

work hardening

Opposite of work softening, in which shear results in a permanent increase of viscosity or consistency with time.

Source:

PAC, 1979, 51, 1213 (*Manual of symbols and terminology for physicochemical quantities and units. Appendix II: Definitions, terminology and symbols in colloid and surface chemistry. Part 1.13. Selected definitions, terminology and symbols for rheological properties*) on page 1217