

## Product Bulletin

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INCI Name	Sodium Methyl 2-Sulfolaurate and Disodium 2-Sulfolaurate																													
CAS Reg. No.	149458-07-1																													
Applications	ALPHA-STEP PC-48 is an anionic surfactant derived from oleochemicals and its hydrophobic chain distribution, which ranges from C <sub>12</sub> to C <sub>18</sub> , allows for excellent detergency, foaming and mildness properties in a wide variety of household, industrial and personal care applications. PC-48 is appropriate when formulating high foaming, high active personal care products such as body wash. It has a very low viscosity response and is very good at clarifying formulas with high levels of electrolytes. This versatile surfactant also functions well in hard water, having favorable hard water tolerance and lime soap dispersing ability. ALPHA-STEP PC-48 is a readily soluble liquid that can be easily formulated between a pH of 4 to 9. Applications include household and industrial liquid laundry, hand dishwash, hard surface cleaners, hand soaps, specialty foam applications, body washes and facial cleansers.																													
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Environmental Effects	Product is readily biodegradable. Additional information available upon request.																													
Health Effects	ALPHA-STEP PC-48 has an oral LD <sub>50</sub> >5g/kg. The available toxicity data shows ALPHA-STEP PC-48, at full concentration, to be of low oral toxicity to mammals (rats) and moderate to slight toxicity to aquatic organisms. At full concentration, ALPHA-STEP PC-48 causes severe skin and eye irritation. However, at 10% active and 4 hour exposure time, ALPHA-STEP PC-48 is minimally irritating to skin. Repeated Application Soap Chamber test results show ALPHA-STEP PC-48 to be a similar cumulative skin irritant to Sodium Alcohol Ether Sulfate and less irritating than Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate and Sodium Lauryl Sulfate. Additional toxicity data is available upon request.																													
Storage & Handling	<p>Normal safety precautions (i.e., gloves and safety goggles) should be employed when handling ALPHA-STEP PC-48. Contact with the eyes and prolonged contact with the skin should be avoided.</p> <p>It is recommended that ALPHA-STEP PC-48 be stored in sealed containers. Store and handle in equipment normally used for detergents. Recommended storage temperature is 60-100°F (140-212°C). Material of construction of storage tank should be 316 stainless steel (or fiberglass with DION 382 liner). Transfer pumps should be Viking stainless steel (or other similar gear pump) with internal pressure relief capabilities. The tank and pump should be grounded. If frozen, mild heat and agitation are recommended to ensure material is homogenous before use. Keep product between pH of 4 and 9 or hydrolysis will occur.</p>																													
Workplace Exposure	Occupational exposure can occur primarily through skin contact or via inhalation of vapors and mists. Engineering controls, personal protective equipment, and other workplace practices should be used to control these exposures.																													
Clearances	All components of ALPHA-STEP PC-48 are listed in the following countries: United States (TSCA), Australia (AICS), Canada (DSL), Europe (EINECS), Korea (ECL), Japan (ENCS) New Zealand (NZIoC) and China (IECSC).																													

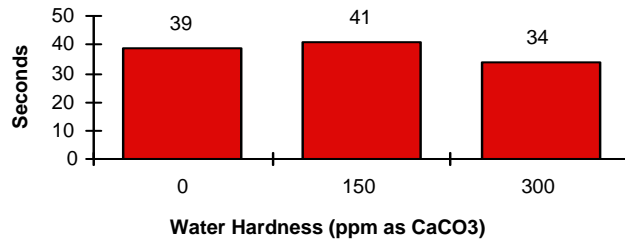


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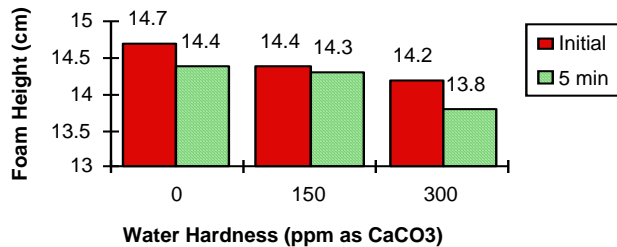
ALPHA-STEP PC-48 meets Safer Choice screen and is listed on [www.cleangredients.org](http://www.cleangredients.org) (an on-line database for green formulators). This product has a maximum use level of 20%. For further information, visit [www.cleangredients.org](http://www.cleangredients.org). Additional Stepan ingredient listing can be found at [www.stepan.com](http://www.stepan.com).

### Surface Active Properties

Drave's Wetting (0.1% actives at 25°C)



Ross-Mile's Foaming (0.1% actives at 25°C)



### Fourteen Day Cumulative Irritation Test

Product	Number of Days to Produce Irritation (Score of 1)
Negative Control (Dry Patch)	13.50
ALPHA-STEP PC-48	5.20 .....Least Irritating
Sodium Lauryl Ether Sulfate (3 mole)	5.07
Sodium Cocoyl Isethionate	4.27
Sodium Lauryl Sulfate	2.70 .....Most Irritant

Comparative Irritation Data

Product Stewardship

This product bulletin has been written in accordance with ACC's Product Stewardship guidelines.

Additional Safety Information

A Safety Data Sheet is available upon request.



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