



# **CaCl<sub>2</sub>/Starch Desiccant**

## Engineered for Ocean transport

Comparison of desiccant types:

- **Environment**
- **Packaging**
- **Performance**

# Environmental Impact

## SILICA GEL

- ✗ Synthetic material manufactured under high energy input.
- ✗ High wastewater output.
- ✗ Recyclable but economically not feasible.

## CALCIUM CHLORIDE & STARCH \*

- ✓ Salt which is used as a food additive in food processing. 'GRAS' status by FDA.
- ✓ By- product from the Solvay process.
- ✓ Use of CaCl<sub>2</sub> reduces waste storage needs.
- ✗ Recyclable but economically not feasible.

## BENTONITE / DRY CLAY

- ✓ Natural clay product mined from calcium rich montmorillonite deposits.
- ✗ Open pit mining contributes to degradation of habitats and groundwater flows.
- ✗ Habitat rehabilitation not standard in many countries.
- ✗ Recyclable but economically not feasible.

\*Super Dry CaCl desiccant is PFAS-Free

# Packaging

## SILICA GEL ( Plastic )

- ✓ High mechanical resistance.  
(Will not tear easily)
- ✓ Excellent moisture barrier.
- ✓ Material life cycle analysis:
 

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## BENTONITE / DRY CLAY ( Kraft Paper )

- ✗ Low mechanical resistance  
(Can tear easily)
- ✗ Hygroscopic & poor moisture barrier.
- ✓ Material life cycle analysis:
 

Energy used	= 100%
Fossil fuel used	= 100%
Greenhouse gas emissions	= 100%
Fresh water usage	= 100%
- ✗ Release of greenhouse gases  
CO<sub>2</sub> and Methane during paper biodegradation.
- ✗ Recyclable but economically not feasible.
- ✗ 20% of package weight is made  
of thermoplastic copolymers  
(glue) => not plastic but similar

# Performance









## SILICA GEL

-  Low adsorption capacity:  
Adsorbs Max 30% of its original weight.
-  10 times more Silica Gel is required to protect the same area compared to Calcium Chloride desiccant.
-  Adsorbs and releases moisture back into the air when it reaches max adsorption (35%) with a high risk of moisture release > 35°C.
-  Surface adsorbent with low adsorption and low retention capacity.
-  Fast activating desiccant:  
Reaches saturation within 3 days
-  Narrow temperature application range between 15°C and 30°C.
-  Relative humidity increases to dangerous levels when temperatures drop sharply.
-  Not suitable for application as in-box desiccant for ocean shipments and long – term storage.

## CALCIUM CHLORIDE & STARCH

-  High absorption capacity:  
Absorbs up to 400% of original weight.
-  90% less desiccant needed compared to Silica Gel and Dry Clay.
-  Absorbs and Captures moisture with no risk of moisture release back into the surrounding environment.
-  Slower acting diffusion absorbent with high absorption and retention capacity.
-  Slower activating desiccant :  
Continues to absorb for 3 months.
-  Wide temperature application range between -5°C to +90°C.
-  Keeps relative humidity steady when temperatures drop sharply.
-  Suitable for all applications as in-box desiccant for ocean shipments and long-term storage.

## BENTONITE / DRY CLAY

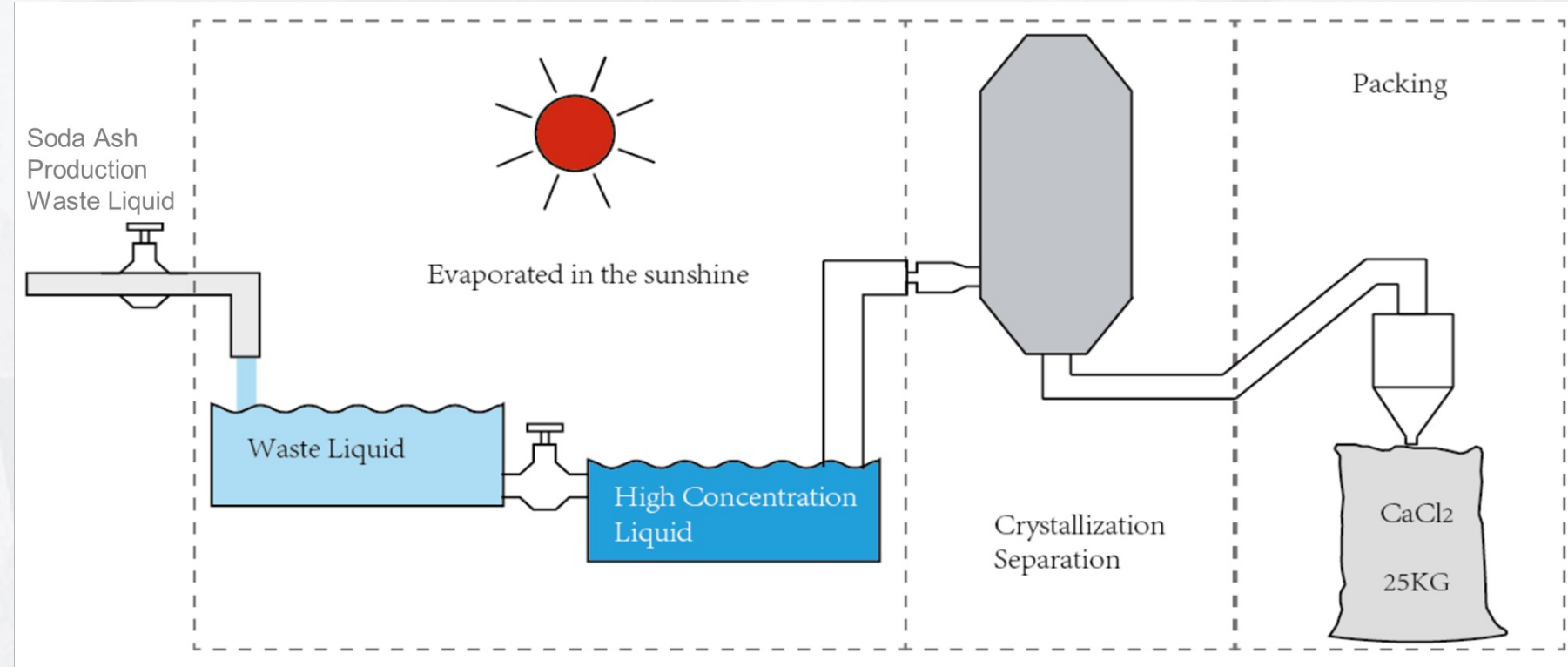
-  Low adsorption capacity:  
Adsorbs Max 35% of its original weight.
-  10 times more dry clay is required to protect the same area compared to Calcium Chloride desiccant.
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# Sustainable

## Calcium Chloride: Is recycled from the production of **Soda Ash**











\* Soda Ash is an essential raw material used in the manufacture of glass, detergents and soaps, chemicals and other industrial products.





# SUPER DRY Desiccant versus Clay Desiccant

Test environment: 30°C, 90%RH

Days	Super Dry DS 25g			Clay 32g		
	Weight (g)	Water retention(g)	Absorption Rate	Weight (g)	Water retention (g)	Absorption Rate
0	30	-	-	33.7	-	-
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
3	57.8	27.8 	111.1%	44.5	10.8 	33.8%
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5	71.2	41.2 	164.7%	45.2	11.5 	35.9%
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
8	81.0	51.0 	204.0%	45.3	11.6 	36.6%
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
15	93.1	63.1 	252.5%	45.1	11.4 	35.6%
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
25	105.6	75.6 	302.4%	45.0	12.3 	38.4%

Super Dry typical effectiveness 60-120 days depending on conditions

Why is the desiccant ingredient important?

- SD absorbs nearly **3 time the amount** of water vapor **ending day 3**, 6 times overall.
- **Clay absorbs little** after day 3.
- Clay outgasses water vapor into the cargo environment (day 15)

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