF™ DC 5043 Additive	***	**	***	**	Wide latitude HR slab surfactant with balanced nucleation and cell stabilization properties.
VORASURF™ DC 6070 Additive	***	*	**	***	High stabilization and high cell regulation HR slab surfactant. Well suited for low-density foams or foams with high co-polymer polyol content.
VORASURF™ HR 7053 Additive	***	***	*	***	Wide latitude HR slab surfactant that gives very fine and precise cell structure. Well suited for any kind of HR slab foam with enhanced mechanical properties needed.

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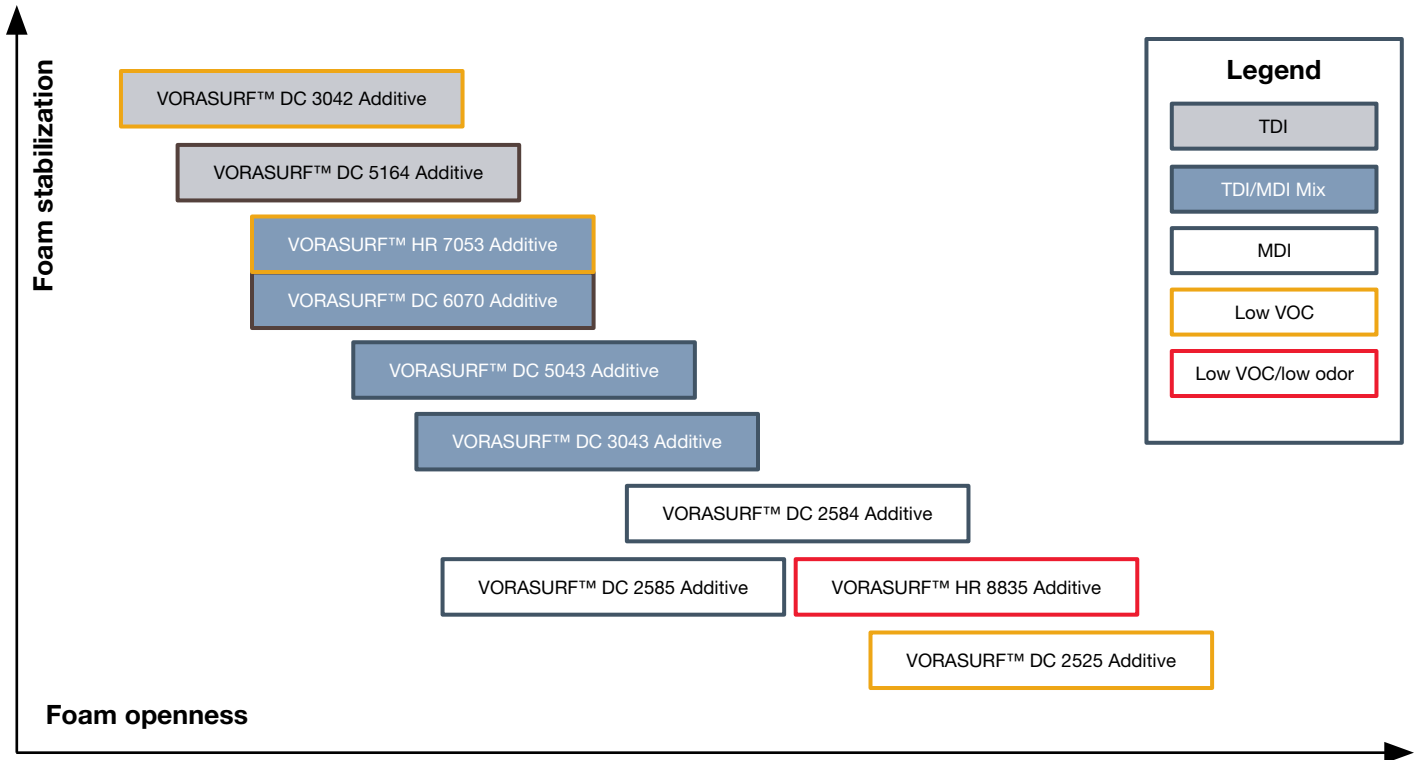
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Silicone surfactants for HR molded foam

Product	MDI	MDI/TDI	TDI	Viscosity (mPa·s)	Calculated OH number (mg KOH/g)	Seating	NVH	Integral skin	Potency	VOC	Features and benefits
Stabilizer surfactant											
VORASURF™ DC 3042 Additive			***	185	41	*	*	*	XXX	+	High potency, low emission, bulk-stabilizing surfactant. Best suited for TDI systems and should be used in combination with low emission cell regulating surfactant such as VORASURF™ DC 2584 or VORASURF™ DC 2525 Additives.
VORASURF™ DC 5164 Additive		*	***	290	27	*	*		XXX	-	Traditional, strong bulk stabilizing surfactant. Best when used in combination with cell-regulating surfactant such as VORASURF™ DC 3043 Additive.
VORASURF™ DC 6070 Additive		**	***	70	51	*			XX	+	Particularly recommended for low-density foams and foams with high amounts of copolymer polyol.
VORASURF™ HR 7053 Additive		***	***	78	29	*		*	XX	+++	Low emission. Used for TDI and TDI/MDI cold cure formulations. Can be used alone as sole stabilizer or can be combined with low emission cell regulating surfactant to boost foam surface aesthetics.
VORASURF™ HR 1348 Additive		**	***			*			XX	++	Low emission and low odor balanced. Used for TDI and TDI/MDI cold cure formulations. Can be combined with low-emission cell regulating surfactant to boost foam surface aesthetics. NO REACH compliancy, NO EUROPE.
VORASURF™ DC 5043 Additive		***	***	280	28	*	*		XX	++	Broad processing latitude. Used for TDI and TDI/MDI based HR molded foam. Offers fairly balanced cell-regulation and bulk-stabilizing performance.
Cell regulator											
VORASURF™ DC 3043 Additive		**		52	56	*	*	*	XXX	++	Strongest cell regulating surfactant. Modest stabilizing effect. Low fogging alternative to VORASURF™ DC 5179 Additive. Can be used alone, generally recommended to be used in combination with a bulk stabilizer like VORASURF™ DC 5164 or VORASURF™ DC 3042 Additives.
VORASURF™ DC 2584 Additive	**	**		68	60	*	*	*	XX	+++	Low VOC. Medium-to-high potency. Cell regulating. Suitable for stand alone use in less stable MDI and MDI/TDI HR molded systems.
VORASURF™ DC 2585 Additive	***			75	58		*	*	XX	++	Low VOC. Designed to perform in a variety of MDI HR molded systems - particularly NVH applications. Capable of producing courser, more open foam.
VORASURF™ HR 8835 Additive	***					*			X	+++	Very low VOC and low odor. Low-medium potency. Used for MDI based HR systems.
VORASURF™ DC 2525 Additive	***			85	58	*	*		X	+++	Very low VOC. Low-medium potency. Used for MDI based HR systems.
VORASURF™ FF 5959 Additive	*	*	*	1000	49	*	*	*	XX	++	Very high potency co-surfactant suited for integral skin systems.
VORASURF™ DC 5258 Additive	*	*	*	265	112	*	*	*	X	+++	Low potency, high cell opening. Suitable for stand alone use in MDI HR molded foams. Best suited as a cell opening cosurfactant used in conjunction with higher potency surfactants such as VORASURF™ DC 2584 Additive.

*** Strongly Recommended for application, ** Recommended for application, * Can be used
 XXX Very high potency in application, XX Medium-high potency, X Low potency
 +++ Very low VOC, ++ Low VOC, + Low VOC at use levels, - Not applicable
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Silicone surfactants for high resilience molded foams



Polyester foam

Product	Features and benefits
VORASURF™ DC 1990 Additive	Surfactant for polyester flexible slabstock foam applications with low emission requirements. Can be used in flexible molded foam for cell opening, and for rigid foam applications.
VORASURF™ FF 5526 Additive	Surfactant for polyester slabstock foam.

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Rigid foam

Product	Bunstock	High-density molded	Pour-in-place	Appliance	Metal face PIR/PUR panels	Spray foam - closed cell	PIR/PUR Boardstock	Features and benefits
VORASURF™ DC 193 Additive	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	General-purpose surfactant for rigid foam applications. Surfactant for footwear (shoe sole) and integral skin applications.
VORASURF™ DC 197 Additive		•				•		Silicone surfactant for use in high-density rigid, molded, and spray foam.
VORASURF™ DC 5098 Additive	•		•				•	Isocyanate-compatible silicone surfactant for use in a variety of rigid foam applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5103 Additive	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	General-purpose surfactant for rigid foam applications. Improved product clarity and reduced melting point compared to VORASURF™ DC 193 Additive. Silicone for rigid water blown applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5604 Additive	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	General-purpose, rigid foam surfactant for use in polyurethane and polyisocyanurate foams. Gives enhanced aesthetics to pentane-blown appliance applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5357 Additive			•	•	•	•	•	Strong nucleating surfactant for appliance, PUR and PIR insulation panels, including pour-in-place applications. Suitable as co-additive to improve nucleation.
VORASURF™ DC 5585 Additive					•		•	Silicone surfactant for polyisocyanurate foam systems - including flexible faced applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5575 Additive				•	•	•	•	General surfactant for hydrocarbon and water-blown rigid foam systems.
VORASURF™ RF 5374 Additive	•			•	•	•	•	Surfactant with excellent pentane compatibility in rigid foam appliance formulations. Well suited for hydrocarbon blown continuous PIR metal faced panels and boardstocks.
VORASURF™ RF 5382 Additive				•	•	•	•	Newly engineered low cyclic surfactant with improved system compatibility in pentane-blown appliance formulations. Well suitable for boardstock applications.
VORASURF™ RF 5358 Additive				•	•	•	•	Newly engineered surfactant with enhanced insulation performance in pentane-blown appliance formulations, continuous PIR metal faced panels and boardstocks applications.
VORASURF™ RF 5388 Additive				•	•		•	Newly engineered low cyclic surfactant with improved system compatibility and foam-surface aesthetics in pentane-blown appliance formulations. Well suited for continuous PIR metal faced panels and boardstocks produced with hydrocarbons.
VORASURF™ SF 2937 Additive			•	•	•	•	•	Silicone surfactant for producing RIGID polyurethane foams blown with HC, HFO, HFC and water for PIR construction and PUR appliances applications. Enhance k-factor of rigid foam. Suitable for HC blown formulations based on polyester polyols with solubility challenges (formulated polyols for continuous applications). Suitable for HFO blown formulations with chemical stability challenges. Pour-in-place and continuous insulation PIR panel. Closed-cell spray foam. Printer roller (microcellular).

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Open cell spray foam

Product	Features and benefits
VORASURF™ DC 198 Additive	Strong stabilizer for higher densities.
VORASURF™ DC 5950 Additive	Produces a fine, uniform cell structure with a high degree of open cells.
VORASURF™ DC 5980 Additive	Fine, open cells and good bulk stability.
VORASURF™ DC 5990 Additive	Wide latitude and medium strength surfactant.

Shoe sole, microcellular, mechanical froth, and semi-rigid section

Product	Shoe sole - density		Microcellular	Mechanical froth	Battery	Semi-rigid	Features and benefits
	High	Low					
VORASURF™ DC 193 Additive	•		•				General-purpose surfactant for rigid foam applications. Used for footwear (shoe sole) and integral skin applications.
VORASURF™ SZ 1952 Additive				•	•		High-efficiency, non-hydrolysable, mechanical froth surfactant for battery and EV battery cell applications.
VORASURF™ TF 1598 Fluid				•	•		Creates fine cells and aids in stabilization. Best used in combination with standard mechanical froth surfactants like VORASURF SZ 1952 Additive and VORASURF SZ 1959 Additive used in batteries and EV battery cells.
VORASURF™ SZ 1959 Additive				•	•		Used for batteries and EV battery cell pads. High-efficiency, non-hydrolysable, mechanical froth foam surfactant leading to fine cells, and high-frothing efficiency.
VORASURF™ DC 3042 Additive	•	•	•				High potency bulk-stabilizing surfactant for use in microcellular applications. Provides uniform cell structure, good surface appearance, and improved dimensional stability.
VORASURF™ DC 3043 Additive	•	•	•				Strong cell regulating and modest stabilizing effect surfactant for use in microcellular applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5179 Additive	•	•	•				Bulk-stabilizing surfactant for use in elastomeric foam applications.
VORASURF™ RF 5382 Additive	•	•					Surfactant for polyester footwear (shoe sole) applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5043 Additive	•	•	•				Balanced potency bulk-stabilizing and stabilizing for microcellular foam applications.
VORASURF™ DC 1990 Additive			•				Silicone surfactant designed for general use in microcellular foam applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5000 Additive					•		Silicone surfactant for producing open cell polyurethane foam. Suitable as internal mold release for flex molded applications.
VORASURF™ DC 5327 Additive					•		Low volatile silicone surfactant for producing open cell polyurethane foam. Suitable as internal mold release for flex molded applications.

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