



## Edicol® Food Grade Guar Gum

### General Applications

**Edicol®** properties to rapidly hydrate in cold water and yield high viscosities; its pseudoplastic rheology and its relative stability over a wide pH and temperature range make it a highly efficient and cost-effective ingredient in many food stability systems. Any food requiring the scientific management of its water phase is a potential application for **Edicol®**. **Edicol®** is used as a stabiliser, thickener, viscosifier, rheology control agent, bodying and suspension agent, texture and consistency modifier etc.



**Edicol®** brings about stabilisation, often in combination with other hydrocolloids, by modifying and controlling the behaviour of water in a food or feed. **Edicol®** may act as the primary or supporting stabiliser ingredient. In various frozen dairy and non-dairy products like ice-creams, ice-milk, ice candies, sherbets, milk shakes etc., **Edicol®**, either alone or in combination with other hydrocolloids like Carrageenan and Locust bean gum is used to prevent the formation of ice crystals during freeze-thaw cycles, to impart a smooth and creamier texture to the product, to increase overrun and improve chewiness. **Edicol®** prevents quick meltdown and increases shelf life.

In cottage cheese dressings, **Edicol®** promotes curd integrity by lubricity and binds the free water to yield a homogeneous stable product. In soft cheese products, processed cheese spreads and dips, the use of **Edicol®** helps eliminate syneresis and improve texture and flavour due to better control of moisture and fat/oil migration. **Edicol®** also increases yield, aids drainage and imparts a soft, compact and tender texture to recovered curd.



In various baked goods, the use of **Edicol®** promotes a dough having excellent film properties, particularly in low gluten flours. Baked goods like rolls and breads with **Edicol®** have an improved shelf life due to better moisture retention, softer textures and higher, loaf volume on baking. Cake and biscuit dough's benefit by incorporating **Edicol®** leading to better softness, better mould release and less crumbling during slicing. In dry cake mixes, **Edicol®** offers several advantages it aids one step mixing, gives shorter batter mix time, yields improved internal structure, prolongs shelf life, improves application of icings and frostings and

permits freezing of the cake.

The use of **Edicol®** in juices, nectars and syrups helps in the homogenous dispersion of pulp during filling and storage. **Edicol®** also leads to improved mouthfeel in these products. In fruit-based beverages, **Edicol®** helps in solids suspension and can be effectively combined with emulsifiers to prevent separation of flavour oils in the container.





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In canned foods and canned pet-foods, **Edicol®** is widely used as a viscosifier, processing aid and protective colloids. **Edicol®** offers the advantages of less wastage due to splattering during the working process, easier pumping of finished product to filling equipment, less splashing and therefore more accurate control during can filling and a homogeneous dispersion of solids in the liquid phase throughout the filling process. The finished goods augmented with **Edicol®** exhibit good storage stability as there is no migration of fat, and the water and solids are maintained in a good emulsion state. In canned pet-foods, removal of the product from the can is also easier due to the friction reducing properties that **Edicol®** imparts. A partial replacement of starch and flour with **Edicol®** in canned foods helps to reduce sterilisation and cooling time since it acts as a protective colloid to reduce starch retrogradation.

**Edicol®** is used as an effective viscosifier in soups, sauces and gravies, either alone or in combination with Xanthan gum and is complimentary to the use of starches. **Edicol®** helps provide a uniform viscosity to the product over a wide temperature range and imparts good cling to sauces and gravies.



In pourable salad dressings, **Edicol®** is often used with Xanthan gum and Propylene Glycol Alginate. **Edicol®** helps to enhance the mouthfeel, gives controlled pourability, suspension of solids and improved cling. Due to **Edicol®** excellent cold and hot water solubility, it can be very effectively used in instant products like soup and sauce mixes, instant drinks and desserts.

**Edicol®** is also used in various restructured or fabricated foods for better water retention and paste workability and integrity before the final structuring of the fabricated food. **Edicol®** is also used as an additive in food extrusion applications due to its excellent water holding and friction reducing capabilities.

**Edicol®** is also used in the preparation of noodles and pasta products; in pickles and relishes and in canned seafood. Fish feed formulations incorporate **Edicol®** in the dry mix which aids in the making of an excellent homogeneous fish feed paste when reconstituted with water and fresh minced fish. **Edicol®** is also used as a binder in feed pellets.



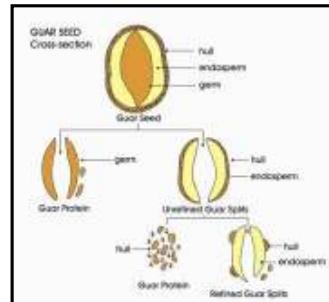
**Edicol®**, besides its major function of water retention, viscosifying and thickening is also finding increased use in foods as a source of natural water-soluble fibre; to improve mouthfeel and texture in low fat/no fat foods (specially in combination with certain starches and other hydrocolloids like microcrystalline cellulose); in slimming aids and dietetic foods; in products requiring "all natural" labelling; as a binder, film former and protective colloids; as a stabiliser in sour dairy products.

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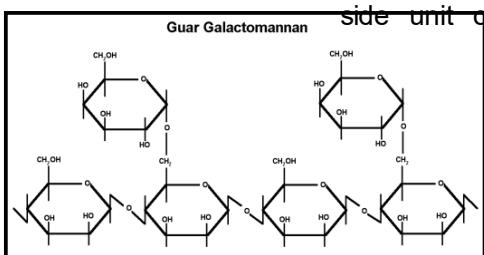
### General Properties



**Edicol®** is one of the most cost effective and efficient water-soluble polymers known. It forms highly viscous solutions at low concentrations. It exhibits non-Newtonian rheological properties and yields acid reversible gels with Borax. Due to the unique properties of this gum, it finds wide application in foods, pet-foods and feeds.

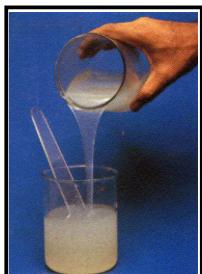


**Edicol®** is a plant seed hydrocolloid - a cold and hot water-soluble galactomannan polysaccharide derived from the seeds of the Guar plant 'Cyamopsis Tetragonolobus'. Chemically, it is composed of a beta 1-4 linked linear mannose backbone chain with single galactose



side unit on approximately every other mannose unit, in a 1-6 alpha linkage. The molecular structure reveals that it is a rigid rod-like polymer due to the beta linkage between the monomer units. The mannose to galactose ratio has been estimated at 1.8:1 to 2:1. Recent studies indicate that the galactose side units may not follow a regular spacing pattern, but in fact, may appear in "clusters" and on either side of the mannose backbone and the molecular weight of Guar Gum has been estimated as high as 1.8 - 2.5

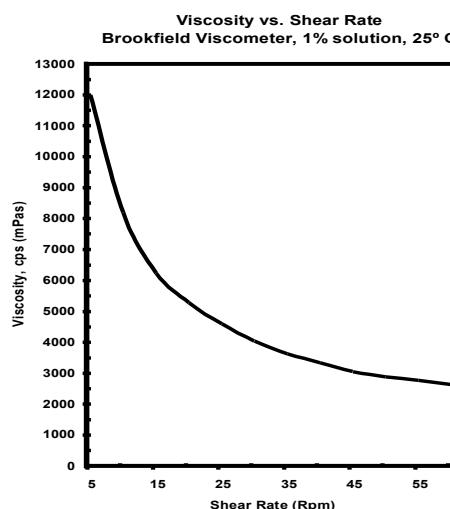
million. Depolymerised **Edicol®** products have significantly lower molecular weights. Usually, viscosities can be directly related to the molecular weight.



In general, it is the high galactose (to mannose) molar ratio that accounts for the excellent cold-water solubility of **Edicol®**. An important feature of **Edicol®** structure to be noted is the cis position of the adjacent hydroxyl groups on the C2 and C3 in the mannose and C3 and C4 in the case of galactose. This is an important factor since these adjacent hydroxyl groups reinforce each other in hydrogen bonding reactions.

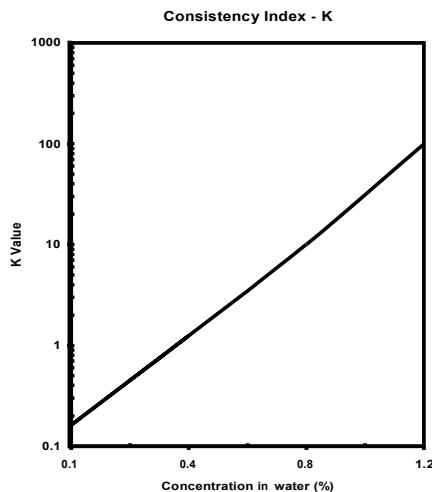
**Edicol®** is a non-ionic, white to cream white powder, soluble in hot and cold water, but insoluble in most organic solvents. It is commercially used in foods, pet-foods and feeds for its excellent ability to control rheology by economic water phase management. It is neutral in taste but may have a slight characteristic "grassy or beany" odour.

**Edicol®** forms highly viscous colloidal dispersions when hydrated in cold water. These solutions exhibit non-Newtonian, pseudo-plastic rheological properties. Aqueous solution viscosities decrease with increasing rates of shear.



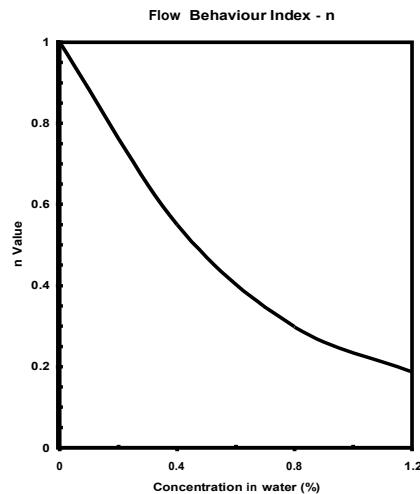


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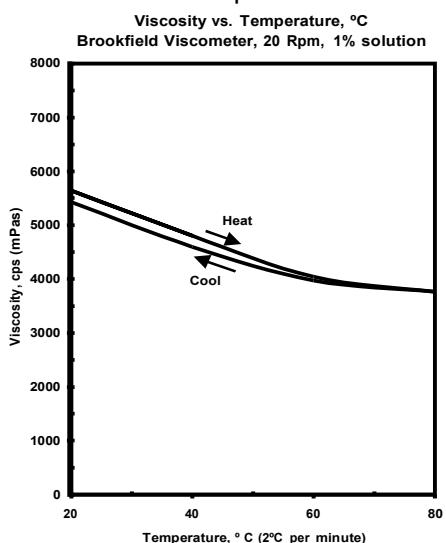
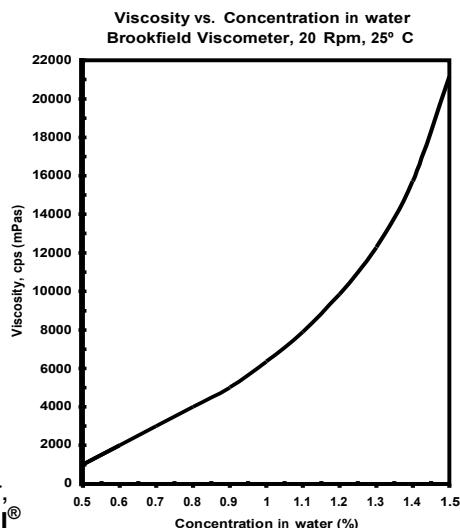
**Edicol®** aqueous dispersions, like most hydrocolloids, obey the power law:  
 $\tau = K \gamma^n$

Where  $\tau$  = stress,  $\gamma$  = shear rate,  $K$  = consistency modulus,  $n$  = flow behaviour index.



The lower the value of  $n$ , the greater the shear thinning effect (loss of viscosity on increasing shear). For an ideal Newtonian fluid, the viscosity is independent of shear and therefore  $n = 1$ . Numerous studies have shown that solutions with a high "n" value tend to feel slimy in the mouth. Therefore, when high viscosities and a good, clean mouthfeel are desirable, hydrocolloids like **Edicol®** with low "n" values are the gums of choice.

**Edicol®** solution viscosities increase exponentially with increasing concentration of **Edicol®** in water in addition to shear rates and polymer concentration. **Edicol®** solution viscosities are also influenced by previous shear history, temperature, pH and the presence of salts and other solids. The time required for **Edicol®** to completely hydrate in water, and reach peak viscosities depends upon the grade of **Edicol®**, the dispersion and stirring equipment used, the pH and temperature. **Edicol®** viscosities will tend to irreversibly reduce if the dispersion is sheared at very high speeds for extended periods. Such a reduction is more pronounced at an elevated temperatures and extremes of pH.

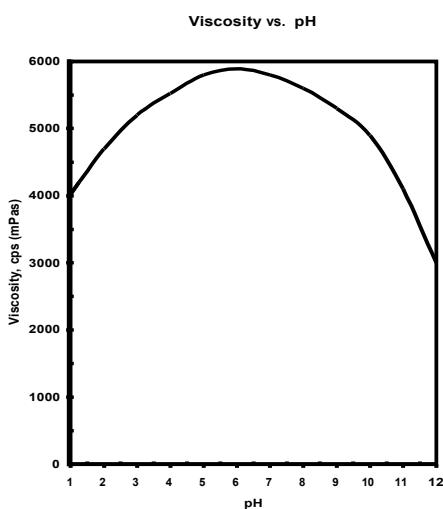


**Edicol®** is stable over a wide pH range. Due to the non-ionic nature of the product, almost constant viscosity is maintained in the pH range of 3-10. The optimum pH range for hydration of **Edicol®** is 5.5-6.5

The viscosities of aqueous **Edicol®** dispersions are not significantly affected by temperature. Hydration rates (rate of viscosity development) are influenced by short term heating. **Edicol®** will reach peak viscosities faster if the dispersion is heated to about 40°C for short while. Beyond 40°C and up to 80°C, viscosities will decrease, but will recover on cooling, though this depends upon the holding time at the high temperature and the pH. For example, **Edicol®** solutions having a pH of 4-9 exhibit good thermal stability when heated to 80°C and held for two hours and cooled again, but will thin irreversibly if the pH is held



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during this period at 3. Under normal conditions, **Edicol®** exhibits excellent freeze-thaw stability with insignificant syneresis in food products. Rheological properties of end products with **Edicol®** remain stable when refrigerated, stored at room temperatures or heated.

Since **Edicol®** is non-ionic, good electrolyte compatibility is achieved over a broad ionic strength range. Very high concentrations of multivalent salts will affect hydration and may produce gels. Addition of other solids to **Edicol®** dispersions will affect the rheological behaviour of the dispersion due to the competition for water between **Edicol®** and the other solids. The change in **Edicol®** dispersion behaviour is affected by the concentration of other dissolved solids, but also whether such solids are added to the dispersion before, after or with **Edicol®** to the aqueous phase.

**Edicol®** solutions will tolerate only small amounts of organic solvents. The polymer will precipitate out of solution and viscosities will reduce sharply when the weight % organic solvent in solution exceeds levels of 5%-10%.

**Edicol®** is compatible with other gums, starches, hydrocolloids and gelling agents both natural and synthetic, normally used in foods, pet foods and feeds. Excellent viscosity synergism is achieved, without gel formation, with Xanthan gum in ratios of 50:50 to 90:10 (**Edicol®**: Xanthan). Unique stabiliser blends, both cost effective and functional can be achieved by combination of **Edicol®** with other hydrocolloids, gelling agents and emulsifiers to achieve the right mouth-feel and texture in the final food product.

Like most natural galactomannans, **Edicol®** solutions are subject to degradation by microbial attack and hydrolysis. GRAS preservatives may be added to **Edicol®** solutions to extend solution shelf- life. Due to its high microbial purity, **Edicol®** has a long shelf- life in its dry form.

**Edicol®** Guar Gums are available in a variety of viscosities, particle size distributions and hydration rates to suit every need. Detailed specification sheets are available on request. Specialised "tailor-made" products are possible.

**Edicol®** are high purity Guar gums manufactured under strict hygienic condition and GMP's. The manufacturing process from raw material to finished goods is fully automatic, incorporating complex pneumatic conveying and material handling system. Various safety features and HACCP during manufacturing and packaging ensure that **Edicol®** is free from foreign matter and impurities.

Average standardised / blended batch sizes range from 5,000 to 8,000 kilos (11,000 to 17,5000 Lbs.), thus ensuring consistency and reproducibility from batch-to-batch. Every batch shipped to customers carries a certificate of analysis, including microbiological certification by our in-house microbiological quality control laboratories. Our well-equipped labs are capable of carrying out various tests and analytical procedures. No preservatives are added to **Edicol®**, including GRAS preservatives.

**Edicol®** must be stored in a cool, dry place, away from heat and out of the sun. It is recommended to use all the contents from a **Edicol®** bag/ container, within a reasonable time, once opened. Due to the hygroscopic nature of the product, excessive humidity may lead to absorption of moisture and consequent microbial degradation if bags/ containers are left in an open state for long periods.



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**Edicol®** is available in 25 kgs or 50 lbs net, multi-wall paper (open mouth or valve filled) bags with a suitable liner or coated paper as a moisture barrier. Other packing available on request (Plastic bags, Fibre drums, Jumbo sacks etc.). Pallets also available on request.

For Safety, Health, Environment and Handling, see Material Safety Data Sheet.

In order to obtain lump-free, homogeneous solutions and aid dispersion, **Edicol®** should be dry blended with other ingredients used, such as sugar, starches etc. Such a pre-blend should be added to the vortex created by an agitator.

**Edicol®** may also be slurried in certain miscible non-aqueous liquids (alcohol's, glycol's etc.) and poured into agitated water.

Eductor systems may be used to make stock solutions, but care must be taken to pre-blend relatively free-flowing materials with **Edicol®** to aid in having a controlled and even rate of discharge from hoppers etc. On its own, **Edicol®** may have a tendency to bridge or form "rat-holes" in hoppers and bins.

A high-speed mixing device is recommended to make **Edicol®** solutions. This ensures no formation of lumps, faster hydration and more homogeneous solutions. A holding period of up to 24 hours ensures that **Edicol®** solutions have completely hydrated and reached their peak viscosities. Heat up to 50°C may be employed through a jacketed vessel to speed up the rate of **Edicol®** hydration in water.



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### Product Matrix

Viscosity	(\$)	Particle Size			
		Fine (*) (#)	Med. Coarse (*) (#)	Coarse	Very Coarse
Very High	5500 - 7000	100-70, 90-70	100-60, 90-60	100-50, 100-30, 90-50, 90-30	
High-High	5000 - 6000	80-70	80-60	80-50, 80-30	
Medium-High	4800 - 5500	70-70	70-60	70-50, 70-30	
Low-High	4000 - 5000	60-70	60-60	60-50, 60-30	60-10, 60-00
High-Medium	3800 - 4300	40-70	40-60	40-50, 40-30	
Medium-Medium	2800 - 3300	30-70	30-60	30-50, 30-40	30-10, 30-00
Low-Medium	1800 - 2500	20-70	20-60	20-20	
High-Low	800 - 1000	ULV 1000			
Medium-Low	450 - 750	ULV 750, ULV 500			
Low-Low	40 - 200	ULV 200, ULV 100, ULV 50			
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(\$) = Typical 1% Brookfield Viscosity, cps (mPas), 24 hrs, 25° C.

(\*) Product available with good dry flow properties under nomenclature 'F' added to grade name

(#) Product available with anti-dust properties under nomenclature 'A' added to grade name

Note: Free flow property is achieved by addition of silica (food grade) Anti dust property is achieved by coating with propylene glycol (USP)