



## WALOCEL™ MKX 15000 PF 01

Hydroxyethyl Methyl Cellulose

### Introduction

WALOCEL™ MKX 15000 PF 01 hydroxyethyl methyl cellulose was developed for cement-based applications, such as skim coats, repair mortars, tile adhesives and tile grouts. It imparts well-balanced properties, including open time, adhesion and shear strength. WALOCEL™ MKX 15000 PF 01 also adds good workability and enhances water retention. The selected particle size distribution offers quick, lump-free dissolution. It is compatible with all conventional mineral and organic binders.

### Typical Physical Properties

These properties are typical but should not be considered specifications.

Form	Powder
Solubility	Water soluble
Viscosity <sup>(1)</sup> , mPa•s	14,000 - 18,000
pH (2% solution)	Neutral
Moisture content, %, max.	7

<sup>(1)</sup>2% solution in water, Haake Rotovisko RV 100, shear rate 2.55s<sup>-1</sup>, 20°C

### Health and Safety Considerations

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.

### Flammability

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.

### Handling

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 or those outlined in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard: "Prevention of Dust Explosions in Industrial Plants" should be followed. With cellulose ethers, the critical level may be reached at about 28 grams dust/m<sup>3</sup>. Additionally, WALOCEL™ products, like other organic chemicals, should not be stored next to peroxides or other oxidizing agents.

### Spills/ Housekeeping

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.

### 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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