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MARLOTHERM[®] SH Heat Transfer Fluid

1. Product description

MARLOTHERM[®] SH is a high-performance synthetic, organic heat-transfer medium for use in the liquid phase in closed, forced circulation heat-transfer systems.

MARLOTHERM[®] SH can be used over the whole working range without being kept under pressure. The boiling range of the product at atmospheric pressure is above the use limit. The heat-transfer medium is advantageously used in the temperature range from 250° to 340°C. The upper use limit corresponds to a heater outlet temperature of 350°C. The film temperature should not exceed the limit of 380°C either significantly or for a prolonged period.

MARLOTHERM[®] SH is most suitable for indirect heating of reactors, polymerisation vessels and distillation columns, of processing machines and driers, and also heat exchangers in process plants and systems for heat recovery.

MARLOTHERM[®] SH is also suitable for use in heating and cooling systems. The technical characteristics of a MARLOTHERM[®] SH charge can also be matched to the specific requirements of a system and optimized by mixing with MARLOTHERM[®] LH.

The heat-transfer systems should be designed and operated in accordance with the recommendations of DIN 4754 "heat-transfer installation working with organic heat-transfer fluids".

Heat-transfer plants containing a MARLOTHERM[®] SH charge can be started up at temperatures down to -5°C. Steam tracing is generally not necessary. At external temperatures below -5°C, the heat-transfer medium is to be protected from excessive cooling during the shut-down phase, or the viscosity of the charge is to be lowered by mixing with an appropriate amount of MARLOTHERM[®] LH. MARLOTHERM[®] LH can be added to a MARLOTHERM[®] SH charge without concern, as long as the system is operated at a heater outlet temperature below the boiling point of MARLOTHERM[®] LH. At operating temperatures above the boiling point of MARLOTHERM[®] LH, it is necessary to first check whether the heat-transfer plant is approved for operation at the higher pressure.

MARLOTHERM[®] SH circuits are advantageously operated using an inert gas back pressure of less than 100 mbar at the expansion vessel. Nitrogen has proven to be a suitable inert gas. Inert gas blanketing is the best protection against changes caused by oxidation. Antioxidants are unstable at operating temperatures above 200°C and are ineffective even after short operating times.

MARLOTHERM[®] SH is thermally stable up to an operating temperature of 300°C. The MARLOTHERM[®] SH charge can be used for several years without significant changes. At higher temperatures, low-boiling and high-boiling decomposition products are formed.

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Their degree of formation rises with increasing operating temperatures. The decomposition products remain completely dissolved in the MARLOTHERM[®] SH charge. A build-up of low boilers should, however, be avoided, since they can impair the operation of the heat-transfer system, particularly in the upper range from 340 to 350°C. For this reason, the low ends should be removed; their removal may be discontinuous, but at temperatures above 340°C should be continuous via the expansion vessel. To assist this measure, the temperature of the expansion vessel should be raised to about 150°C. If used according to the recommended operation parameters, MARLOTHERM[®] SH forms no deposits on the walls and does not lead to accumulation of solids in the heat-transfer circuit. MARLOTHERM[®] SH plants can be operated reliably and without high maintenance costs.

To check the operating condition of heat-transfer systems, quality controls should be carried out at appropriate intervals on representative samples from the main stream of the circuit. Scope of testing and sampling have to be individually matched to the charge volume and the operating temperature of the heat-transfer plant. The analysis can be carried out on request by Sasol Customer Service.

2. Typical physical and chemical properties

Product data (specification)

Property	Value	Unit	Test Method
Appearance at 20 °C	liquid, clear	-	visual
Chlorine	< 10	ppm	DIN 51408
Acid number	≤ 0,02	mg KOH/g	DIN EN ISO 3682
Density at 20 °C	1.04 – 1.05	g/ml	DIN 51757
Viscosity at 20 °C	42 - 52	mm ² /s	DIN 51562



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General product data

Properties	Value	Unit	Method
Boiling range at 1013 mbar	approx. 385–395	°C	ASTM D1078
Pour point	< – 34	°C	DIN ISO 3016
Flash point	approx. 200	°C	EN 22719
Ignition temperature	approx. 450	°C	DIN 51 794
Permissible heater outlet temperature	350	°C	–
Permissible heater film temperature	380	°C	–
Pumpability limit	ca. – 5	°C	–



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3. Material data for MARLOTHERM[®] SH

Temperature		Density		Specific heat		Thermal conductivity		Viscosity kinematic		Vapour pressure	
°C	°F	kg/m ³	lb/ft ³	kJ/kg K	Btu/lb °F	W/m K	Btu/ft ² h r °F	mm ² /s	cSt	hPa	psi
0	32	1058	66.0	1.48	0.354	0.133	0.077	321	321	–	–
20	68	1044	65.2	1.55	0.370	0.131	0.076	47	47	–	–
40	104	1030	64.3	1.62	0.387	0.128	0.074	16.5	16.5	–	–
60	140	1016	63.4	1.70	0.406	0.125	0.072	8.10	8.10	–	–
80	176	1001	62.5	1.77	0.423	0.123	0.071	4.70	4.70	–	–
100	212	987	61.6	1.85	0.442	0.120	0.069	3.10	3.10	–	–
120	248	973	60.7	1.92	0.459	0.117	0.068	2.30	2.30	–	–
140	284	958	59.8	1.99	0.475	0.115	0.066	1.80	1.80	0.1	–
160	320	944	58.9	2.07	0.494	0.112	0.065	1.40	1.40	0.5	–
180	356	930	58.1	2.15	0.514	0.110	0.064	1.20	1.20	1.7	0.02
200	392	915	57.1	2.22	0.530	0.107	0.062	0.92	0.92	5.0	0.07
220	428	901	56.2	2.29	0.547	0.104	0.060	0.77	0.77	12	0.17
240	464	887	55.4	2.37	0.566	0.102	0.059	0.65	0.65	27	0.39
260	500	873	54.5	2.44	0.583	0.099	0.057	0.57	0.57	54	0.78
280	536	858	53.6	2.52	0.602	0.096	0.055	0.50	0.50	98	1.42
300	572	844	52.7	2.59	0.619	0.094	0.054	0.45	0.45	200	2.90
320	608	830	51.8	2.67	0.638	0.091	0.053	0.4	0.40	315	4.57
340	644	815	50.9	2.74	0.654	0.088	0.051	0.36	0.36	560	8.12
360	680	801	50.0	2.82	0.674	0.086	0.050	0.32	0.32	860	12.47

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4. Material compatibility

MARLOTHERM[®] SH does not corrode the usual metallic materials used in construction of plants and machinery.

MARLOTHERM[®] SH is compatible with pure graphite, PTFE and fluoroelastomers. These materials can be used as base materials for seals. In selecting the seals, note must be taken of the seal manufacturer's data for temperature resistance and mechanical strength.

Rubber-elastic binders swell on contact with MARLOTHERM[®] SH and should not be used in the seals for MARLOTHERM[®] SH plants.

Seals made of pure graphite have proven particularly useful in heat-transfer plants using MARLOTHERM[®] SH. To increase the strength and dimensional stability, these seals are advantageously provided with a metallic insert, e.g. a sheet metal core.

5. Toxicological properties and safety

MARLOTHERM[®] SH is intended for use as heat-transfer medium in a closed plant. For safety and environmental reasons, escape of the heat-transfer medium is to be prevented or limited to a minimum amount by means of appropriate construction measures. When handling MARLOTHERM[®] SH, the usual guidelines and recommendations for handling organic liquids should be observed and precautions should be taken.

Details are to be found in the latest safety data sheet for MARLOTHERM[®] SH.

6. Storage and transport

MARLOTHERM[®] SH has a virtually unlimited storage life when stored in closed metal containers (eg. aluminium or steel). No special protective measures are necessary during storage. When handling MARLOTHERM[®] SH and when filling and operating a heat-transfer system with MARLOTHERM[®] SH, care must be taken that the heat-transfer medium cannot enter the soil or sewer system. The product is almost insoluble in water.

If necessary, used MARLOTHERM[®] SH can be recycled or used for energy recovery observing local regulations.

Used MARLOTHERM[®] SH can be reclaimed by fractional distillation for reuse as a heat-transfer medium. This reclaiming is possible in Sasol plants. However, for economic reasons, amounts of approximately 10 t or more have to be supplied. It is necessary to adhere to the



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requirements for returned goods which are set down according to criteria specific to the reclaiming and to legal criteria for waste. The values of the residue content of MARLOTHERM[®] SH, the viscosity and the chlorine content of the goods are to be determined beforehand.

With regards to the classification of MARLOTHERM[®] SH under the regulation governing the transport of dangerous goods, reference should be made to the EU Safety Data Sheet.

In general the waste code number for MARLOTHERM[®] SH will be determined by its application according to the EWC. In those cases in which it has not been used as heat transfer fluid follow your local regulations.

7. Customer service

MARLOTHERM[®] SH is just one of the comprehensive range of high performance heat transfer fluids offered by Sasol for the temperature range from – 70 to 360 °C: Detailed information is available on request. Sasol has more than 35 years experience in the field of heat transfer technology. This know-how is available to you, should you have any questions or problems. Whether you have questions about the choice of heat transfer medium for a certain application, about system design, troubleshooting, safety issues or specification problems, our experts are here to help you. Just give us a call! (Phone: +49 2365 49 2214 / 49 5371; fax: +49 2365 49 9180)

An analytical routine check of the heat transfer medium should be part of the maintenance regulations. This check should be carried out at least once a year and is offered by Sasol to all users of MARLOTHERM[®]. The system parameters which are measured will allow our experts an accurate assessment of the condition of the material. This way, prolonged and trouble-free operation of the plant can be ensured. Faults in the plant are quickly detected and can be avoided in due time before more extensive damage and costs occur.

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