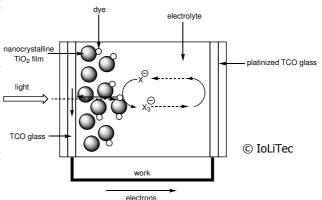
Application Sheet



Ready to use Electrolytes for dye-sensitised solar cells

Dye-sensitised solar cells (DSSCs) are considered a real alternative to the well-established silicon-based solar cells.^[1] Utilising a synthetic dye, a nonporous semi-conductor and electrolyte, they convert sunlight into electricity via a complex electrochemical process. Compared to silicon-based solar cells they offer the major advantage of staying functional even under diffuse light. They are transparent and can therefore be used as transluscent, power-generating architectural building blocks and design elements.

Ionic liquids, with their non-volatility, bright electrochemical windows (ECW), tuneable viscosity and conductivity are considered nanocrystalline among the most promising electrolytes for such solar cells. The most widely used process is based on the I^-/I_3^- redox couple, and therefore the main components of the too glass electrolytes are iodine containing ionic liquids. With those efficiencies of more than 10% have been achieved in the laboratory. [2]



In order to enhance photocurrent or photovoltage of the DSSCs, some additional components are added to the ionic liquids, such as rhodanides or of nitrogen-containing heterocycles. [3]

All these are now part of IoLiTec's portfolio. Our company prides itself on the quality of its products and offers not only a selection of ionic liquids, suitable as electrolytes, but also a range of ready-to-use-electrolytes that have been proved to show excellent results in laboratory tests.



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Product Code	Compound	Quantities
IoLi <i>Lyte</i> ® SP-361	0,10M I ₃ - PMIM-based Electrolyte	25 g to 1 kg
IoLi <i>Lyte</i> ® SP-382	0,15M I ₃ - PMIM-based Electrolyte	25 g to 1 kg
IoLi <i>Lyte</i> ® SP-355	0,10M I ₃ - PDiMIM-based Electrolyte	25 g to 1 kg
IoLi <i>Lyte</i> ® SP-163	0,03M I ₃ - BMIM-based Electrolyte	25 g to 1 kg
IoLi <i>Lyte</i> ® SP-237	0,2M I ₃ - PMIM/EMIM-based Electrolyte	25 g to 1 kg
IoLi <i>Lyte</i> ® SP-196	0,2M I ₃ - DiMIM/EMIM-based Electrolyte	25 g to 1 kg

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