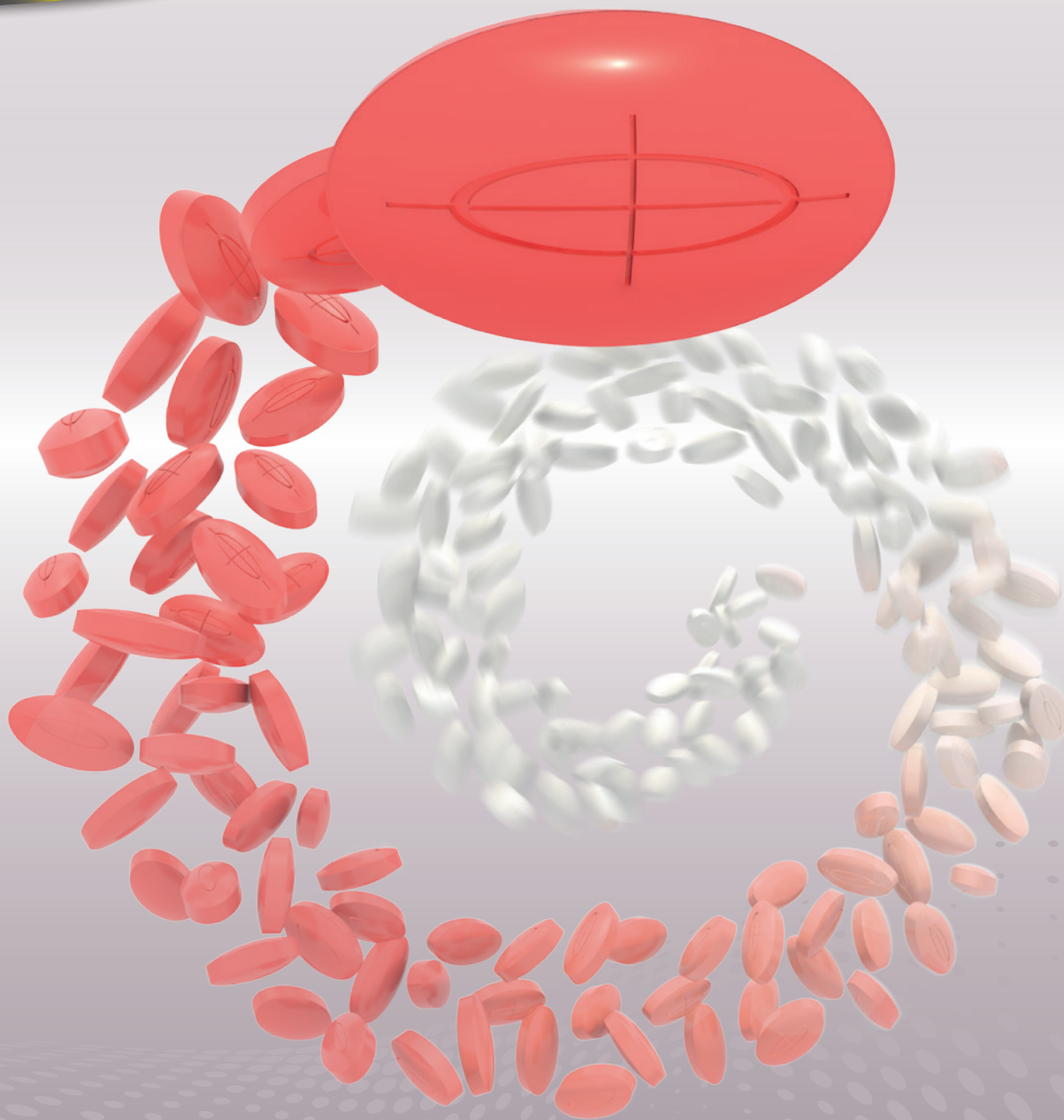


FILM COATINGS

OPADRY[®] QX

Quick and FleXible Film Coating System



Process Adaptability for the Perfect Finish

- Productivity Enhancement and Efficiency
- Wide Processing Latitude
- Excellent Appearance

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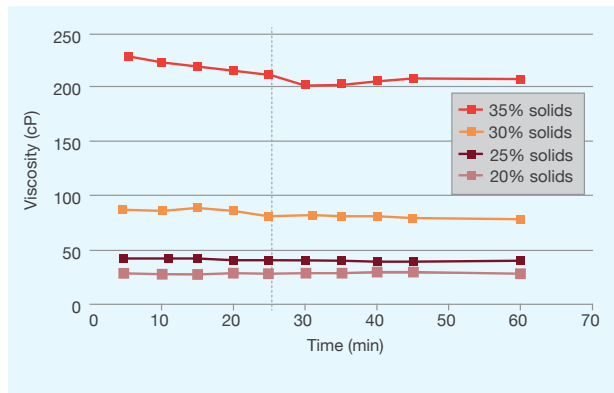
Process Adaptability for the Perfect Finish

Opadry QX®, quick and flexible film coating, is setting new productivity, efficiency and appearance standards for coated tablets. As an innovative technology breakthrough, Opadry QX greatly reduces solution preparation and coating production times, operates under a broad range of process parameters in any type of coating equipment, and always results in a premium quality finish.

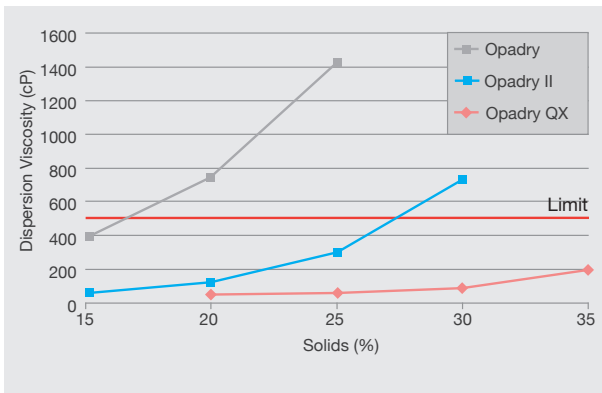
Gain Time with Process Efficiency

Opadry QX is a low viscosity formulation that is mixed with water and ready for use in 25 minutes or less – cutting preparation time in half. Even at high solids levels up to 35% w/w, the viscosity of the formulation remains low, allowing faster spray rates to help achieve greater productivity for each coating run.

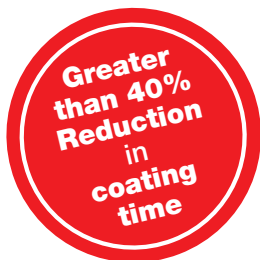
Opadry QX is Fully Hydrated in 25 Minutes



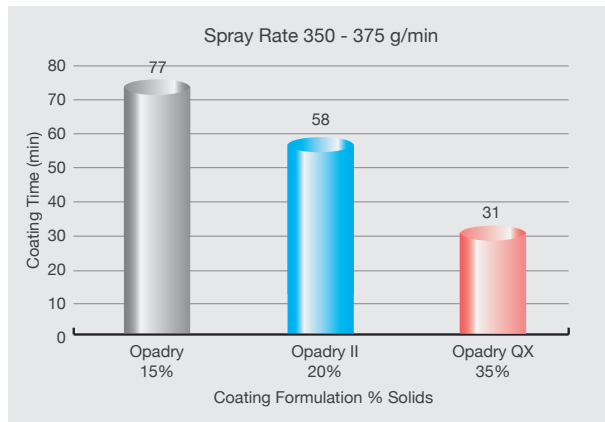
Opadry QX Viscosity Below Recommended Level



Using Opadry QX at the typical 3% weight gain, coating uniformity is achieved faster compared to alternative systems. This improved processing means tablets are exposed for far less time to the tumbling, heat and moisture associated with coating.



Film Coating Comparison, 48" Coating Pan



Overcome Process Challenges

Opadry QX offers unparalleled process and equipment variability without compromising the tablet finish. It successfully outperforms previous coating systems through variable bed temperatures, solids dispersion levels, plus air flow adaptability.

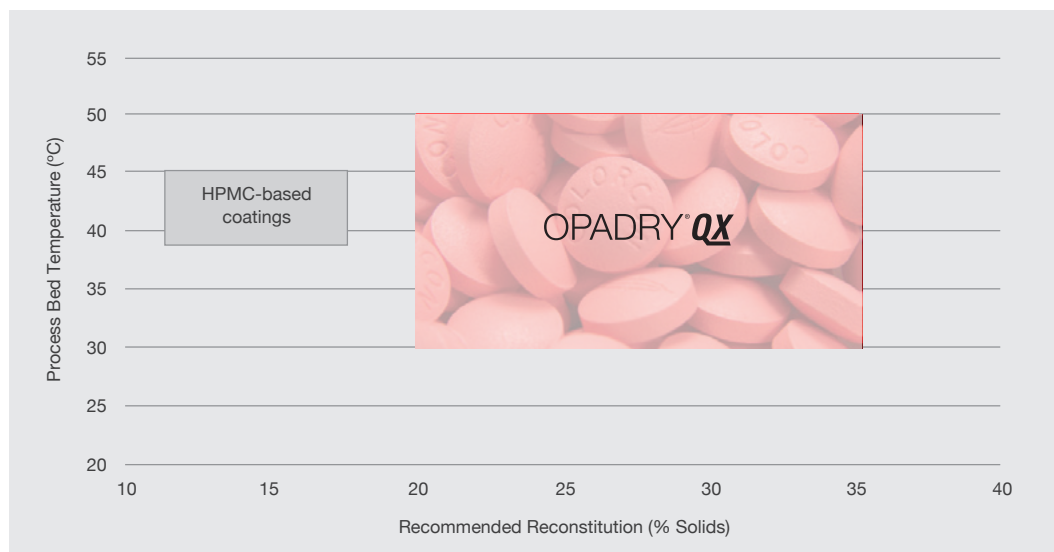
Broad Tablet Bed Temperatures

Opadry QX can be applied at higher bed temperatures which decreases coating times and reduces the impact of humidity. Yet the flexibility offered of operating at low bed temperature settings also makes Opadry QX a film coating ideally suited for temperature-sensitive active pharmaceutical ingredients.

Solids Levels

The increased solids level achievable with Opadry QX means that films are applied faster, color uniformity reached earlier and all coated tablets have a uniform, defect-free finished appearance.

Opadry QX Provides Wider Processing Latitude

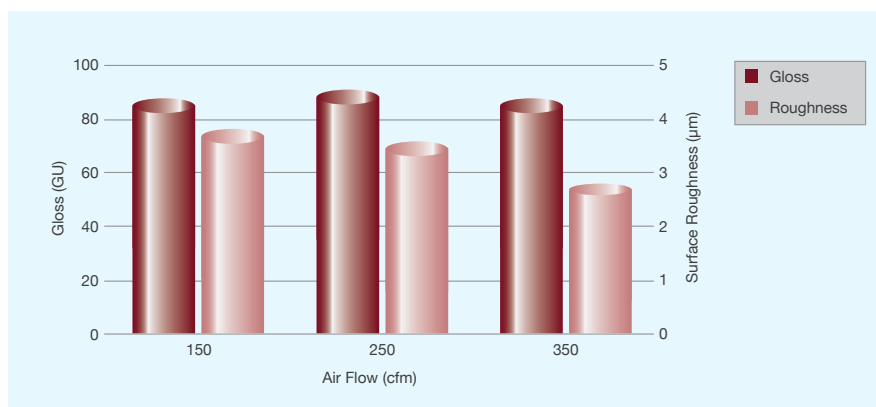


Overcome Process Challenges

Air Flow

Opadry QX maintains a premium coated finish, even when used in coating equipment with limited air flow capacity. In a design of experiments (DOE) performed in a 24" fully perforated pan, air flows ranged from 150 to 350 cfm, and the resulted coated tablets were consistently glossy and smooth.

Superior Gloss and Surface Finish



From Batch to Continuous

Opadry QX is proven to perform in all types of coating equipment, from solid through to fully perforated pan coaters. It has also been validated in the latest continuous and semi-continuous equipment representative of several manufacturers.* In each continuous coating trial conducted, Opadry QX matched the full capacity of each machine with improved coating uniformity and a perfect finish in record time.

Regulatory

All ingredients in Opadry QX are approved for pharmaceutical use in the major markets.

* For technical information and case studies for Opadry QX, visit the Colorcon website www.colorcon.com/opadryQX

The Perfect Finish

Coating with Opadry QX results in an exceptional appearance across a wide range of process variables. Demonstrated using a production scale 48" side-vented coating pan, Opadry QX was successfully applied over a range of coating solids concentrations, variable pan speeds and spray rates.



Variable Process Parameters				Appearance Targets				Total coating time to 3.0% weight gain (min)
Solids concentration (%)	Product bed temperature °C	Pan speed range (rpm)	Spray rate (g/min)	Coated tablet gloss (GU)	Surface roughness (SA)	Logo definition	Color uniformity St. dev. (ΔE)	
20	42 - 46	5.0 - 8.0	400	> 75	< 5.0	Excellent	< 1.0	49
25	42 - 46	5.0 - 8.0	400					39
30	42 - 46	6.5 - 8.0	400					33
35	42 - 46	7.5 - 8.0	375					30

Process constants: 130 kg pan load; 350 mg round standard concave placebo tablets, 1800 cfm process air flow; 3 – Schlick ABC spray guns, 25 psi atomizing and pattern air pressures.



Quick and Flexible

- Defer capital investment as productivity demand increases
- Easily transition drug production between manufacturing sites
- Save energy through more efficient manufacturing

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