

Refractory Ceramic Fiber Bulks



Product Description

Thermal Ceramics bulk products are produced by varying composition, fiber length, compressed density, fiber content, fiber diameter, and lubricity to serve a wide range of customer needs.

Kaowool® is a Kaolin based refractory fiber manufactured using high pressure air attenuation.

Kaowool HP is a high purity blend of alumina and silica manufactured using high pressure air attenuation.

Cerafiber®, a high purity blend of alumina and silica, is manufactured using the melt spinning process as are all “Cera” fibers.

Cerachem® is a bulk refractory fiber produced from an alumina-silica-zirconia composition designed to resist excessive shrinkage at elevated temperatures.

Cerachrome® is a bulk refractory fiber produced from an alumina-silica-chromia composition which provides for a maximum use limit of 2600°F (1427°C).

Saffil® is a 96% high-purity polycrystalline fiber that is manufactured by a unique solution process to control fiber diameter and non-fibrous material (shot content).

Engineered Fibers are based on our extensive family of bulks. Value adding technology has been developed to allow Thermal Ceramics to tailor products to meet specific customer requirements. Fiber length, diameter, and surface treatment can be engineered as can the fiber content. The various grades of fibers can be engineered for applications in plastic reinforcement, metal matrix composites, and automotive applications.

Features

- Excellent insulating performance
- Range of temperature from 2000°F to 3000°F (1093°C to 1649°C)
- Mechanically needled for strength and surface integrity
- Provide excellent resistance to most chemical attacks
- Unaffected by oil or water
- No organic binders

Applications

- Expansion joints construction
- Base seals
- Low mass kiln car construction
- Tube seal fabrication
- Thermal and acoustical insulation
- Filtration media
- Reinforcement for plastic and resins
- Filler in resins and paints
- Mastic and cement

Chemical Precautions

Exceptions include hydrofluoric acid, phosphoric acids, and strong alkalis. If wet by oil or water, thermal and physical properties will be fully restored after drying.

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Physical Properties

	Kaowool	Kaowool HP	Cerafiber	Cerachem	Cerachrome	Saffil
Color	off white	white	white	white	blue/green	white
Continuous use limit, °F (°C)	2000 (1093)	2150 (1177)	2150 (1177)	2400 (1316)	2500 (1371)	2800 (1538)
Max. temperature rating, °F (°C)	2300 (1260)	2400 (1316)	2400 (1316)	2600 (1427)	2600 (1427)	3000 (1649)
Melting point, °F (°C)	3200 (1760)	3200 (1760)	3200 (1760)	3200 (1760)	3200 (1760)	3300 (1816)
Specific gravity (ASTM C 135)	2.56	2.65	2.65	2.65	2.65	3.3
Specific heat, Btu/lb °F @ 1800°F (j/kg x K @ 982°C)	0.26 (1088.57)	0.26 (1088.57)	0.26 (1088.57)	0.26 (1088.57)	0.26 (1088.57)	0.25 (1046.7)
Fiber tensile strength, psi (kg/cm ²)	1.5 x 10 ⁶ (10,545)	-	-	-	-	2.9 x 10 ⁶ (20,387)
Fiber tensile modulus, psi (N/cm ²)	12.2 x 10 ⁶ (8.4 x 10 ⁶)	-	-	-	-	43 x 10 ⁶ (29.6 x 10 ⁶)

Chemical Analysis, %, Weight basis after firing

Alumina, Al ₂ O ₃	45	46	46	35	43	95-97
Silica, SiO ₂	50-55	54	54	50	54	3-5
Zirconia, ZrO ₂	-	-	-	15	-	-
Chromium oxide, Cr ₂ O ₃	-	-	-	-	3	-
Other	1 - 2	trace	trace	trace	trace	-

Availability

	Grade	Fiber Index	Fiber Length	Fiber Lubrication	Packaging
Kaowool	BN	50	4 in. (avg)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
	D	50	4 in. (avg)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
	A	50	4 in. (avg)	lubricated	50 lb bag
	HM-12	50	0.5 in. (max)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
	HM-25	50	1 in. (max)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
	HM-50	50	2 in. (max)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
Kaowool HP	HY	50	0.5 in. (avg)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
	HA	50	0.5 in. (avg)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
	A	50	4 in. (avg)	lubricated	50 lb bag
Cerafiber, Cerachem, Cerachrome	VFS	50	0.5 in (avg)	unlubricated	40 lb bag
	111	50	up to 10 in.	lubricated	40 lb bag
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	HM-12	50	0.5 in. (max)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
	HM-25	50	1 in. (max)	unlubricated	50 lb bag
HM-50	50	2 in. (max)	unlubricated	50 lb bag	
Engineered Fiber	various	60 - 99	various	unlubricated	25 lb ctn
Saffil	-	99	up to 4 in.	unlubricated	22 lb bag

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