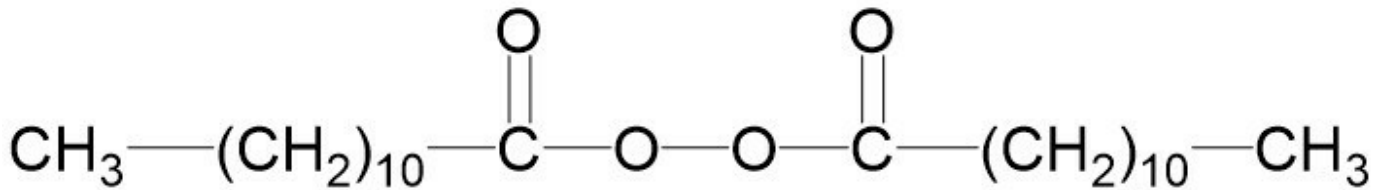


# Laurox

Dilauroyl peroxide



Laurox® is a widely used initiator for the suspension and mass polymerization of vinyl chloride between 60°C and 80°C. In many cases Laurox® is combined with a more active initiator, such as a peroxydicarbonate (e.g. Perkadox® 16) to increase reactor efficiency. Laurox® is used as an initiator for the high pressure polymerization of ethylene, but because of its poor solubility in most aliphatics, it is in many cases replaced by other peroxides such as Di(3,5,5-trimethylhexanoyl) peroxide (Trigonox® 36). The advantage of Laurox® is the possibility of storing at ambient temperature. Laurox® is also used as an initiator for the polymerization of methylmethacrylate at 60-90°C. Laurox® is often applied as a replacement for 2,2'-Azobis(isobutyronitril) (Perkadox® AIBN).

**CAS number**  
105-74-8

**EINECS/ELINCS No.**  
203-326-3

**TSCA status**  
listed on inventory

**Molecular weight**  
398.6

**Active oxygen content peroxide**  
4.01%

## Specifications

Active oxygen	3.97 – 4.01 %
Appearance	White flakes without any contamination
Assay	≥ 99.0 %

## Characteristics

Bulk density, 20 °C	0.460 kg/m <sup>3</sup>
Melting point	54 °C

## Applications

Laurox® can be used for the market segments: polymer production, thermoset composites and acrylics production with their different applications/functions. For more information please check our website and/or contact us.

## Half-life data

The reactivity of an organic peroxide is usually given by its half-life ( $t_{1/2}$ ) at various temperatures. For Laurox® in chlorobenzene:

0.1 hr	at 99°C
1 hr	at 79°C
10 hr	at 61°C
Formula 1	$k_d = A \cdot e^{-E_a/RT}$
Formula 2	$t_{1/2} = (\ln 2)/k_d$
E <sub>a</sub>	123.37 kJ/mole
A	3.92E+14 sP-1P
R	8.3142 J/mole-K
T	(273.15+°C) K

## Thermal stability

Organic peroxides are thermally unstable substances, which may undergo self-accelerating decomposition. The lowest temperature at which self-accelerating decomposition of a substance in the original packaging may occur is the Self-Accelerating Decomposition Temperature (SADT). The SADT is determined on the basis of the Heat Accumulation Storage Test.

SADT	50°C
Method	The Heat Accumulation Storage Test is a recognized test method for the determination of the SADT of organic peroxides (see Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, Manual of Tests and Criteria - United Nations, New York and Geneva).

## Storage

Due to the relatively unstable nature of organic peroxides a loss of quality can be detected over a period of time. To minimize the loss of quality, Nouryon recommends a maximum storage temperature ( $T_s$  max.) for each organic peroxide product.

$T_s$ max.	30°C
Note	When stored under these recommended storage conditions, Laurox® will remain within the Nouryon specifications for a period of at least 3 months after delivery.

## Packaging and transport

The standard packaging is a cardboard box for 25 kg peroxide. Both packaging and transport meet the international regulations. For the availability of other packed quantities contact your Nouryon representative. Laurox® is classified as Organic peroxide type D; solid, Division 5.2; UN 3106.

## Safety and handling

Keep containers tightly closed. Store and handle Laurox® in a dry well-ventilated place away from sources of heat or ignition and direct sunlight. Never weigh out in the storage room. Avoid contact with reducing agents (e.g. amines), acids, alkalis and heavy metal compounds (e.g. accelerators, driers and metal soaps). Please refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for further information on the safe storage, use and handling of Laurox®. This information should be thoroughly reviewed prior to acceptance of this product. The SDS is available at [nouryon.com/sds-search](http://nouryon.com/sds-search).

## Major decomposition products

Carbon dioxide, Docosane, Undecane, Undecyl dodecanoate

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