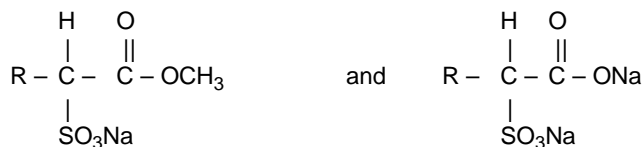


Product Bulletin

ALPHA-STEP® PC-48

Product Name

Chemical Structure & Description



R = C₁₀₋₁₆

INCI Name

Sodium Methyl 2-Sulfolaurate and Disodium 2-Sulfolaurate

CAS Reg. No.

149458-07-1

Applications

ALPHA-STEP PC-48 is an anionic surfactant derived from oleochemicals and its hydrophobic chain distribution, which ranges from C₁₂ to C₁₈, allows for excellent detergency, foaming and mildness properties in a wide variety of household, industrial and personal care applications. ALPHA-STEP PC-48 is appropriate when formulating high foaming, high active personal care products such as body wash. It has a very low viscosity response and is very good at clarifying formulas with high levels of electrolytes. This versatile surfactant also functions well in hard water, having favorable hard water tolerance and lime soap dispersing ability. ALPHA-STEP PC-48 is a readily soluble liquid that can be easily formulated between a pH of 4 to 9. Applications include household and industrial liquid laundry, hand dishwash, hard surface cleaners, hand soaps, specialty foam applications, body washes and facial cleansers.

Typical Properties

Appearance at 25 °C.....	Clear yellow liquid	pH, 10% aqueous.....	6
Color, Gardner	3 max.	Flash Point (PMCC), °C (°F).....	>94 (>201)
Total Actives, %	38.5	Density, g/ml (lbs/U.S. gal).....	1.06 (8.8)
Solids, % by Wt.....	43	Viscosity at 25 °C, cps.....	300
Pour Point, °C (°F)	-5 (23)	Critical Micelle Concentration, mg/L.....	233
Freeze Point, °C (°F).....	-8 (18)	RVOC, U.S. EPA.....	0
Cloud Point (Quick Cool), °C (°F).....	5 (41)	Preservative	Not required

Environmental Effects

Product is readily biodegradable. Additional information available upon request.

Health Effects

ALPHA-STEP PC-48 is expected to have a low oral toxicity (LD50 > 2000 in rats). In-vitro irritation testing show the product to be non-irritating when tested as a neat material (100%). A repeated application soap chamber test shows ALPHA-STEP PC-48 to be a mild material when tested as 1% active.

Storage & Handling

Normal safety precautions (i.e., gloves and safety goggles) should be employed when handling ALPHA-STEP PC-48. Contact with the eyes and prolonged contact with the skin should be avoided.

It is recommended that ALPHA-STEP PC-48 be stored in sealed containers. Store and handle in equipment normally used for detergents. Recommended storage temperature is 60-100°F (15-38 °C). Material of construction of storage tank should be 316 stainless steel (or fiberglass with DION 382 liner). Transfer pumps should be Viking stainless steel (or other similar gear pump) with internal pressure relief capabilities. The tank and pump should be grounded. If frozen, mild heat and agitation are recommended to ensure material is homogenous before use. Keep product between pH of 4 and 9 or hydrolysis will occur.

Standard Packaging: This product is available in drums, totes and bulk quantities.

Workplace Exposure

Occupational exposure can occur primarily through skin contact or via inhalation of vapors and mists. Engineering controls, personal protective equipment, and other workplace practices should be used to control these exposures.

Clearances

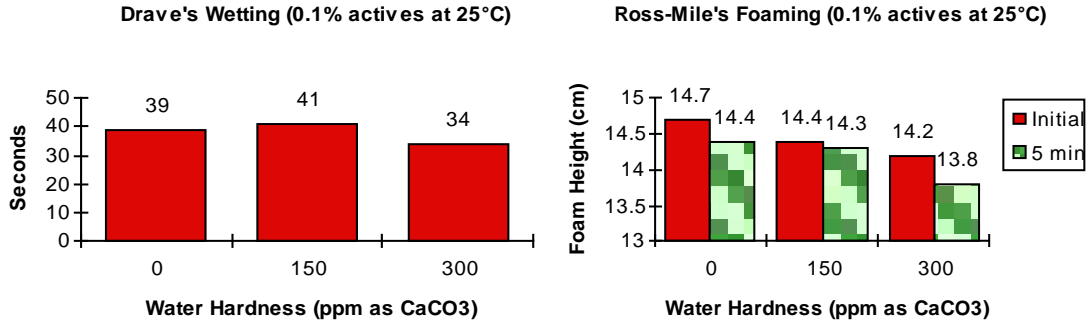
The international inventories (country clearances) of ALPHA-STEP PC-48 can be found in Section 15 of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS). **It is the responsibility of the formulator to review the chemical control regulations for each country where the end product is intended to be sold or used.** If you have any further questions regarding



inventories, please contact North America Technical Service at techserv@stepan.com.

ALPHA-STEP PC-48 meets Safer Choice screen and is listed on www.cleangredients.org (an on-line database for green formulators). This product has a maximum use level of 20%. For further information, visit www.cleangredients.org. Additional Stepan ingredient listing can be found at www.stepan.com.

Surface Active Properties



Comparative Irritation Data

Fourteen Day Cumulative Irritation Test

Product	Number of Days to Produce Irritation (Score of 1)
Negative Control (Dry Patch)	13.50
ALPHA-STEP PC-48	5.20 Least Irritating
Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulfate (3 mole)	5.07
Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate	4.27
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	2.70 Most Irritation

Product Stewardship

This product bulletin has been written in accordance with ACC's Product Stewardship guidelines.

Additional Safety Information

A Safety Data Sheet is available upon request.



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