

Product Information Laundry Auxiliaries

Lava[®] Cell BEE

Cellulase for biopolishing

Function Cellulase enzyme for biopolishing and permanent antipilling effect, improvement in the handle of fabrics made of cellulosic fibers, suitable for defibrillation of lyocell fibers

Properties

- decreases fuzz and pilling of cellulosic fibers
- durable softness, smoothness without loss of water absorbency
- removes fiber fibrils from lyocell after fibrillation treatment
- gives a soft, elegant handle
- improvement of color brightness and intensity
- favorable ecological profile finish

Chemical Characteristics Highly concentrated enzyme preparation on cellulase basis

Technical Data

Appearance: amber liquid

pH: 4,5 – 5,5

Dilution procedure: dilute with warm and cold water dissolve in cold water

Shelf life: 12 months in closed original containers

Store product cool but not below + 3°C

Lock packaging immediately after sampling or use

Application

Lava Cell BEE is a special enzyme which acts on the surface of cellulosic fibers. It weakens the micro fibrils on the surface of the fiber and gives fabrics a softer, more elegant handle and brilliancy. The effect is permanent and reduces hairiness and pilling of many cellulosic fabrics.

Treatment can be performed at any stage but the best results are obtained after bleaching.

The product should be applied on units with strong mechanical action such as jets, overflow dyeing machines or drum washing machines. Alternatively, mechanical treatment can be performed after treatment with Lava Cell BEE in a tumble drier.

Typical recipe

0.5 - 1,0 % o.w.g. Lava Cell BEE
0.5 % sodium acetate
0.5 % acetic acid 60%

A pH of 4.5 - 5.5 is normally set automatically. If necessary, it can be adjusted with acetic acid.

Liquor ratio 5:1 to 10:1, depending on type of machine
Treatment time: 30 - 45 min / 50 - 55°C

Enzyme activity should be stopped after treatment by adding alkali (soda or caustic soda) to set the pH at above 9 or by alkaline post scouring over pH 9 or by setting the temperature over 75 - 80°C.

The other dyeing, bleaching and finishing treatments are not influenced by treatment with Lava Cell BEE. The handle can be improved by applying common softeners, especially silicone softeners.

Treating cellulosic fibers with Lava Cell BEE reduces tensile strength. If the weight loss is 3 - 5%, the reduction in tensile strength is usually 10 - 20%. Particular attention must be paid to the reduction in tensile strength when treating bast fibers. Pre-trials should always be carried out to check tensile strength before treating new fabrics.

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