



Technical Data Sheet

WALOCEL™ XM 40000 PV Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose

Product Description

WALOCEL™ XM 40000 PV Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose is a modified hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose designed for use as a thickener for water-based systems like emulsion paints. The typical dosage of WALOCEL™ XM 40000 PV Hydroxypropyl Methyl Cellulose in emulsion paint is 0.2–0.7%.

Sustainability Attribute:



Applications

- Paints

Benefits

- Delayed solubility

Physical Properties

Property	Unit	Result
Appearance		Powder
Solubility		Water Soluble
Viscosity ¹	mPa·s	42000
pH (2% solution)		Neutral
Moisture content	%, max	8

1. 2% solution in water, Haake Rotovisko RV 100, shear rate 2.55 s⁻¹, 20°C

These properties are typical but should not be considered specifications. For detailed specification rates please consult the product Certificate of Analysis.

Health and Safety Considerations

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available from The Dow Chemical Company. SDS are provided to help customers satisfy their own handling, safety and disposal needs and those that may be required by locally applicable health and safety regulations. SDS are updated regularly, therefore, please request and review the most current SDS before handling or using any product. For further questions, consult your Dow contact person.

WALOCEL™ products have had extensive evaluation in both acute and long-term studies in a number of species, including humans. Their many years of use attest to their safety in a wide variety of applications. While the dust may cause mechanical irritation to the skin and eyes under extreme conditions, the products are considered to present no significant health hazard under normal handling conditions.

Handling and Storage

Cellulose ether products are organic polymers that will burn when exposed to heat and a sufficient oxygen supply. Fires can be extinguished by conventional means, avoiding any raising of dust by strong water jets. Dow recommends the use of water spray, carbon dioxide or powder extinguishers.

During use or storage, safe handling is required to prevent dust with air from reaching explosive levels, as is true with other organic materials of similar particle size. When handling large quantities, local applicable regulations concerning the prevention of dust explosions should be followed. With cellulose ethers, the critical level may be reached at about 28 grams dust/m³. Additionally, WALOCEL™ products, like other organic chemicals, should not be stored next to peroxides or other oxidizing agents.

Solutions of WALOCEL™ products are slippery. To prevent accidents, floor spills of dry powder should be swept up dry. If the spill is a viscous solution, it should be removed by further diluting with water before disposal.

WALOCEL™ cellulose ether products present no significant ecological problems. Typically, they can be disposed of by industrial incineration or in an approved landfill, providing regulations are observed. Customers are advised to review their local, state, provincial, or national regulations governing the disposal of waste materials to confirm the appropriate means of disposal in their area.

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