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# <u>Silica gel -E, Granular Size 2 – 5 mm</u>

## **Technical Datasheet**

# Silica Gel E – microporous silicagel, non-indicating

Silica gel is an amorphous form of silicon dioxide, which is synthetically produced in the form of hard transparent opalescent beads. Silica gel-E is not classified as toxic according to the current EU legislation.

Silica gel E is microporous with a wide surface area. Due to its large surface area it is suitable for keeping products in a dry condition. Applications are in the field of:

- Desiccant agent used in packaging (food, electronic, optical, steel, etc.) to prevent moisture
- Desiccant agent used in the capsules for pharmaceutical packaging
- Desiccant agent used in export packaging
- Desiccant used in chemical laboratories

### **Packing**

The standard packing is: 25 kg paper bags with Polyethylene-bag. Other packing is available on request.

#### Regeneration

Heating about 3 hours at 130 – 150°C restores the original moisture-adsorbing capability.

Table 1: Typical characteristics of fine porous silica gels with indicator

Bead diameter:	2 – 5 mm
Bulk density:	$760 \text{ kg}/\text{m}^3$
Surface area:	approx. 600 m <sup>2</sup> / kg
Pore volume:	approx. 0,35 - 0,45 ml / g
Pore diameter:	20 - 30Å
SiO <sub>2</sub> –content:	Approx 99 %
Indicating substance:	0,09%
Colour changing point:	$25\% \pm 5$
Moisture adsorption capacity (typical)	
at 20°C and 20% RH	12%
at 20°C and 50% RH	21%
at 20°C and 90% RH	32%

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