

Liquid Flowzan® Biopolymer



Liquid Flowzan® Biopolymer is a high-purity xanthan gum biopolymer suspended in an ultra-clean mineral oil. This type of polymer is unique when compared to most other polymers in oilfield drilling and completion applications. Xanthan gums are well known for their ability to provide extremely low-solids fluids with excellent carrying and suspending characteristics. This is due to their “shear thinning” properties. Fluids thickened with Liquid Flowzan® Biopolymer have a tendency to thin at higher velocities and thicken at lower velocities.

Drilling Specialties’ 50% active Liquid Flowzan® Biopolymer will not experience the separation, evident in other suspension products. It is not subject to Particle settling or fluid separation under normal storage or transport conditions. Starting with an environmentally friendly fluid and utilizing our unique suspension technology, we eliminate settling of the Flowzan® Biopolymer particles while the product remains fully pourable. The long-term stability of the suspension provides for consistent, reliable product properties at your field locations any place in the world. Liquid Flowzan® Biopolymer has seen successful application in both warm climates, like the Gulf of Mexico and the Middle East, and in cold climates, like the North Sea and Alaska.

Packaging the Flowzan® Biopolymer as a liquid suspension allows for accurate metering, and provides complete dispersion of the particles in your treating fluids before hydration begins. This quality eliminates problems of polymer lumping and incomplete viscosity development, even when facing adverse field mixing conditions.

• Advantages

- Easy to handle and mixes well in low shear environments
- Extremely stable suspension provides reliable properties
- Freeze/thaw cycle does not affect stability or performance of the product
- Optimized bit hydraulics resulting in higher penetration rates
- Reduces circulating pressure losses
- Improves hole cleaning with lower bentonite concentrations
- Minimal drilled solids settling under static conditions
- Performs well in fresh water, sea water, brine and saturated salt environments
- Rapid dispersion without “fisheyes”
- Reduces clean up time
- Excellent viscosifier – requires less material than other types of rheology modifiers
- Excellent friction reduction in coil tubing applications
- Stable thickener for 15% HCl at temperatures below 150°F

Liquid Flowzan® Biopolymer is a versatile product and can be used in most types of water-based fluids for rheology modification, improved hole cleaning and solids suspension. It provides excellent friction reduction for coil tubing operations. It is useful over a wide pH range. Xanthan gum was the first truly stable thickener for hydrochloric acid used in the oilfield. Our Liquid Flowzan® Biopolymer is uniquely stable, easily handled and useful in both oilfield and non-oilfield applications.

Cost

The performance characteristics of Flowzan® Biopolymers are well established in the oilfield. As a liquid suspension this polymer disperses in water and develops viscosity very quickly.

Mud Types

Most water-based mud formulations

Mixing Requirements

Mix through a mud hopper or may be added directly to a well agitated pit.

Handling

For specific instruction on handling, refer to the MSDS

Packaging

Disposable pails, containing a net weight of 40 lbs of product (20 lbs of Flowzan® Biopolymer) for a 50% active product. There are 32 pails per pallet. Other packaging options such as 275-gallon totes are available.

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Application	Normal Use Range
Horizontal drilling and completions	0.06 to 0.5 gal/BBL
Drill-in fluids	0.06 to 0.5 gal/BBL
Drilling large-diameter well bores	0.10 to 0.5 gal/BBL
Solids-free drilling, completion and workover fluids	0.10 to 0.5 gal/BBL
Coring fluids	0.06 to 0.5 gal/BBL
Improve hole cleaning	0.07 to 0.6 gal/BBL
Gravel packing operations	0.20 to 0.5 gal/BBL
Acid thickener	0.40 to 0.8 gal/BBL

Performance

The performance characteristics of the xanthan gums are well established in the oil field. Typical fluid properties imparted by Greenbase™ Flowzan[®] Biopolymer are shown in Table 1. In fresh water and most brines, the xanthan gum produces stable viscosities as high as 275F. In saturated salt water, that thermal stability has been shown to extend beyond 300F. The addition of an oxygen scavenger may be useful in stabilizing the rheology at high temperatures. Greenbase™ Flowzan[®] Biopolymer has been demonstrated to have a minimal effect on the permeability of Berea sandstone cores. For wellbore cleanup, however, the xanthan gum is acid soluble and is degradable by strong oxidizing agents.

Table 1 – Typical Rheologies Liquid Flowzan[®] Biopolymer in Seawater

	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.60	Gal/BBL
n'	0.8903	0.5079	0.4103	0.4266	0.3237	0.2611	0.2611	
K'	0.0002	0.0031	0.0091	0.0119	0.0355	0.0754	0.1006	Dynes/cm ²
Viscosity	5	12	21	30	53	81	108	cp(170sec-1)
PV	2	3	4	5	7	9	11	cp
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Liquid Flowzan[®] Biopolymer in Saturated NaCl

	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.60	Gal/BBL
n'	0.7946	0.7248	0.5665	0.4470	0.4010	0.3237	0.3588	
K'	0.0005	0.0012	0.0044	0.0118	0.0245	0.0567	0.0558	Dynes/cm ²
Viscosity	8	14	23	33	54	84	99	cp(170sec-1)
PV	5	5	7	9	11	13	15	cp
YP	1	5	7	9	17	27	34	Lb/100ft ²

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