

# Levasil FO2040

## Colloidal silica

Levasil® FO2040 is an alkaline, aqueous dispersion of colloidal silica that is approximately 40% solids by weight. The silica dispersion is sodium stabilized and the amorphous silica particles carry a negative surface charge. The silica particles are discrete, have a slightly uneven, spherical shape, and are present in a narrow particle size distribution. The physical appearance of the dispersion is an opalescent liquid, slightly more viscous than water. Levasil® FO2040 is produced for world-wide distribution.

**CAS number**  
7631-86-9

### Specification

Density at 20°C	1.285 - 1.303 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
SiO <sub>2</sub>	38.8 - 40.6 wt%
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.29 - 0.46 wt%
pH at 20°C	9.3 - 10.7
Viscosity at 20°C	≤20.0 cP

### Characteristics

Specific Surface Area, Sears	200 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Appearance/Color	Free of gelatinous and foreign matter. / No exceptional color variation.

#### Notes:

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## Applications

Levasil® FO2040 is an excellent binder with very high binding power for a broad variety of inorganic materials as refractories.

## Storage

Levasil® FO2040 should be transported and stored at a temperature of 5-35°C (40-95°F). If the silica dispersion is allowed to freeze, the silica will irreversibly precipitate. For bulk storage, the tank should be sealed and constructed of plastic, fiberglass reinforced plastic, or stainless steel. For packaged goods, any translucent packages should be stored out of direct sunlight or bright light. Under recommended conditions, Levasil® FO2040 has a shelf life of twelve months after production.

## Packaging and transport

Levasil® FO2040 is available in bulk, 1000 liters IBC and 220 liters plastic drum.

## Safety and handling

Before handling this material, review the corresponding Material Safety Data Sheet. Colloidal silica products are aqueous dispersions of amorphous silica. Colloidal silica is not classified as harmful, but as mildly irritating. Because the products can have a drying effect on the skin, protective gloves should always be used. In case of skin contact, wash the area of contact with plenty of water. The use of safety glasses is always recommended. In case of eye contact, rinse with large amounts of water and seek professional medical advice.

## Certifications

ISO 9001 and 14001 certified.

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