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**Tech Data Sheet** 

### **ULTRA FOAM SOAP STICK**

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ACL-31 (AC-31) SERIES

### WATER SOLUBLE TUBE (GREY SPECKLED)

SELF AGITATING STICK (Self Agitating with Foamer)

**ULTRA FOAM STICKS** are water-soluble sticks containing a blend of surfactants and additional additives to self-activate and speed up the foam stick dissolving rate and the activation of the foam process downhole in existing produced fluids. The self-activating additive and surfactants react immediately on contact with water and creates an effervescing effect to help establish the foam column required to help remove the downhole fluid in most cases. The Ultra Foam Sticks has been found to be effective in speeding up the <u>foaming process in wells with bottom hole temperatures below 90 degrees Fahrenheit</u> Natural gas bubbling through the water-column, surfactants and additives produce foam which can help remove water from watered-up gas wells.

#### **PRODUCT USES & ADVANTAGES:**

**ULTRA FOAM STICKS** are primarily used to remove water from gas wells and increase gas production. The foaming action decreases the hydrostatic back-pressure which increases gas production that further enhances the foaming action until the well unloads.

<u>ULTRA FOAM STICKS</u> can be used to remove fluid from gas-condensate wells and flowing oil wells. For gas-condensate wells with more than 55 percent condensate, it is recommended to use OIL FOAM Sticks in conjunction with Ultra Foam Sticks.

**<u>ULTRA FOAM STICKS</u>** are used to are especially effective in wells with a high brine or chlorine content. This stick is very effective in wells that have little or no gas bubbling through the water column.

#### **TREATMENT DETERMINATION & PROCEDURE**

The number of ULTRA FOAM STICKS to be used is based on the volume of water above the perforations. Field tests indicate that the best results were achieved by using a larger initial slug treatment of 1/2 to 1 percent by weight of ULTRA FOAM STICKS to water above the perforations.

A treatment of 1/2 to 1 percent by weight would <mark>require 1.75 to 3.50 LB of stick per BBL of water</mark>.

PART NUMBER	STICK SIZES	STICK RATIO INITIAL SLUG TREATMENT
ACL-3120	3/4 X 15	2 TO 4 STICKS PER 1 BBL's OF Total Fluid
ACL-3150	1 1/4 X 15	8 TO 17 STICKS PER 1 BBL's OF Total Fluid

#### NOTE:

The above amount of ULTRA FOAM STICKS is recommended for an initial slug treatment. In many cases, removing the top few hundred feet of fluid may be sufficient to allow the production of natural gas to blow out the remaining fluid in the well. To determine the optimum amount for periodic treatments you may choose to gradually reduce the initial treatment amount until the most economical point is reached. Periodic treatments with sticks may be necessary to prevent production decline due to the gradual water build-up.

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THE MOST COMMON PROCEDURE

Is to shut-in the well and drop sticks through a lubricator. <u>Wait 45 seconds until sticks contact top of fluid</u> <u>then slowly return well to normal production</u>. Repeat procedure if or when it becomes necessary. FOR HIGH RATE WELLS (after sticks have contacted the top of fluid) flow well at about 25% of pretreatment rate for about 20 minutes or until foam reaches surface then return to normal rate. <u>FOR SHALLOW OR LOW</u> <u>RATE WELLS leave well flowing while dropping sticks if possible</u>.

**PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS** 

The stick will normally <u>dissolve in 10 to 15 minutes depending on temperature, salt content, and relative</u> <u>water motion. ULTRA FOAM STICKS</u> are 100% soluble in water and insoluble in oil. The melting point of the sticks is 122°F. The stick will dissolve in water in wells with BHT below 122° (just at a slower rate). Lab tests indicate the dissolving rate in 50,000 PPM moving brine water to be 72 minutes @ 100°, 25 minutes @ 120°, 8 minutes @ 140°, and 3 minutes @ 180°. The dissolving time will decrease if the sticks are broken before dropping or if they break upon impact with the top of the fluid. The specific gravity is 1.11. <u>The falling rate</u> <u>through fresh water is approximately 100 feet per minute. The sticks can free fall (through air) 3,000 feet in</u> <u>about 15 seconds.</u> Gas moving up tubing will often change falling characteristics.

#### FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY:

CAUTION: As with all industrial chemicals, contact with eyes or skin should be avoided. Wash thoroughly with water. Pellets should be stored in a cool dry place. Always remove pellets from the container with the scoop provided while wearing rubber gloves to avoid skin contact. Goggles are advised.

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