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### SILICA FUME - TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

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**SILICA FUME** is a very fine pozzolanic material, composed of amorphous silica produced by electric arc furnaces as a byproduct of the production of elemental silicon or ferro silicon alloys.

**SILICA FUME** can be used in a variety of cementitious products such as concrete, grouts, and mortars as well as elastomer, polymer, refractory, ceramic and rubber applications.

**SILICA FUME** is produced in conformance with the ASTM C 1240 specifications. The quality is controlled and monitored throughout the entire production process to ensure that it meets or exceeds specification requirements.

PROPERTIES	
State	Amorphous - Sub-micron powder
Color	Gray to medium gray powder
Specific Gravity	2.10 to 2.40
Solubility	Insoluble
Bulk Density - Densified	38 to 45 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (608 to 720 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
Bulk Density - Undensified "as produced"	12 to 20 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> (192 to 320 kg/m <sup>3</sup> )
SPECIFICATIONS	
Silicon Dioxide (SiO <sub>2</sub> ) %	Minimum 85 %
Moisture Content %	Maximum 3.0 %
Loss on Ignition (LOI) %	Maximum 6.0 %
Oversize percent retained on 45- $\mu$ m (325 sieve)	Maximum 10.0 %
7 day Pozzolanic strength activity index	Minimum 105 %
Specific Surface	Minimum 15 m <sup>2</sup> /g

#### MECHANISM OF SILICA FUME'S POZZOLANIC REACTION IN A CEMENTITIOUS SYSTEM

**SILICA FUME** in contact with water goes into solution within an hour. The silica in solution forms an amorphous silica rich, Ca poor, gel on the surface of the silica fume particles and agglomerates. After time the silica rich, Ca poor, coating dissolves and the agglomerates of silica fume reacts with free lime (CaOH<sub>2</sub>) to form calcium silicate hydrates (CSH). This reaction is called the *pozzolanic reaction*.

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### **PACKAGING, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

<b>PRODUCT FORM</b>	<b>PACKAGING</b>	<b>WEIGHT</b>
Silica Fume – Densified	Bulk Truckload	40 to 44,000 lbs.
	Super Sack - Short Ton	2,000 lbs.
	Super Sack - Metric Ton	2,200 lbs.
	Paper Bag	50 lbs.
	Paper Bag	25 lbs.
Silica Fume - Undensified	Super Sack	900 to 1300 lbs.
	Paper Bag	50 lbs.

### **STORAGE**

**SILICA FUME** should be kept dry, out of weather and the elements.

### **SAFETY AND HANDLING PRECAUTIONS**

**SILICA FUME** is generally considered a nuisance dust. Use and handling of silica fume does not represent a health risk when normal safety rules are observed. Direct contact may cause irritation of eyes. Prolonged contact may cause skin irritation. Inhalation may cause respiratory irritation resulting in coughing and shortness of breath. May be harmful if swallowed. Do not get in eyes and avoid prolonged skin contact. Do not take internally. Wash thoroughly with water after handling. For more detail, see our **MSDS**.

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