

Tyfocor[®] G-LS



Technical Information

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**Ready-to-use reversibly evaporisable special heat-transfer fluid
based on 1,2-propylene glycol, for utilisation
in solar heating installations**

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Chemical composition	1,2-propylene glycol, water, and inhibitors	
Technical data	Appearance	clear, violet coloured liquid
	Density (20 °C)	1.032 – 1.035 g/cm ³ ASTM D 1122
	Refraction index n _{D20}	1.380 – 1.384 DIN 51 757
	pH value	9.0 – 10.5 ASTM D 1287
	Alkali reserve	min. 20 ml 0.1 n HCl ASTM D 1121
	Viscosity (20 °C)	4.5 – 5.5 mm ² /s DIN 51 562
	Boiling point	102 – 105 °C ASTM D 1120
	Flash point	none DIN 51 376
	Water content	55 – 58 % DIN 51 777
	Frost protection	–28 °C

Quality control The above data represent average values that were valid at the time when this Technical Information Bulletin went into print. They do not have the status of a product specification. Specified values are the subject of a special leaflet.

Properties Tyfocor[®] G-LS is a clear, violet liquid with a faint odour, based on physiologically unobjectionable 1,2-propylene glycol, and water. It has been designed especially for utilisation as a heat transfer fluid in solar systems running under elevated thermal conditions (evacuated tubular collectors).
The corrosion inhibitors contained in Tyfocor[®] G-LS reliably protect the materials normally used in solar installations against corrosion, ageing and deposits over long periods. Tyfocor[®] G-LS prevents the surfaces of heat exchangers from becoming fouled, and ensures consistently high thermal efficiency of the solar system.

In order to maintain its specific properties, Tyfocor[®] G-LS must not be mixed with other heat transfer fluids, and must never be diluted by water. If leakages or other losses occur, the heat transfer fluid in the system must be replenished with Tyfocor[®] G-LS only.

Application Tyfocor[®] G-LS is utilisable for solar systems with stagnation temperatures up to 320 °C, if following instructions are properly observed:
It must be ensured that all of the heat-transfer fluid can drain out of the solar collectors into the - sufficiently dimensioned - expansion tanks when the maximum static temperature is reached, and thus the collectors remain completely empty.
Tyfocor[®] G-LS must not be exposed to sustained temperatures higher than 170 °C. Temperatures higher than 200 °C lead to slow thermal decomposition of propylene glycol, which is indicated by darkening of the fluid. The lifetime of the medium may be strongly decreased in this case.

Anticorrosion effect Tyfocor[®] G-LS's anticorrosive effect is evident from the following table:
Corrosion test acc. ASTM D 1384 (American Society for Testing and Materials). Average weight change in g/m².

Material	Tyfocor [®] G-LS
Copper (SF Cu)	– 2.0
Soft solder (L Sn 30)	– 6.0
Brass (MS 63)	– 4.0
Steel (HI)	– 0.1
Grey cast iron (GG 26)	– 0.2
Cast aluminium (G AlSi6Cu4)	– 0.3

Compatibility with sealing materials Tyfocor[®] G-LS does not attack the sealants normally used in solar systems. The following list of sealants, elastomers and plastics that are resistant to Tyfocor[®] G-LS has been compiled from experimental results, experience, and the literature.

Examples of sealants are Fermit® and Fermitol® (registered trademarks of Nissen & Volk GmbH, Hamburg), and hemp

Butyl rubber	IIR
Chloroprene	CR
Ethylene-propylene-diene-rubber below 150 °C	EPDM
Fluorocarbon elastomers	FPM
Natural rubber below 80 °C	NR
Nitrile rubber	NBR
Polyacetal	POM
Polyamides below 115°C	PA
Polybutene	PB
Polyethylene, soft, hard	PE-LD, PE-HD
Polyethylene, crosslinked	PE-X
Polypropylene	PP
Polytetrafluoroethylene	PTFE
Polyvinylchloride, rigid	PVC h
Styrene butadiene rubber below 100 °C	SBR
Unsaturated polyester resins	UP

Phenolic and urea formaldehyde resins, plasticised PVC, and polyurethane elastomers are not resistant.

An important point to note is that the performance of elastomers such as EPDM is determined by the nature and amount of the constituent additives and the vulcanisation conditions, as well as the properties of the rubber itself. For this reason, we would recommend testing the resistance of these elastomers to Tyfocor® G-LS before they are put into service for the first time. This applies particularly to elastomers intended as membranes for expansion tanks as described in DIN 4807.

Gaskets that have proved to be resistant to hot Tyfocor® G-LS are: up to 160 °C: elastomer gaskets made from 70 EPDM 281*, and up to 200 °C: flat gaskets such as REINZ-AFM 34** or Centellen 3820***, basing on aramide / special-NBR.

Application guidelines

In view of the specific properties of Tyfocor® G-LS, the following instructions must be adhered to for ensuring long-term protection.

1. Solar heating equipment must be designed as closed circuits, because entry of atmospheric oxygen leads to premature ageing and consequently reduces the life-span of the heat-transfer fluid.
2. Flexible-membrane expansion tanks must conform to DIN 4807.
3. Silver or copper brazing solders are to be utilised preferably on joints. Fluxes used in combination with soft solder usually contain chlorides. Their residues must be removed by thorough flushing of the system, because otherwise increased chloride concentration in the heat-transfer fluid may lead to corrosion.
4. The only flexible connections that are permissible are hoses, preferably metal, that do not permit the diffusion of oxygen.
5. Equipment must not be fitted with galvanised heat exchangers, heat reservoirs, tanks, or pipes, because zinc is detached by 1,2-propylene glycol.
6. Chemically speaking, Tyfocor® G-LS is largely inert, but it is important to ensure that the manufacturer's recommendations state that all the seals and connectors used in solar heating equipment are resistant up to the maximum temperature of the medium.
7. Scaling on copper or copper alloys must be removed, because it can be detached by hot propylene glycol / water mixtures.

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8. It must be ensured that no external voltages are applied between parts of the equipment that come into contact with Tyfocor[®] G-LS, as otherwise corrosion may occur.
9. The layout of the tubes must ensure that circulation cannot be disturbed by gas pockets or deposits.
10. The level of the heat-transfer fluid must never be allowed to fall below the highest point in the system.
11. It must be ensured that no air pockets remain in the installation after it has been filled.
12. Dirt and water must not be allowed to enter the installation or its components during assembly and before filling. After assembly has been completed, the system must be flushed to remove any foreign matter (swarf, scale, packaging residues, sawdust, etc.) and material used in assembly.
13. In order to ensure that there are no obstructions to the flow of the heat-transfer fluid, the in-circuit filters must be cleaned within 14 days, at the latest, after the system has been filled with the medium and put into operation for the first time.
14. If losses occur due to leakage or take-out, the heat-transfer fluid in the system must be replenished with Tyfocor[®] G-LS only. **Do not top up with water!**

Packaging

Tyfocor[®] G-LS is supplied in 10 l, 20 l, and 30 l non-returnable plastic cans, in 200 l non-returnable drums, and in road-tankers.

Safety

Tyfocor[®] G-LS contains 1,2-propylene glycol and is not subject to labelling according to the regulations of the European Union.

Safety Data Sheet

A Safety Data Sheet has been compiled for Tyfocor[®] G-LS in accordance with EEC Directive 91/155/EEC.

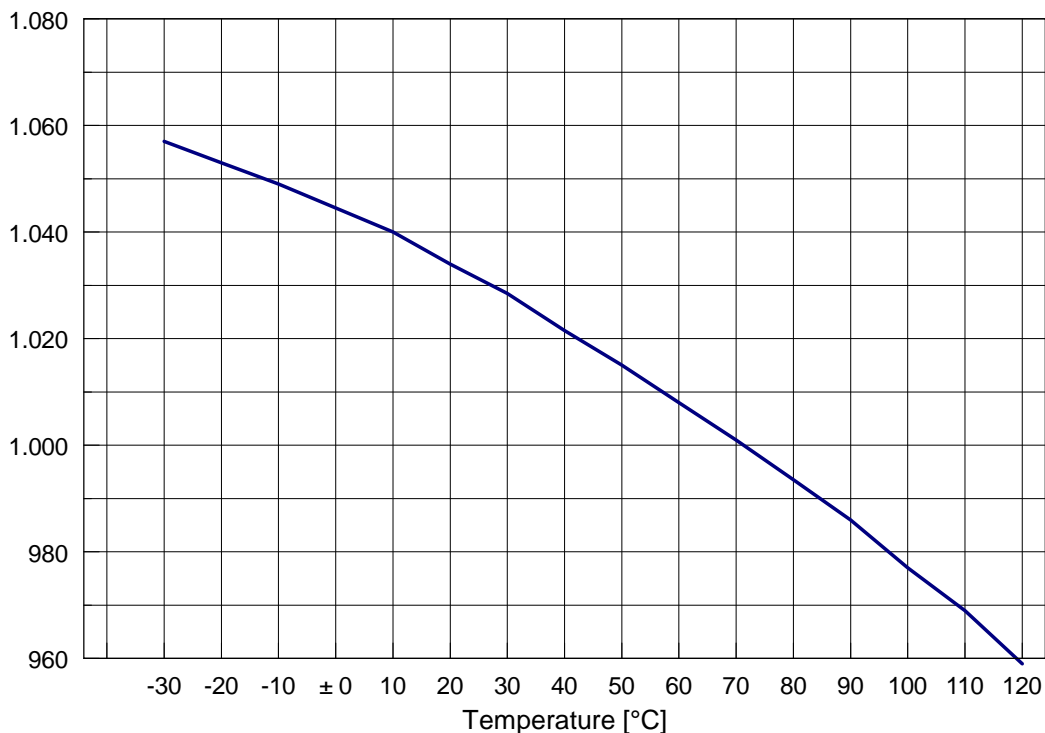
Handling

The usual safety and industrial hygiene measures relating to chemicals and flammable liquids, and the information and instructions given in our Safety Data Sheet must be observed in handling Tyfocor[®] G-LS.

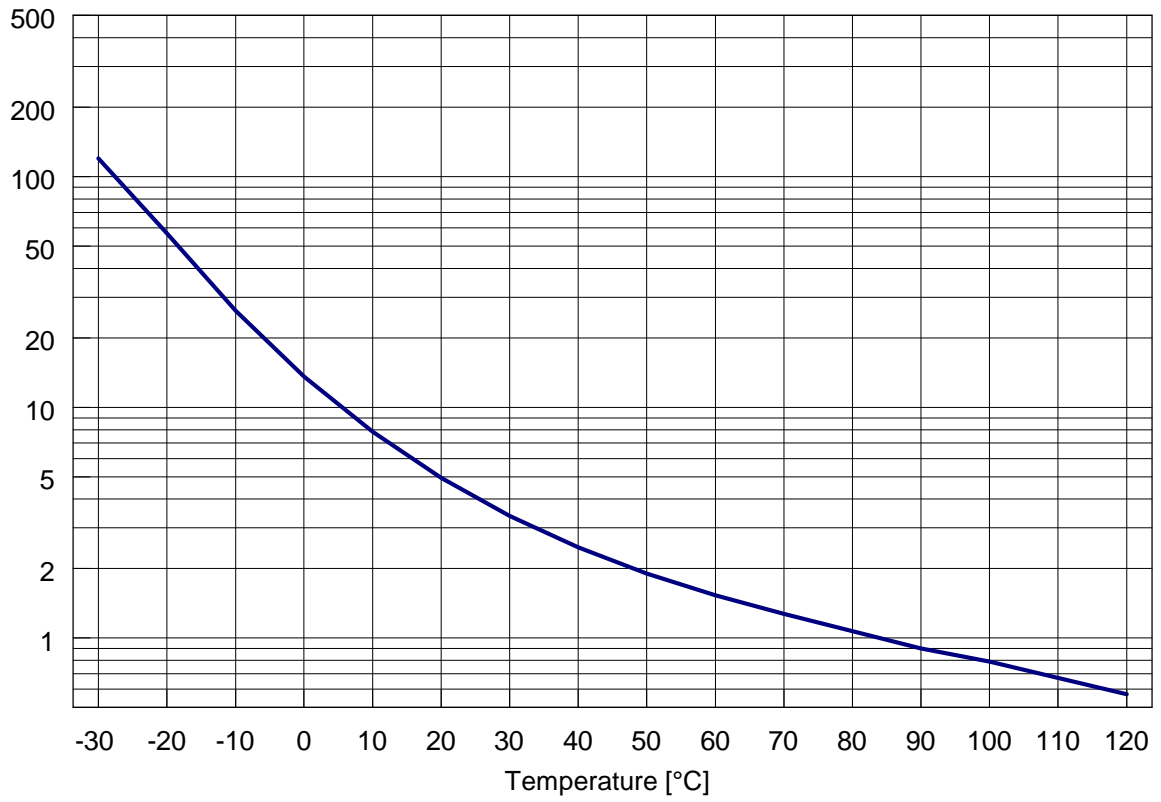
Ecology

Tyfocor[®] G-LS is classified in water hazard class 1 (low-rate endangering, Germany), acc. Annex 4, VwVwS of 17 May 1999. It is readily biodegradable. It does not impair the efficiency of the activated sludge if it is run with appropriate care into an acclimated effluent treatment plant.

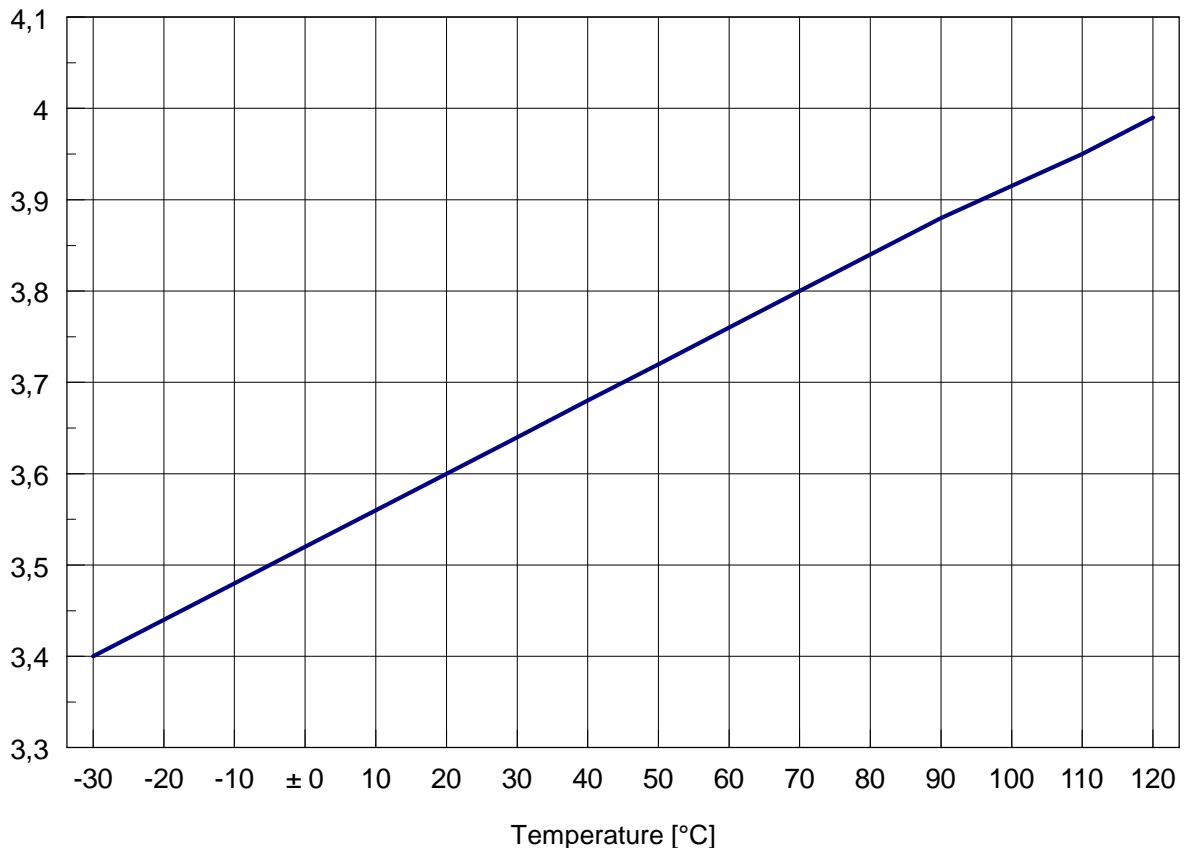
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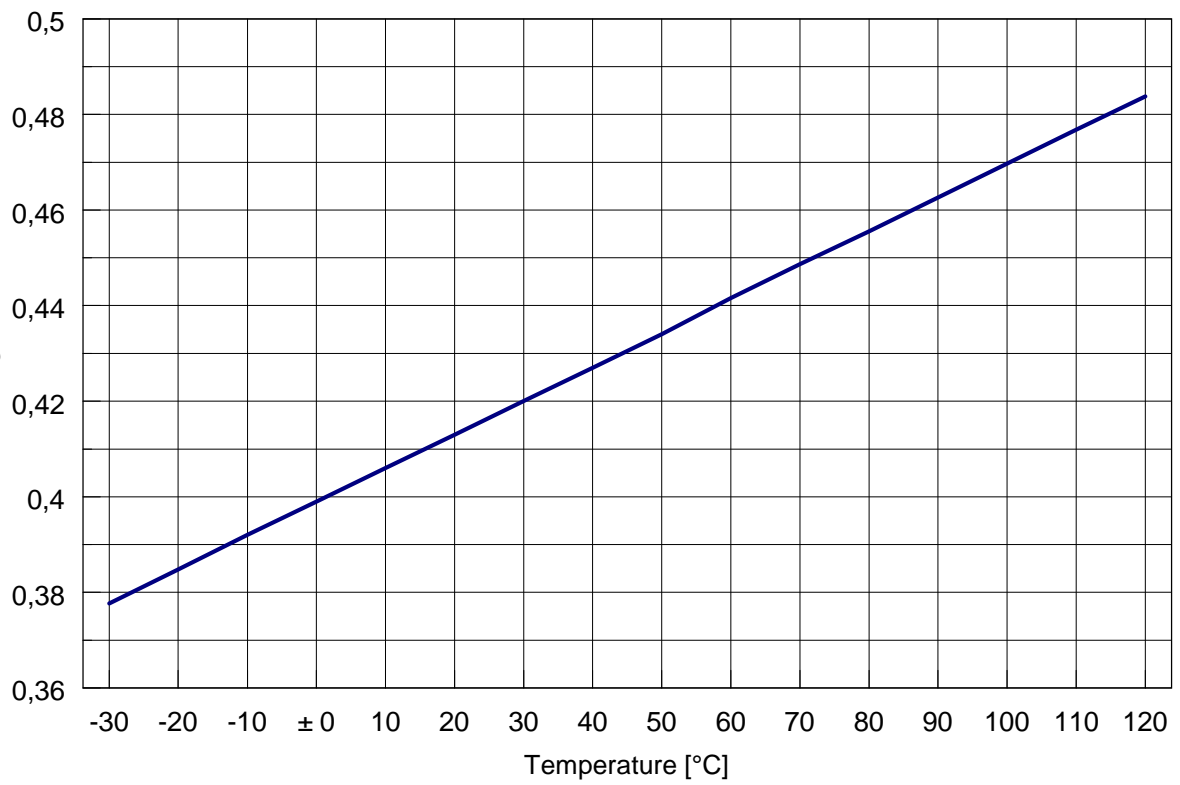
Kinematic Viscosity of Tyfocor[®] G-LS [mm²/s]



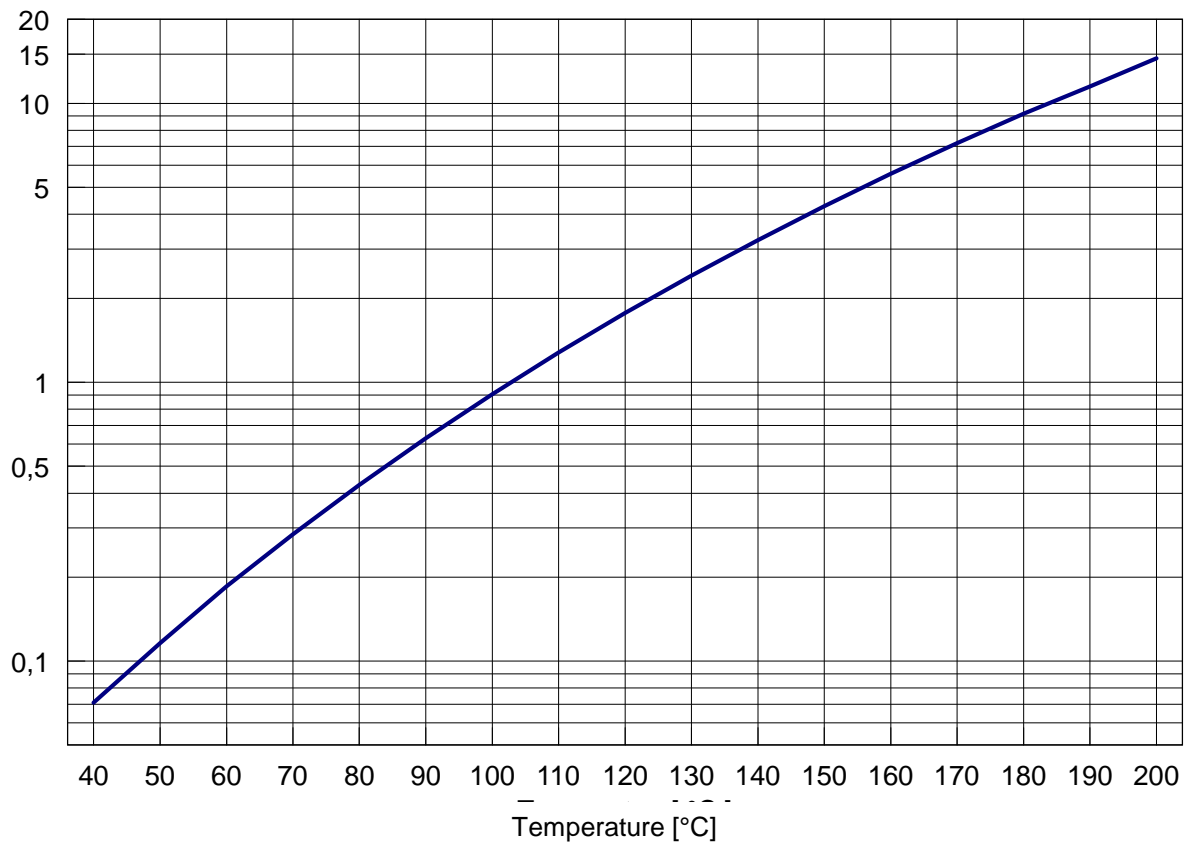
Specific Heat Capacity of Tyfocor[®] G-LS [kJ/kg-K]



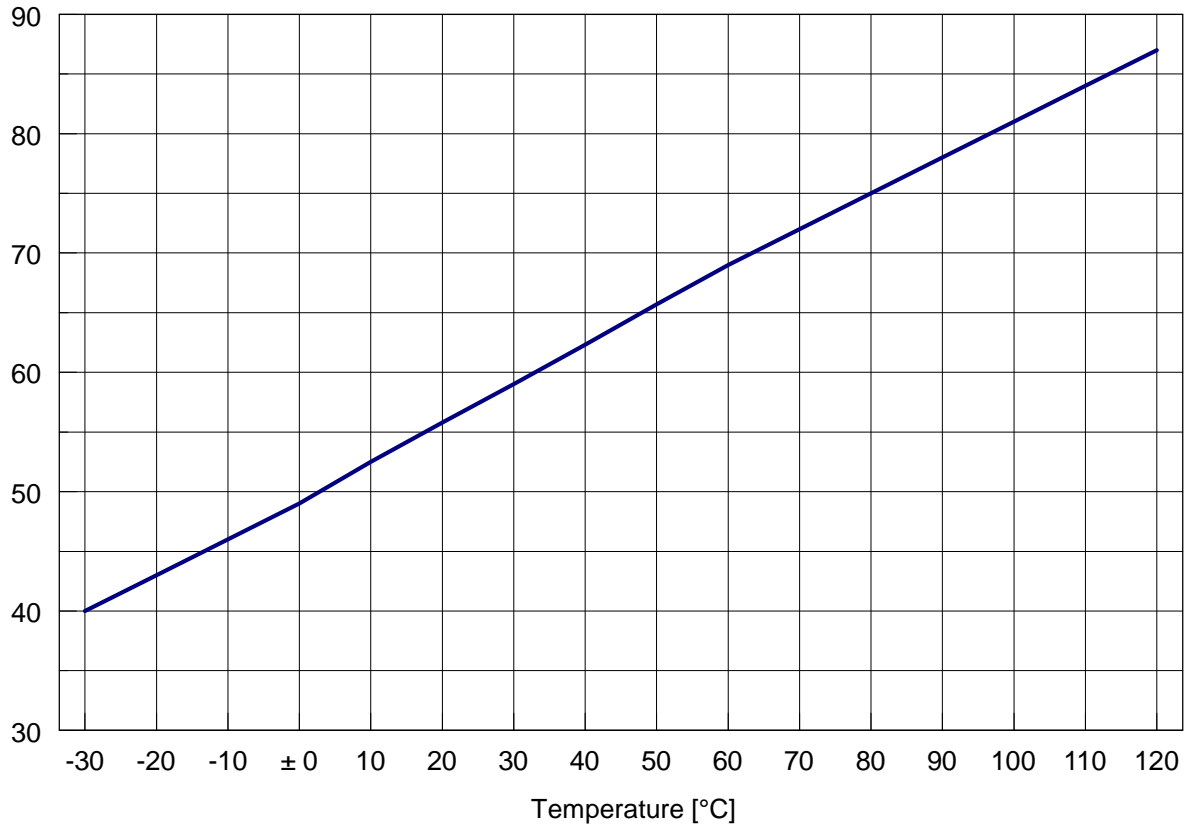
Thermal Conductivity of Tyfocor® G-LS [W/m-K]



Vapour Pressure of Tyfocor® G-LS [bar]



Cubic Expansion Coefficient of Tyfocor[®] G-LS [$\times 10^{-5}/K$]



Note

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