

OPTAPIX KG 50

Binder for glazes and engobes



Chemical basis:

Highly purified carboxymethylcellulose (CMC)

Characteristics:

Appearance:	white powder
Moisture content:	8 % maximum
Solubility:	water-soluble
Bulk density:	approx. 700 g/l
pH (1 %):	approx. 7
CMC content dry:	approx. 99 %
Viscosity (2 %, 25 �C):	approx. 700 mPas

Shelf-life / Packaging:

12 months when stored under proper and dry conditions
bags of 25 kg

Application:

OPTAPIX KG types differ by their degrees of polymerisation and hence the viscosities of their aqueous solutions.

These additives are used in glazes and engobes as viscosity adjusting, non-foaming binding agents. They improve the abrasion resistance, give glazes or engobes a good fit and prevent running.

Sodium CMC being a polyelectrolyte, the low viscosity, i.e. short-chain types like OPTAPIX KG 6/ KG 12/ KG 25 have a deflocculating effect besides their binding property.

As far as the sodium CMC types with a medium degree of polymerisation such as OPTAPIX KG 50 are concerned, their electrolytic effect is to a large extent compensated by their increased intrinsic viscosity; they, therefore, have a rather neutral effect on the viscosity of the glaze slip, at the usual addition quantities.

High polymer types such as OPTAPIX KG 1000 have a thickening effect on the glaze slip.

In general, an increasing degree of polymerisation will lead to better binding properties and to an improved dehydration, this means the drying time increases.

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Further advantages of OPTAPIX KG types are their plasticizing effect on ceramic bodies and an improved dry breaking strength.

The addition quantity giving optimum results is between 0.05 and 1.0 %, the correct amount depending on the individual working conditions.

They are milled with the glaze constituents or added as aqueous stock solution.

Note:

Solutions of OPTAPIX KG are relatively resistant to decomposition. However, if they are to be stored over longer periods they should be preserved with one of our NOVAL types.

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