Product Data Sheet
Elkem Microsilica® 968

1. Description
Elkem Microsilica® is a key ingredient in advanced low and ultra-low cement castables. It is highly reactive during sintering, which leads to improved ceramic bonding at reduced firing temperatures. Elkem Microsilica® is used in mortars, gunning mixes and other shaped and unshaped materials.

Elkem Microsilica® 968 is offered both as Undensified (968-U) and Densified (968-D).

2. Chemical Analysis (weight%)

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<th>Element</th>
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<td>SiO₂</td>
<td>% min. 96.5</td>
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<td>C_free</td>
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<td>Fe₂O₃</td>
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<td>H₂O ***</td>
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3. Physical Data
Properties Spec*
Loss on Ignition % max. 1.5
Coarse particles >45µm % max. 1.0
pH-value 6.5 - 8.5

Undensified 968-U
Bulk density *** kg/m³ 250 - 450

Densified 968-D
Bulk density *** kg/m³ 500 - 650

4. Customer benefits
- Improved flow – easier to cast
- Improved particle packing - denser castables
- Gel-bonding
- Improved hot-strength properties

5. Health, Safety and Environment
Please consult our Product Safety information on our website: https://www.elkem.com/no/silicon-materials/microsilica/

6. Packaging
The product is available in 25 kg small bags and various sized big bags. Please contact our sales representative for more details.

7. Handling and storage
- Avoid dust generation
- Store material properly, protected from moisture and contamination

8. Local Elkem representative
For further information, please contact our local sales representative. Our specialists will assist you in solving individual problems.

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