Solaris DTX

Non Toxic Glycol Antifreeze

For high temperature solar thermal heating systems

Performance Properties

Solaris DTX has been especially formulated for use in Solar Thermal Heating Systems to exploit the advantages Ethylene Glycol has over Propylene Glycol - whilst delivering a non toxic solution. Specifically;

- More efficient heat transfer.
- Easier to pump, especially at low temperatures.
- Less volume for the same freeze protection.
- Cheaper per litre.

Non Toxic:

Although based on Ethylene Glycol, Solaris DTX has been tested and classified as non-toxic by an EPA-certified laboratory. Previously, Propylene Glycol was considered the only non-toxic glycol available; however, this is no longer the case. Hydratech has developed and patented the DeTox® additive, which prevents Ethylene Glycol from being metabolised (during digestion) into toxic by-products that can cause kidney failure, blindness, and death.

Tests carried out on Solaris DTX confirmed that the toxicity was “so low that it was impossible to determine an LD50 value.” The DeTox® additive has very little effect on heat transfer or antifreeze performance. In fact, similar volumes of Solaris DTX or Ethylene Glycol are required to achieve a specific level of freeze protection.

Optimum Flow:

Solaris DTX has improved heat transfer characteristics, including lower Dynamic Viscosity and higher Thermal Conductivity. For a detailed comparison, please refer to the Fluid Performance Chart - available upon request.

Protection:

Solaris DTX with reversibly Evaporable Inhibitors has been tested in accordance with BS5117 procedures and found to meet BS6580 and ASTM D1384 corrosion standards. Solaris DTX also contains scale and biological inhibitors to help prevent fouling – thus promoting long operational life and high thermal efficiency.

Solaris DTX also contains a high temperature rated polyacrylate, formulated to prevent sludge precipitation and scale formation. Thus promoting long operational life and high thermal efficiency.

Physical Properties

Frost Protection
-50ºC depending on concentration.

Density
1.05 - 1.15 g/cm³ depending on inhibitors

pH
8.0 - 9.0 depending on inhibitors

Boiling Point
>100°C
For operating temperatures above 100°C, refer to Hydratech for technical advice.

Characteristics
a clear, slightly viscous liquid. It is mildly sweet to the taste and has a non-pungent but characteristic aroma.

Biodegradability
Solaris DTX mixtures are readily biodegradable (90% over ten days) and will not remain in the environment or bio-accumulate.

Container Sizes
Available in: 5, 10, 25, 205L drums & 1000L IBCs

Application

As per BSRIA guide BG 29/2012 all pipe-work systems should be clean and free from biological contamination and debris prior to commissioning. To minimise corrosion air ingress should be minimized. A pressurised system is best. Determine the total system volume and add Solaris DTX to the system according to the minimum operating temperature required (see table). The minimum dose of Solaris DTX should not be less than 35% of the system volume and the maximum does not normally exceed 45%. We recommend the use of deionised, distilled or UltraPure™ water for this dilution. Avoid water containing high levels of calcium salts or Chlorides [Cl-].

Solaris DTX can be supplied as a Ready-To-Use solution.

Diluting Concentrate

When measuring the percentage concentration of Solaris DTX in solution we recommend the use of a recently calibrated refractometer.

Frost Protection °C	v/v of Solaris DTX %	Refractive Index
-10	22.0	1.35554
-15	28.0	1.36173
-20	33.0	1.36688
-25	38.0	1.37200
-30	42.0	1.37607

Fluid Management Services

To ensure inhibitor levels are being maintained and the system fluid is in good condition, we recommend periodic sampling and testing. Hydratech operate the Fluid Monitoring Program (FMP) service for all users of our products. For more information on the FMP please call or visit www.hydratech.co.uk.

Quality Assured

Solaris DTX meets or exceeds the corrosion standards laid down in ASTM D-1384. Hydratech products are manufactured in accordance with ISO 9001: 2015 procedures.

Storage & Shelf Life

At least 3 years when stored in sealed containers, below 40°C and out of direct sunlight.

Health & Safety

Please refer to the associated Safety Data Sheet, which is available on request.

24/7 Technical Support

Technical support services and products to ensure ongoing system efficiency and protection.

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