

# Levasil CT16 APL

## Colloidal silica

Levasil CT16 APL is an alkaline, aqueous dispersion of colloidal silica that is approximately 30% solids by weight. The silica dispersion is sodium stabilized and the amorphous silica particles carry a highly negative surface charge. The silica particles are discrete, have a smooth, spherical shape, and are present in a semi-wide particle size distribution. The particles have also been surface modified with aluminum. The physical appearance of the dispersion is an opalescent liquid, slightly more viscous than water.

**CAS number**  
7631-86-9

### Characteristics

Silica	30 wt%
Density	1.2 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Specific surface area	160 m <sup>2</sup> /g
Surface area, via BET	210 m <sup>2</sup> /g
pH	9.8
Viscosity	5 cP
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.17 wt%
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.15 wt%

## Applications

Levasil CT16 APL is an optimised product with a proven performance within the coating and surface treatment area.

## Storage

Levasil CT16 APL 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 CT16 APL has a shelf life of at least eighteen months after production.

## Packaging and transport

Levasil CT16 APL has European availability in bulk and world-wide availability for packaged quantities.

## 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.

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