



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

This Material Safety Data Sheet meets or exceeds the requirements of the Canadian Controlled Product Regulations (WHMIS)

1. Product and Supplier Identification

Product: Block Fill

Product Use: Portland cement based grout for unit masonry

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2. Hazards Identification

Route(s) of Entry: Inhalation, Skin, Ingestion

Acute Exposure: Product becomes alkaline when exposed to moisture. Exposure can dry the skin, cause alkali burns and affect the mucous membranes. Dust can irritate the eyes and upper respiratory system. Toxic effects noted in animals include, for acute exposures, alveolar damage with pulmonary edema.

Chronic Exposure: Dust can cause inflammation of the lining tissue of the interior of the nose and inflammation of the cornea. Hypersensitive individuals may develop an allergic dermatitis.

Carcinogenicity: Since Portland cement and blended cements are manufactured from raw materials mined from the earth (limestone, marl, sand, shale, etc.) and process heat is provided by burning fossil fuels, trace, but detectable, amounts of naturally occurring, and possibly harmful, elements may be found during chemical analysis. Under ASTM standards, Portland cement may contain 0.75 % insoluble residue. A fraction of these residues may be free crystalline silica. Respirable crystalline silica (quartz) can cause silicosis, a fibrosis (scarring) of the lungs and possibly cancer. There is evidence that exposure to respirable silica or the disease silicosis is associated with an increased incidence of Scleroderma, tuberculosis and kidney disorders.

Carcinogenicity Listings:

NTP:	Known carcinogen
OSHA:	Not listed as a carcinogen
IARC Monographs:	Group 1 Carcinogen
California Proposition 65:	Known carcinogen

NTP: The National Toxicology Program, in its "Ninth Report on Carcinogens" (released May 15, 2000) concluded that "Respirable crystalline silica (RCS), primarily quartz dusts occurring in industrial and occupational settings, is *known to be a human carcinogen*, based on sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity from studies in humans indicating a causal relationship between exposure to RCS and increased lung cancer rates in workers exposed to crystalline silica dust (reviewed in IAC, 1997; Brown *et al.*, 1997; Hind *et al.*, 1997)

IARC: The International Agency for Research on Cancer ("IARC") concluded that there was "*sufficient evidence* in humans for the carcinogenicity of crystalline silica in the forms of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources", and that there is "*sufficient evidence* in experimental animals for the carcinogenicity of quartz or cristobalite." The overall IARC evaluation was that "crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources is *carcinogenic to humans* (Group 1)." The IARC evaluation noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances or studies. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." For further information on the IARC evaluation, see IARC Monographs on the Evaluation of carcinogenic Risks to Humans, Volume 68, "Silica, Some Silicates." (1997)

Signs and Symptoms of Exposure: Symptoms of excessive exposure to the dust include shortness of breath and reduced pulmonary function. Excessive exposure to skin and eyes especially when mixed with water can cause caustic burns as severe as third degree.

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Medical Conditions Generally Aggravated by Exposure: Individuals with sensitive skin and with pulmonary and/or respiratory disease, including, but not limited to, asthma and bronchitis, or subject to eye irritation, should be precluded from exposure. Exposure to crystalline silica or the disease silicosis is associated with increased incidence of scleroderma, Tuberculosis and possibly increased incidence of kidney lesions.

Chronic Exposure: Dust can cause inflammation of the lining tissue of the interior of the nose and inflammation of the cornea. Hypersensitive individuals may develop an allergic dermatitis. (May contain trace (<0.05 %) amounts of chromium salts or compounds including hexavalent chromium, or other metals found to be hazardous or toxic in some chemical forms. These metals are mostly present as trace substitutions within the principal minerals)

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3. Hazardous Ingredients

Hazardous Components	CAS No.	PEL (OSHA) mg/M ³	TLV (ACGIH) mg/M ³
Portland Cement	65997-15-1	5	5
Lime	01305-62-0	5	5
Silica Sand, crystalline	14808-60-7	$\frac{10}{\%SiO_2+2}$	0.05 (respirable)
Amorphous Silica (From fly Ash)	07631-86-9	$\frac{80}{\%SiO_2+2}$	10
Alumina (From Fly Ash)	01344-28-1	5	5

Other Limits: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Recommended standard maximum permissible concentration=0.05 mg/M³ (respirable free silica) as determined by a full-shift sample up to 10-hour working day, 40-hour work week. See NIOSH Criteria for a Recommended Standard Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica.

4. First Aid Measures

Eyes: Immediately flush eye thoroughly with water. Continue flushing eye for at least 15 minutes, including under lids, to remove all particles. Call physician immediately.

Skin: Wash skin with cool water and pH-neutral soap or a mild detergent. Seek medical treatment if irritation or inflammation develops or persists. Seek immediate medical treatment in the event of burns.

Inhalation: Remove person to fresh air. If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If not breathing, give artificial respiration. Seek medical help if coughing and other symptoms do not subside. Inhalations of large amounts of Portland cement require immediate medical attention.

Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting. If conscious, have the victim drink plenty of water and call a physician immediately.

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Flammability:	No
Flash Point:	Not applicable
Auto-ignition Temperature:	Not applicable
Lower Explosive Limit:	Not applicable
Upper Explosive Limit:	Not applicable
Explosion Data:	
Sensitivity to Impact:	No
Sensitivity to Static Discharge:	No

Hazardous Combustion Products: None known

Conditions to Avoid: None

Extinguishing Media: These materials are not flammable and will not contribute to a conflagration.

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Fire Fighting Instructions: Evacuate area and fight fire from a safe distance or a protected area. Approach fire from upwind and, if possible, isolate materials not involved in the fire. At high temperatures fumes of calcium oxide may evolve. Firefighters must wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full protective clothing.

6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal Protection: Wear adequate personal protection to prevent inhalation of dusts, contact with skin or eyes. See Section 8 for specific recommendations.

Environmental Precautions: Prevent from spilling into waterways, sewers.

Cleanup Procedures: Restrict access to area until completion of cleanup. Only adequately trained personnel, wearing properly selected personal protective equipment and clothing described in Section 8, should be involved in the spill response and cleanup.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling Procedures: Handle bags in a manner that will ensure minimal generation of dusts. Do not breathe dust, which may generate accidentally. Follow safe work procedures and wear the appropriate personal protective equipment specified in Section 8. The workers must be instructed and trained in the safe work procedures.

Storage: Store away from incompatible materials. See Section 10.

8. Exposure Controls, Personal Protection

Engineering Controls: Local exhaust can be used, if necessary, to control airborne dust levels.

Personal Protection: The use of barrier creams or impervious gloves, boots and clothing to protect the skin from contact is recommended. Following work, workers should shower with soap and water. Precautions must be observed because burns occur with little warning -- little heat is sensed.

WARN EMPLOYEES AND/OR CUSTOMERS OF THE HAZARDS AND REQUIRED OSHA PRECAUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THIS PRODUCT.

9. Physical and Chemical Properties

Appearance: Gray to gray-brown colored powder;
Specific Gravity: 2.6 to 3.15
Boiling Point: >2700°F
Vapor Density: Not Available
Solubility in Water: Slight

Melting Point: >2700°F
Vapor Pressure: Not Available
Evaporation Rate: Not Available
Odor: Not Available

10. Stability and Reactivity

Chemical Stability: This product is stable.

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Incompatibility: Yes. Contact with powerful oxidizing agents such as fluorine, chlorine trifluoride and oxygen difluoride may cause exothermic reactions resulting in fires.

Reactivity: Product components may react with mineral acids such as hydrofluoric acid to produce a corrosive gas, silicon tetrafluoride.

Hazardous Decomposition Products: None

11. Toxicological Information

Effects of Acute Exposure:	See Section 3
Effects of Chronic Exposure:	See Section 3
Irritancy:	Yes. See Section 3.
Skin Sensitization:	None reported
Respiratory Sensitization:	None reported
Neurotoxicity:	No
Carcinogenicity:	Crystalline silica is listed by IARC
Embryotoxicity:	No
Teratogenicity:	No
Reproductive Toxicity:	No
Mutagenicity:	No
Synergistic Products:	None reported

12. Ecological Information

Environmental Toxicity: No environmental impact for uncontaminated sand. Determination of sandblasting contamination is required to determine environmental impact.

Biodegradability: No

13. Disposal Considerations

Review federal, provincial or state, and local government requirements prior to disposal. Store material for disposal as indicated in storage conditions. Disposal by controlled incineration may be acceptable.

14. Transport Information

Canadian Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations:	Not regulated
International Air Transport Association (IATA):	Not regulated
International Maritime Organization (IMO):	Not regulated

15. Regulatory Information

CANADIAN FEDERAL REGULATIONS:

CEPA, DOMESTIC SUBSTANCES LIST:	Listed
WHMIS CLASSIFICATION:	D2A

16. Other Information

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