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Coating Applications

The coatings industry is a globally competitive and dynamic market with continually increasing demands for higher performance and lower cost raw materials. The demands for higher performance in paints, inks and other coatings are focused on improved gloss development (for semi-gloss), wet and dry hide, touch up and water release while still reducing the manufacturer’s overall raw material cost. Magnum Fill™ and Magnum Gloss® Precipitated Calcium Carbonates provide the performance and cost benefits that formulators demand.

Performance Benefits and Cost Savings as a Titanium Dioxide Extender

Although TiO₂ provides good performance in coating formulations, it is an expensive raw material. Significant savings can be realized by optimizing the use of TiO₂ in a formulation with extender pigments. PCC is an excellent extender pigment and both Magnum Fill™ and Magnum Gloss® PCC offer a wide variety of benefits in terms of gloss development, brightness, opacity and viscosity. Magnum Fill™ and Magnum Gloss® PCC lower costs by reducing the usage of titanium dioxide in the formulation while obtaining specific performance benefits (see Figure 1).

Performance Benefits as a Functional Filler

Calcium carbonates are versatile coating pigments used to improve the physical characteristics of finished products and reduce production costs. PCC is more than just a filler. Magnum Fill™ PCC provides excellent hiding power, high reflectance, stable viscosity and scrub resistance. Magnum Gloss® PCC provides high gloss, brightness, shade, coating strength and good rheology.

Advantages of Magnum Fill™ and Magnum Gloss® over Other Coating Pigments

Mississippi Lime’s Precipitated Calcium Carbonates are unique from other pigments due to our ability to control crystal morphology which allows the design of products with improved performance. Because PCC allows for improved particle packing which increases the interfaces and pore volumes of the coating, Magnum Fill™ PCC and Magnum Gloss® PCC have superior optical qualities when compared to natural calcium carbonates and clay products.

The Magnum Fill™ family of products is designed with a specific particle size distribution, particle shape and aspect ratio. As a result, Magnum Fill™ PCC has excellent performance compared to GCC and calcined clay on optical properties such as brightness and opacity. Magnum Gloss® PCC provides good gloss performance compared to premium clays and higher gloss performance than fine ground calcium carbonate (GCC) while still maintaining low oil absorption properties (see Figure 3).
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**Figure 1** shows a flat paint formulation where Magnum Fill™ extends TiO2 (flat paint) and Magnum Gloss® PCC coating pigments. Magnum Fill™ PCC coating pigments. Magnum Fill™ PCC has excellent performance compared to GCC and calcined clay on optical properties such as brightness and opacity. Magnum Gloss® PCC provides good gloss performance compared to premium clays and higher gloss performance than fine ground calcium carbonate (GCC) while still maintaining low oil absorption properties (see Figure 3).

Particle size, shape, brightness, oil absorption and rheology all play significant roles in increasing the hiding power of the coating (see Figure 2). Particle size and shape should also play a critical role in the selection of the calcium carbonate material. Both Magnum Fill™ and Magnum Gloss® PCC are well suited, providing different particle sizes and oil absorption values.

**Figure 2** shows a draw down comparison of TiO2, GCC and Magnum Fill™ PCC coating pigments. Magnum Fill™ PCC hiding power is apparent. Magnum Fill™ PCC has excellent performance compared to GCC and calcined clay on optical properties such as brightness and opacity. Magnum Gloss® PCC provides good gloss performance compared to premium clays and higher gloss performance than fine ground calcium carbonate (GCC) while still maintaining low oil absorption properties (see Figure 3).

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