# **CARBS**

# Weighting Material

#### **Product Description**

CARB S is an acid-soluble, bridging and weighting agent used in drilling, drill-in and workover/completion fluids. Calcium Carbonate is available in three grind sizes: Fine (F), Medium (M) and Coarse (C)

#### Typical Physical Properties

Physical appearance White powder

Specific gravity 2.7-2.8

Solubility in water @ 212°F (100°C) Minimal (0.0035 g/100 mL)

Solubility in 5% HCl >98% at 76°F (24.4°C)

#### Application

CARB S is an acid-soluble bridging and weighting agent for controlling fluid loss and density. It can be used in fluids ranging from conventional oil-base and waterbase drilling fluids to drill-in fluids. As a bridging agent and fluid loss additive, normal concentrations are in the 10 to 50 lb/bbl (29 to 143 kg/m³) range.

CARB S F (fine) is used as the standard weighting material. CARB S M (medium) and CARB S C (coarse) are used for bridging and seepage control or can be used as a weight material with a larger particle size. CARB S M and CARB S C are generally used in fluid-loss-control situations requiring a larger particle size than CARB S F. They are often used in lost-circulation and fluid-loss pills, with concentrations from 30 to 50 lb/bbl (86 to 143 kg/m³), to bridge highly permeable or fractured zones.

CARB S can also be added on a periodic basis for seepage control to limit losses (lost circulation and leak-off) to high-permeability formations. It particularly effective when drilling with high differential pressures caused by an overbalanced condition or when drilling depleted zones. Treatments range from 2 to 10 sacks per hour when used as a preventative measure. For depleted zone drilling applications, CARB S is most effective when used in combination with a cellulose product.

## Advantages

- Acid-soluble product which minimizes formation damage
- CARB S is available in Fine (F), Medium (M), and Coarse (C) grades, allowing the most appropriate particle size to be used
- Effective bridging agent, essentially inert and relatively insoluble, having a minimum effect on fluid properties
- Fine and medium grades that pass through most fine-mesh shale shaker screens
- Less viscosity and gels required for suspension than other weighting additives

#### **Toxicity and Handling**

Handle as an industrial chemical, wearing protective equipment and observing the precautions described in the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

## Packaging and Storage

CARB S F, M and C are packaged in 50-lb (22.7-kg), and 55- and 110-lb (25-and 50-kg) multi-wall, paper sacks. Store in a tightly closed, original container.

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