

# Your Partner in Vermiculite

# **MINEROLOGY**

Vermiculite is a general term applied to a group of platy, mica-like, hydrated silicate minerals with the general formula (Mg,Fe,Al)3(Al,Si)4O10(OH)2•4H2O. Most vermiculite group minerals are the products of aqueous alteration of micas, primarily the biotite subgroup (annite-phlogopite) Karakoc Vermiculite is associated with hornbletitic rocks.

#### PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Physical state: Solid

Form : Flakes non abrasive Color : Gold-grey- brown

pH (of water slurry, 20°C): 7.0-9.0

Melting range: 1350° C

Loose Bulk Density (Crude): ~600kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Loose Bulk Density (Exfoliated) (Kg/m3): 90kg/m3

Particle Size:

Coarse: -8;+2,8 mm Medium: -4;+1,4 mm Non – exfoliated material :

Coarse: <5%

Flash point: Non-flammable

Medium: <10%

**Explosion limits: None** 

# CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

	% wt
SiO2	33.96
Al2O3	12.94
Fe2O3	10.93
MgO	14.81
CaO	8.49
Na2O	0.26
K2O	4.10
TiO2	2.17
P2O5	0.19
L.O.I*	12

Note: This product has been analysed repeatedly by Institute of Occupational Medicine in Scotland and has been found to be free of contamination from asbestiform mineral fibres and has a quartz concentration of less than 0.1%.

# **KEY PROPERTIES**

Fire resistance

Good insulating properties

High liquid absorption capacity

Inertness and low density

Being non-combustible and insoluble in water or organic solvents, vermiculite is safe and easy to handle,

The bulk density, size and aspect ratio of exfoliated vermiculite can be varied to suit particular end uses, and, due to its inherent stability, vermiculite is being used increasingly in applications where health and safety are of prime importance.

#### **APPLICATIONS**

#### Horticulture

Provides aeration and drainage, retains and holds substantial amounts of water and later release it as needed, they are sterile and free from diseases, they have a fairly neutral pH (especially perlite which is neutral), and they are readily available, non-toxic, safe to use, and rela-tively inexpensive

# **Agriculture**

Animal feed, Anti-caking material &Bulking agent, Fertilizer, Pesticide, Seed encap-sulant, Soil conditioner.

#### Construction

Lightweight aggregate, Thermal Insulation, Fire-Proofing, Acoustic In-sulation.

# Refractory

Vermiculite for refractory and high temperature insulation is normally bonded with alumina cements, fire clays and silicates to produce a wide range of vermiculite products.

# **Packaging**

Exfoliated vermiculite is a useful packaging medium. Not only is it lightweight, clean and easily poured around irregular shaped objects, it also provides a good baffle against shocks caused by impact and improper handling.





# **CURRENT PRODUCTION DATA**













