



Technical Data Sheet

WALOCEL™ MW 40000 PFV

Hydroxyethyl Methyl Cellulose

Description

WALOCEL™ MW 40000 PFV is a hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose with a delayed solubility designed for use as a thickener for water-based systems, and ceramic- and polymer-based tile adhesives. Compatible with all conventional mineral binders used in cement-based tile adhesive formulations, WALOCEL™ MW 40000 PFV provides good open time, adhesion and shear strength. The selected particle size distribution offers quick, lump free dissolution. It also enhances workability and water retention.

Applications

- Thickener in water-based systems
- Cement and polymer-based tile adhesives
- Waterproofing membranes

Benefits

- Very cost effective
- Robust performance
- Excellent thickening properties
- Delayed solubility
- Easy compatibility with non cementitious waterproofing

Physical properties

Appearance	White powder
Solubility	Water soluble, delayed solubility in pH-neutral cold water
Viscosity (1), mPa·s	40000
pH (2% solution)	Neutral
Moisture content, %, max.	7

(1)2% solution in water, Haake Rotovisko RV 100, shear rate 2.55s⁻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 & safety considerations

Safety Data Sheets (SDS) is available from The Dow Chemical Company. SDS is 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 is updated regularly, therefore, please request and review the most current SDS before handling or using any product.

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.

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Handling & 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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