

# TECHNICAL INFORMATION UCARSOL<sup>TM</sup> AP 814 SOLVENT FOR CO<sub>2</sub> REMOVAL

## INTRODUCTION

UCARSOL<sup>TM</sup> AP 814 Solvent is one in a series of advanced-performance gas treating solvents from The Dow Chemical Company. Specifically designed for carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) removal in natural and synthesis gas processing, UCARSOL AP 814 Solvent is effective in both sweet and sour gas streams.

Low heats of reaction, combined with the ability to remove both  $CO_2$  and hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S), allow the gas processor to conform to current environmental regulations concerning sulfur emissions, while meeting product gas Btu specifications. UCARSOL AP 814 Solvent is particularly useful for processing feed gas with high amounts of  $CO_2$ . It performs well in cryogenic applications with low  $CO_2$  product gas specifications.

## SPECIAL FEATURES

- Significant energy savings through reduced reboiler duty, decreased pumping requirements because of lower solvent circulation, and elimination of the need for solvent reclaiming
- Reduced solvent losses because of low foaming tendency and lower solvent vapor pressure
- Increased acid gas processing ability with existing facilities
- Local technical support assures ongoing trouble-free operation
- Supported by Dow Oil & Gas, the global leader in providing gas treating processors with specialized technology and services

## **CORROSION EFFECTS**

The results of actual field experience in numerous operating units indicate that solutions of UCARSOL<sup>™</sup> AP 814 Solvent, maintained properly and used as specified, exhibit very low corrosion rates. See "Storage and Handling" for effects on other materials.

#### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

UCARSOL<sup>™</sup> AP 814 Solvent can be used as an aqueous solution in various concentrations; however, a 40-50% aqueous solution has been found to offer optimal performance. Physical property data for pure and 50% aqueous solutions of UCARSOL AP 814 Solvent have been developed and are presented on the following pages.

Additional information on UCARSOL AP 814 Solvent, its properties and its advantages, is available on request. To explore more specifically what UCARSOL AP 814 Solvent can do for your existing or proposed gas treating unit, contact Dow at the numbers listed at the end of this publication.

	Pure	50 Wt% Aqueous
Average Weight per Gallon at 20°C, lb	8.73	
Average Weight per Liter at 20°C, kg	1.05	
D lb per Gallon/D at 20°C	0.00644	
D kg per Liter/D at 20°C	0.00077	
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion per °C (est) at 20°C at 55°C	0.00073 0.00078	
Boiling Point, °C (°F) at 760 mm Hg at 50 mm Hg at 10 mm Hg	125.9 (258.6) 60.1 (141.1) 32.0 (89.7)	103.6 (218.6) 41.3 (106.3) 14.6 (58.3)
Pour Point, °C (°F)	-48 (-54.4)	
Freezing Point, °C (°F) <sup>(1)</sup>		4.2 (39.5)
pH at ambienty conditions	11.2	11.2
Specific Gravity, 20°/20°C	1.0448	1.04352
Solubility in Water at 20°C, weight percent of Water in at 20°C, weight percent	100 100	100 100
Flash Point, °C (°F) Pensky-Martens Closed Cup, ASTM D93 Cleveland Open Cup, ASTM D92	102 (215) 132 (270)	

## TABLE 1 • PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF UCARSOL<sup>TM</sup> AP 814 SOLVENT

 $^{(1)}$ Slurry formation (two-phase freeze separation) may begin at 4°C (40°F). This slurry is pumpable down to -11°C (12°F) in most cases.



#### FIGURE 1 • DENSITY OF UCARSOL™ AP 814 SOLVENT







#### FIGURE 3 • HEAT CAPACITY OF UCARSOL™ AP 814 SOLVENT







#### FIGURE 5 • SURFACE TENSION OF UCARSOL™ AP 814 SOLVENT

## **GAS TREATING SERVICES**

Dow is a worldwide leader in providing gas treating processors with specialized technology and services. To aid in both plant design and operation, UCARSOL<sup>™</sup> solvents are supported by advanced computer capabilities, a state-of-the-art laboratory, field test equipment, analytical procedures and an optimization program. The services Dow provides encompass preliminary assessments, start-up services, continual monitoring and follow-up services. Included in this total support program is the training for people in the field, regular sample testing and performance evaluation. To help ensure complete customer protection and satisfaction, Dow is there every step of the way – before, during and after installation.

## SIMULATION CAPABILITIES

With information drawn from actual operating conditions at more than 1,000 plants, Dow has an extensive formulated solvent database used to optimize the simulation programs used in design. This sophisticated program provides a powerful tool for process analysis and design, including trayby-tray calculations. Basic hydraulic evaluations can be made of existing trayed or packed towers to help ensure that conversion to UCARSOL<sup>™</sup> solvents will be trouble-free.

Field representatives have the latest equipment and programs that make it possible to predict the performance of UCARSOL solvents under actual plant conditions. In addition, their use as an in-field preliminary design tool is extremely valuable after conversion to make any adjustments necessary to optimize the process.

## LABORATORY AND FIELD TESTING

The Dow Oil & Gas Characterization Lab performs regular service analyses of customer solvents to ensure good performance of the amine unit, as well as specialized analyses to assist in trouble-free operation. Routine analysis performed includes ion chromatography, inductively coupled plasma and solution alkalinity. Analysis is normally completed and reported to the customer within a few days upon receiving the sample. Dow's customer report includes a technical service review of the analytical results and their impact on the customer's operation.

## SAMPLE KITS

Dow offers a unique sample kit. Completely self-contained, the kit provides everything necessary – from containers to labels – to obtain lean amine samples, seal them and safely ship them for routine analysis.

#### **OTHER SERVICES**

Dow's engineering expertise is available to provide information on process and equipment requirements. Dow also trains customer personnel prior to and during conversion and works with them to ensure optimal performance.

## STORAGE AND HANDLING

UCARSOL<sup>™</sup> AP 814 Solvent is usually stored and handled in carbon steel equipment. It is also compatible with stainless steel. **Zinc or galvanized steel and copper and its alloys should not be used. Materials of construction guidelines for specific plants are available upon request.** 

This product becomes viscous at outside winter temperatures and has a pour point of -48°C (-54.4°F). Therefore, storage inside a warm building or in a heated, insulated tank may be desirable. A centrifugal pump is suitable for transfer service, assuming the temperature of the product is sufficiently above its pour point. A rotary or gear pump is suggested for lower temperature transfers.

Piping should be of adequate size to handle the maximum viscosity expected to be encountered. Valves, piping, etc. are usually of steel construction. Type 304 stainless steel, spiral-wound GRAFOIL gaskets for flanges and GRAFOIL packing for valves are recommended.

Aqueous solutions of UCARSOL AP 814 Solvent can be handled in steel equipment. They should **not** be handled or stored in contact with aluminum, zinc or galvanized iron, or with copper and its alloys.

## **PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP**

When considering the use of any Dow products in a particular application, you should review the latest Material Safety Data Sheets from Dow and ensure that they are intended for safe use. For Material Safety Data Sheets and other product safety information, contact Dow. Before handling any other products mentioned in the text, you should obtain available product safety information and take necessary steps to ensure safety of use.

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