Application Note

## High flashpoint EJ-309 liquid scintillation detectors

High flashpoint EJ-309 liquid scintillator is an alternative to the commonly used EJ-301 (=NE213). EJ-309 has a flashpoint of $144^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and is not listed as dangerous goods material. It's Pulse Shape Discrimination (PSD) properties are just slightly inferior to EJ-301.

To increase the neutron sensitivity, EJ-309 can be doped with Boron up to a weight percent of $5 \%$ of natural boron. This material is called EJ309:B5.

EJ-309 can be encapsulated in a variety of geometries and can be read out with suitable PMT's to obtain the optimum timing and neutron gamma separation via PSD.

| Properties | EJ-309 | EJ-309:B5 |
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| Light output (rel. to Anthracene) | $75 \%$ | $52 \%$ |
| Photon yield $/ \mathrm{MeV}$ electrons | 11.500 | approx. 8000 |
| Maximum of emission wavelength | 424 nm | 424 nm |
| Density $\left(15^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | $0,964 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cc}$ | $0,963 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{cc}$ |
| H:C ratio | 1,25 | 1,28 |
| No. C atoms per cC | $4,37.10^{22}$ | $4,13.10^{22}$ |
| No. H atoms per cc | $5,46.10^{22}$ | $5,34.10^{22}$ |
| No. electrons per cc | $3,17.10^{23}$ | $3,16.10^{23}$ |
| No of ${ }^{10} \mathrm{~B}$ atoms per cc | ---- | $5,34.10^{23}$ |
| Flash point | $144^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ | $144^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| Decay time short component | Approx. $3,5 \mathrm{~ns}$ | Approx. $3,5 \mathrm{~ns}$ |
| Refractive index | 1,57 | 1,57 |
| Light attenuation coefficient | $>1 \mathrm{~m}$ | $>1 \mathrm{~m}$ |




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## Pu-Be low gain



2-dimensional scatterplot showing neutron/gamma separation in EJ-309


2-dimensional scatterplot showing neutron/gamma/X-ray separation in EJ-309:B5. The Boron related neutron capture peak is located at a significant higher gamma equivalent energy (100 keV ) than in boron doped EJ-301 (60 keV)

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