# Safety Data Sheet Sand and Cement mix

Section 1: Material and Supplier Information

**Product Name:** Sand and Cement mix

Applicable In: Australia

Other Names: Australian Builders Sand and Cement mix

Recommended Use: Sand and cement mix can be used for bedding roof tiles, laying bricks, topping mix below and

above proof course and areas where high durability is required

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Section 2: Hazards Identification

Statement of This product is classified as HAZARDOUS according to Safe Work Australia criteria. Not

Classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG code, IMDG or IATA.

**GHS Classifications** 

Skin Corrosion/ Irritation Criteria 2
Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation: Criteria 1
Specific Target Organ Systematic Toxicity (Repeated Exposure): Category 2

SIGNAL WORD DANGER

**Pictograms** 



#### **Hazard Statements**

H315 Causes skin irritation

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction

H318 Causes serious eye damage

H373 May cause damage to lungs and respiratory tract through prolonged or repeated exposure.

#### **Prevention Statements**

P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray

P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing/ eye protection/ face protection

## **Response Statements**

P302+P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

P304+P340 IF INHALED: Remove to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses if present and

easy to do. Continue rinsing.

P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs get medical advice/attention.

## **Disposable Statements**

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with relevant regulations.

UN No None Allocated Hazchem Code None Pkg Group None Allocated

Allocated

DG Class None Allocated Subsidiary Risk(s) None EPG None Allocated

Allocated

# Section 3: Composition / Information on Ingredients

Ingredient	Formula	Proportion	CAS Number
Sand	Not available	70-85%	14808-60-7
Portland cement	Not available	15-30%	65997-15-1
Crystalline silica(Quartz)	SiO <sub>2</sub>	<1%	14808-60-7



Section 4: First Aid Measures

Eye: If wet mortar is splashed in to the eyes flush thoroughly with flowing water until advised to stop

by a poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

**Inhalation:** Remove from dusty area to fresh air. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

**Skin:** Remove heavily contaminated clothing immediately. Wash off skin thoroughly with water. A

shower may be required. Seek medical attention for persistent irritation or burning of the skin.

Ingestion: Rinse mouth and lips with water. Do not induce vomiting. Give water to drink to dilute stomach

contents. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

Advice to Doctor: Treat symptomatically.

First Aid Facilities Eye wash station.

Additional Aggravated Medical Conditions

Information

**Inhalation** Over exposure resulting from prolonged and repeated inhalation of dust containing crystalline

silica can cause bronchitis, silicosis (scarring of the lung). It may also increase the risk of scleroderma (a disease affecting the connective tissue of the skin. Joints, blood vessels and internal organs) and lung cancer. Epidemiological studies have shown that smoking increases the risk of bronchitis, silicosis (scaring of the lung) and lung cancer in persons exposed to

crystalline silica.

**Skin** Prolonged and repeated skin contact with wet mortars may result in irritant dermatitis or alkaline

burns.

Eye Irritating to the eye. If wet mortar is splashed in to the eye, alkaline burns can cause permanent

damage.

Section 5: Fire Fighting

**Flammability:** Not flammable. Does not support combustion of other materials.

Fire and Explosion: No fire or explosion hazard exists.

**Extinguishing:** Non-flammable; use suitable extinguishing agent for surrounding fire

Hazchem Code: None Allocated



Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

Spillage: If spillage (bulk), contact emergency services if appropriate. Wear dust proof goggles,

PVC/rubber gloves, a Class P2 respirator (where an inhalation risk exists), coveralls and rubber boots. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Prevent spill entering drains or waterways.

Collect and place in sealable containers for disposal or reuse. Avoid generating dust.

Emergency Follow safety requirements for personal protection under Section 8

Exposure Controls/Personal Protection.

**Procedures** 

Section 7: Handling and Storage

**Handling:** Before use carefully read the product label. Use of safe work practices are recommended to

avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene, including washing

hands before eating. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas.

Storage: Store off the floor in the original bags in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from

excessive moisture and heat. Ensure packages are adequately labelled, protected from

physical damage and sealed when not in use.

**Property/Environmental** Refer to Section 13.

Section 8: Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Ventilation Do not inhale dust/powder. Use with adequate ventilation. Where a dust inhalation hazard

exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain dust levels below the

recommended exposure standard.

**Exposure Standards** Crystalline Silica (Quartz) (14808-60-7)

ES-TWA: 0.1 mg/m3 (Respirable Dust)

Portland Cement (65997-15-1)

ES-TWA: 10 mg/m3 (Respirable Dust)

PPE Wear dust proof goggles/safety glasses and rubber or PVC gloves. Where an inhalation risk

exists, wear clear P2 respirator. If there is potential for prolonged and/or excessive skin contact, wear a long sleeve shirt and full-length trouser coveralls. At high dust levels, wear a Class P3

respirator or a Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) with class P3 filter.











Section 9: **Physical and Chemical Properties** 

Solubility (water) Slight, hardens when mixing **Appearance** Grey colour mixture

containing GP cement and

sand

Odor 2.9 to 3.2 Odorless Specific Gravity

% Volatiles Not Available pH (in water) Approximately 12 **Vapor Pressure** Not Available **Flammability** Non-Flammable

**Vapor Density Flash Point** Not Available Not Relevant **Boiling Point** Not Available **Upper Explosion Limit** Not Relevant **Melting Point** > 1200°C **Lower Explosion Limit** Not Relevant **Evaporation Rate** Not Available Autoignition Not Available

**Temperature** 

**Bulk Density** 1500-1700 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

**Particle Size** < 2 mm

Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

**Chemical Stability:** Chemically Stable **Conditions to Avoid:** 

**Incompatible Materials** Incompatible with oxidizing agents (e.g. hypochlorite), ethanol, acids (e.g. hydrofluoric acid) and

Interhalogens (e.g. chlorine trifluoride). Water contact may increase the temperature of product.

**Decomposition Products:** Unlikely to evolve toxic gases when heated to decomposition.

Keep free of moisture

**Hazardous Reactions:** None

Section 11: **Toxicological Information** 

**Acute Toxicity** No known toxicity data for this product.

**Eyes** Irritant upon contact with powder/dust. Over exposure may result in pain,

redness, corneal burns and ulceration with possible permanent damage.

Inhalation Slightly corrosive. Irritating to the respiratory system, causing coughing and

> sneezing. Over exposure may result in severe mucous membrane irritation and bronchitis. Crystalline silica can cause silicosis (lung disease) with chronic over exposure, however due to low levels present and product application,

adverse health effects are not anticipated.

Skin Irritating to the skin. Prolonged and repeated contact with powder or wetted

form may result in skin rash, dermatitis and sensitisation.

Ingestion may result in burns to the mouth and throat, with vomiting and Ingestion

abdominal pain. Due to product form, ingestion is not considered a likely



with water.

exposure route.

Mutagenicity Insufficient data available for this product to classify as a mutagen.

Carcionogenicity Dry mortar mix is not classified as a carcinogen by NOHSC. Crystalline silica

is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1), however due to low levels present and product application, the criteria for classification is not met.

Section 12: Ecological Information

**Toxicity** Product forms an alkaline product when mixed with water. This product is nontoxic to aquatic

life forms when present in cured solid form.

Persistence and

**Degradability** 

Product is persistent and would have a low degradability.

Mobility in Soil A low mobility would be expected in a landfill situation.

Section 13: Disposal Considerations

Waste Disposal Reuse or recycle where possible. Alternatively, ensure product is covered with moist soil to

prevent dust generation and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer

for additional information.

Legislation Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation. Keep out of sewer stormwater

drains.

# Section 14: Transport Information

Not classified as a dangerous good by the criteria of the ADG code.

Transport is by rail or road in bulk or bag form.

Drivers of trucks transporting bagged products should ensure that the bags are properly restrained.

Shipping Name None Allocated

UN NoNone AllocatedHazchem CodeNone AllocatedPkg GroupNone AllocatedDG ClassNone AllocatedSubsidiary Risk(s)None AllocatedEPGNone Allocated

# Section 15: Regulatory Information

Poison Schedule AICS A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the

Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Drugs and Poisons (SUSDP). All chemicals listed on

the Australian Inventory of Chemical Standards (AICS).



## Section 16:

## Other Information

#### **Additional Information**

CEMENT CONTACT DERMATITIS: Individuals using wet cement, mortar, grout or concrete could be at risk of developing cement dermatitis. Symptoms of exposure include itchy, tender, swollen, hot, cracked or blistering skin with the potential for sensitization. The dermatitis is due to the presence of soluble (hexavalent) chromium.

IARC – GROUP 1 – PROVEN HUMAN CARCINOGEN. This product contains an ingredient for which there is sufficient evidence to have been classified by the International Agency for Research into Cancer as a human carcinogen. The use of products known to be human carcinogens should be strictly monitored and controlled.

RESPIRATORS: In general, the use of respirators should be limited and engineering controls employed to avoid exposure. If respiratory equipment must be worn ensure correct respirator selection and training is undertaken. Remember that some respirators may be extremely uncomfortable when used for long periods. The use of air powered or air supplied respirators should be considered where prolonged or repeated use is necessary.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES: The Recommendation for protective equipment contained within this SDS report is provided as a guide only. Factors such as method of application, working environment, quantity used, product concentration and the availability of engineering controls should be considered before final selection of personal protective equipment is made.

HEALTH EFFECTS FROM EXPOSURE: It should be noted that the effects from exposure to this product will depend on several factors including: frequency and duration of use; quantity used; effectiveness of control measures; protective equipment used and method of application. Given that it is impractical to prepare an SDS report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

### ABBREVIATIONS:

mg/m³ - Milligrams per cubic metre

ppm - Parts Per Million

ES-TWA - Exposure Standard - Time Weighted Average

CNS - Central Nervous System

NOS - Not Otherwise Specified

pH – relates to hydrogen ion concentration – this value will relate to a scale of 0 – 14, where 0 is highly acidic and 14 is highly alkaline.

CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service Number – used to uniquely identify chemical compounds.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

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**Contact Point** 

**Report Status** 

For further information on this product contact:



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