

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

Product Name CONCRETE BLOCKS

Synonyms CONCRETE MASONRY BLOCK, CONCRETE MASONRY UNIT, MASONRY BLOCK.

Uses BUILDING APPLICATIONS, MASONRY CONSTRUCTION.

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2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO NOHSC CRITERIA
NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

3. COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	Conc.	CAS No.
AGGREGATE		10 - 60%	Not Available
PORTLAND CEMENT		10 - 20%	65997-15-1
BENZENESULFONIC ACID, C10-C16 ALKYL DERIVATIVES		<10%	68584-22-5
SLAG		<10%	Not Available
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE - QUARTZ	Si-O2	<80%	14808-60-7
FLY ASH		<10%	68131-74-8

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye Flush gently with running water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.

Inhalation If over exposure occurs, leave exposure area immediately. Seek medical attention if symptoms develop.

Skin (Dust). Gently flush affected areas with water. Seek medical attention if irritation develops.

Ingestion For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor. Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

Advice To Doctor Treat symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability Non flammable. No fire or explosion hazard exists.

Fire and Explosion Non flammable. No fire or explosion hazard exists.

Extinguishing Non flammable.

Hazchem Code None Allocated

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6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spillage Collect and reuse where possible.

7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Handling Use safe work practices to avoid eye or skin contact and inhalation. Observe good personal hygiene. Prohibit eating, drinking and smoking in contaminated areas. Wash hands before eating. Remove contaminated clothing and protective equipment before entering eating areas.

Storage Store in cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from oxidising agents, acids and foodstuffs. Ensure product is adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

Ventilation Do not inhale dust/ powder. Use with adequate natural ventilation. Where a dust inhalation hazard exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended.

Exposure Standards PORTLAND CEMENT (65997-15-1)
ES-TWA : 10 mg/m3 Portland Cement
ES-TWA# : 0.05 mg/m3 Chromium (VI) Compounds (contaminant)
WES : 10 mg/m3

SILICA, CRYSTALLINE - QUARTZ (14808-60-7)
ES-TWA : 0.1 mg/m3 (Silica Quartz, respirable, NOHSC)
ES-TWA# : 0.1 mg/m3 (QLD); 0.15 mg/m3 (NSW)
WES : 0.2 mg/m3

PPE Wear leather or cotton gloves. If cutting or sanding with potential for dust generation, wear dust-proof goggles and a Class P1 (Particulate) Respirator.



9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance: BLOCKS WITH CORE HOLES
Odour: ODOURLESS
pH: NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour Pressure: NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour Density: NOT AVAILABLE
Boiling Point: NOT AVAILABLE
Melting Point: > 1000 C
Evaporation Rate: NOT AVAILABLE
Solubility (water): INSOLUBLE
Specific Gravity: 2.0 - 2.4
% Volatiles: NOT AVAILABLE
Flammability: NON FLAMMABLE
Flash Point: NOT RELEVANT
Upper Explosion Limit: NOT RELEVANT
Lower Explosion Limit: NOT RELEVANT
Autoignition Temperature: NOT AVAILABLE

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10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity Incompatible with oxidising agents (eg. peroxides) and acids (eg. hydrochloric acid).

Decomposition Products May evolve toxic gases if heated to decomposition.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Hazard Summary Low toxicity - irritant. Under normal conditions of use this product is not anticipated to present a hazard unless product is cut, drilled or sanded with the generation of irritating/slightly corrosive dust. Use safe work practices to avoid dust generation and inhalation. Chronic exposure to crystalline silica may cause lung fibrosis (silicosis) and it is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1).

Eye Low irritant. Slightly corrosive dust may be generated during cutting/ sanding of product. Contact may result in irritation, lacrimation, pain and possible corneal burns.

Inhalation Not applicable. An inhalation hazard is not anticipated unless this material is cut, drilled or sanded with dust generation, which may result in mucous membrane irritation of the upper respiratory tract with over exposure. Crystalline silica is classified as carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 1).

Skin Not applicable. If dust is generated, prolonged exposure may result in irritation, itching, redness, rash and possible dermatitis.

Ingestion Not applicable. Due to product form, ingestion is considered highly unlikely.

12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Environment Limited ecotoxicity data was available for this product at the time this report was prepared. Ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent this product from entering the environment.

13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal Reuse where possible. No special precautions are required for this product.

Legislation Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

Transport Not classified as a Dangerous Good according to the Australian Code for the transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and Rail.

UN Number None Allocated

DG Class None Allocated

Subsidiary Risk(s) None Allocated

Packing Group None Allocated

Hazchem Code None Allocated

15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

Poison Schedule 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).

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16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information 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.

ABBREVIATIONS:

mg/m³ - Milligrams per cubic metre

ppm - Parts Per Million

TWA/ES - Time Weighted Average or Exposure Standard.

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.

M - moles per litre, a unit of concentration.

IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this Chem Alert 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. Information provided by Risk Management Technologies is summarised for ease of use. Additional technical information is available by calling +61 8 9322 1711.

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 a Chem Alert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

COLOUR RATING SYSTEM: Chem Alert reports are assigned a colour rating of Green, Amber or Red for the purpose of providing users with a quick and easy means of determining the hazardous nature of a product. Safe handling recommendations are provided in all Chem Alert reports so as to clearly identify how users can control the hazards and thereby reduce the risk (or likelihood) of adverse effects. As a general guideline a Green colour rating indicates a low hazard, an Amber colour rating indicates a moderate hazard and a Red colour rating indicates a high hazard.

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