

FEATURES & BENEFITS

SILEX® ground silica is produced from high purity industrial quartz feed stock. Consistently uniform chemistries, minimal levels of iron and other refractive elements, and statistical control of particle size distribution make SILEX ideally suited for the manufacture of specialty glass fibers and continuous filament production.

In the manufacture of glass fiber, SILEX provides a chemically pure silicon dioxide source with certified particle size uniformity and control of “coarse” grains to maximize the rate of pull from the furnace without an increase of unmelted stones which could interrupt or break the continuous filament. SILEX will combine immediately with other batch constituents and completely fuse in the glassy phase to effectively reduce melt energy requirements and produce a homogeneous batch to improve the draw through the bushings.

All SILEX grades are processed with rigid adherence to Covia QIPSM statistical and quality assurance programs. The result is chemical purity and consistently uniform particle size distributions for predictable results and reliable service.

PARTICAL SIZE ANALYSIS

Typical Mean Values. These Do Not Represent A Specification.

	Mesh Size		SILEX® Grades	
	ASTM	MICRONS	200 85% PASSING	325 96% PASSING
Typical mean % retained on individual sieves	70	212	-	-
	100	150	tr	-
	200	75	1.8	0.4
	270	53	6.1	1.3
	325	45	6.7	2.3
% Finer than	<325	<45	85.3	96.0

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

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SILEX® Ground Silica		
Specific Gravity (g/cm ³)	2.65	ASTM C-128
Moisture Content %	<0.1	ASTM C-566
Fusion Point (Pyremetric Cone)	32.5	ASTM C-24
Melting Point (°F/°C)	3135/1724	ASTM C-24
pH	4.5-5.0	ASTM C-113-87-S

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

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Typical Mean Percent by Weight	
Silicon Dioxide (SiO ₂)	99.59
Iron Oxide (Fe ₂ O ₃)	0.03
Aluminum Oxide (Al ₂ O ₃)	0.28
Calcium Oxide (CaO)	0.01
Titanium Dioxide (TiO ₂)	0.02
Magnesium Oxide (MgO)	0.01
Potassium Oxide (K ₂ O)	0.01
Sodium Oxide (Na ₂ O)	0.01
Loss on Ignition (LOI)	0.11

SHIPPING/ORDERING INFORMATION

- Shipping Point: Marston, NC
- Originating Carrier: CSX Railroad
- Availability: Bulk Only
Truck and Rail

CUSTOMER SERVICE

US & Canada: 1-800-243-9004

Fax: 1-800-243-9005

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Health Hazard Warnings: Prolonged inhalation of dust associated with the materials described in this data sheet can cause delayed lung injury including Silicosis, a progressive, disabling and sometimes fatal lung disease. IARC and NTP have determined that crystalline silica can cause lung cancer in humans. Risk of injury is dependent on the duration and level of exposure. Follow OSHA or other relevant safety and health standards for the form of crystalline silica called Quartz. Current safety data sheet, containing safety information, is available and should be consulted before usage.

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