

ECCAGEL OCMA

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A sodium bentonite with high bonding properties when mixed with sand, and good swelling, gelling properties. It has a very good cationic exchange capacity. All bentonite is mined in the Heidelberg (WC) area.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Colour (Crude)	Grey - Fawn.
Odour	None
Appearance	Powder
Moisture (%)	8-13 (typical)
Specific gravity (g/cm ³)	2,51
Bulk Density (g/cm ³)	1,1
Particle size distribution	< 5% retained on 150 µm
Grit	<2.5% retained on 75 µm
pH (30g in 60ml water)	8-10
Viscosity (s) after 1 hour based 35g/1000ml	40 seconds minimum
Viscosity (s) after 24 hours based 35g/1000ml	43 seconds minimum

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS (%)

SiO ₂	62,2
Al ₂ O ₃	18,6
Fe ₂ O ₃	3,5
TiO ₂	0,2
CaO	0,8
MgO	3,7
K ₂ O	0,7
Na ₂ O	2,4
L.O.I	7,9

MINERALOGY (APPROXIMATE)

% Montmorillonite	94%
% Quartz	5,5%
% Mica	0,5%

DRILLING PROPERTIES (TYPICAL):

Filter Volume (ml)	≥16
Viscosity: 600 rpm (cP)	≥ 30
Plastic Viscosity (cP)	≤7
Yield Point (m ³ /tonne)	21
Yield Point / Plastic Viscosity (ratio)	3.0

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Additional information

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Eccagel OCMA is a milled alumino silicate product which generates dust when handled in dry conditions. **Eccagel OCMA** is low in dust likely to yield respirable silica levels. A dust mask is recommended for use when handling this product in bulk volumes. The material is a natural desiccant. Handling with gloves or the use of a barrier cream will prevent drying of the skin. The product is very slippery when wet and special care must be taken during handling in wet conditions.

Storage and Shelf life

PACKAGING

Eccagel OCMA is available in the following packaging:
- 25 kg multiply bags, 40 bags per 1,0 metric ton pallet.

STORAGE

Bentonite is hygroscopic and absorbs moisture. Store in a cool dry place. Do not leave bags in use open; i.e. fold in tight preventing ingress of moisture. Shelf life is 10 years.

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