

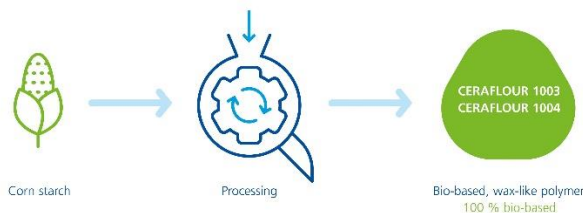
Press Release

Natural look, silky and matt surfaces thanks to bio-based, sustainable CERAFLOUR additives from BYK

- 100% bio-based
- Sustainable
- Based on corn starch or rape seed

Wesel, March 20, 2023 – For many years now, sustainability has been a key driver for BYK in its development of new additives. In addition to the obvious properties and effects of the product, questions regarding environmental impact, chemical basis, and energy consumption play a central role. Brand new for the European Coatings Show 2023, BYK is presenting three additives from the CERAFLOUR product line that meet these requirements.

With the introduction of [CERAFLOUR 1003](#) and [CERAFLOUR 1004](#) – two corn starch based polymers with wax-like properties - BYK has further expanded its portfolio of sustainable additives. Both additives ensure good matting while maintaining high transparency.

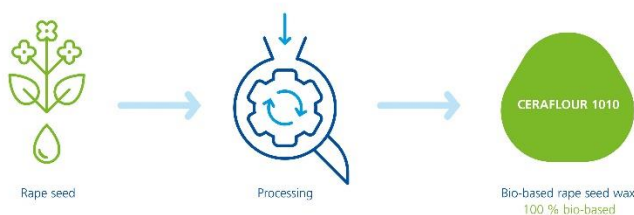


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[CERAFLOUR 1003](#) gives a slight surface texture and provides a similar matting effect at different observation angles and is especially recommended for wood and furniture coatings as well as for architectural coatings.

[CERAFLOUR 1004](#), on the other hand, has finer particles and results in a slight matting effect in combination with high transparency and a smooth, soft, and silky surface feel. It is recommended in wood and furniture coatings, in coil coatings and in architectural coatings.

Yet another new bio-based additive will be taking center stage at the BYK booth in Hall 3A of the European Coatings Show scheduled for March 28 to 30, 2023 in Nuremberg: [CERAFLOUR 1010](#).



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[CERAFLOUR 1010](#) is a micronized wax – based on rape seed – and, besides excellent matting efficiency, it also offers very good mechanical resistance. This makes it ideally suited for modern wood coating systems such as natural look formulations, for use in general industrial coatings and in architectural coatings.

Further information on these new products can already be found at byk.com/ecs.

BYK is a leading global supplier of specialty chemicals. The company's innovative additives and differentiated solutions optimize product and material properties as well as production and application processes. Amongst other things, BYK additives improve scratch resistance and surface gloss, the mechanical strength or flow behavior of materials, and properties such as UV- and light stability or flame retardancy. In the field of quality assurance, BYK's measuring and testing instruments serve to effectively assess appearance and physical properties.

The company's customers include manufacturers of coatings and printing inks, plastics, adhesives and sealants, as well as cleaners, floor coatings, and lubricants. BYK additives are also successfully used in the construction chemistry, oil and gas, and foundry industries.

BYK has a global network of subsidiaries and operates production sites in Germany (Wesel, Kempen, Moosburg, Schkopau), the Netherlands (Deventer, Nijverdal), and the UK (Widnes), in the USA (Wallingford, Chester, Gonzales, Louisville, Earth City and Pompano Beach), and in China (Shanghai, Tongling).

The company is part of the ALTANA Group and employs a workforce of more than 2,500 people worldwide.

This press release is also available on the Internet at www.byk.com/press.

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