



CMU Safety Data Sheet – Pigmented and Non-Pigmented

Section 1—Identification

Product Name: Concrete Masonry Products (Pigmented and non-Pigmented)

Generic ID: Concrete Masonry Units, Segmental Retaining Walls

Usage and Restrictions: Concrete masonry units are used in the construction of residential and commercial structures as part of a building's envelope and interior walls, and can be used in load-bearing or veneer applications. Segmental retaining wall units are used as a means to retain earth slopes in residential and commercial projects.

Supplier Details: Westbrook Concrete Block Co., Inc.
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Westbrook, CT 06498

Emergency Phone Number: (860) 399-6201

Section 2—Hazard(s) Identification

GHS Classification:

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| Carcinogenicity | 1A |
| Eye Irritation | 2A |
| Repeated Exposure Skin Irritation | 2 |
| Specific Organ Toxicity | 2 |

GHS Label Elements:



Signal Word: Danger

Hazard Statements: Sawing or grinding may result in release of dust particles which may (acute:) cause minor irritation of the eye or nose. (chronic:) result in lung disease (silicosis) if exposed to excessive amounts for prolonged periods.

Prevention: Wear NIOSH-approved respirator and tight fitting goggles when sawing or grinding.

Response:

- If exposed or concerned:* Get medical advice/attention.
- If on skin:* Wash with plenty of water. Take off contaminated clothing and wash it before reuse.
- If in eyes:* Rinse continuously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do.

Storage: Store product pallets on stable ground. Do not double-stack pallets.

Disposal: Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazards not otherwise classified: None known.



Section 3—Composition / Information on Ingredients

| Ingredient(s) | UN Number | CAS Number | % (by weight) |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Course aggregate | Not available | Not available | 15 – 60 |
| Portland cement | Not available | 65997-15-1 | 9 – 31 |
| Ashes/residues | Not available | 68131-74-8 | 0.1 – 30 |
| Water | Not available | 7732-18-5 | 10 – 30 |
| Silica, Quartz, Crystalline | Not available | 14808-60-7 | 3 – 7 |
| Ferric oxide | UN1376 | 1309-37-1 | 1 – 5 |
| Calcium carbonate | Not available | 1317-65-3 | 1 – 5 |
| Calcium hydroxide | Not available | 1305-62-0 | 1 – 5 |
| Silica, amorphous, fumed | Not available | 7631-86-9 | 1 – 5 |
| Admixtures | Not available | Not available | 0.1 – 1 |

Section 4—First Aid Measures

Description of Necessary First Aid Measures:

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| EYE CONTACT: | Immediately flush with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Hold eyelids apart. Remove contacts if present and easy to do. Beyond flushing, do not attempt to remove material from the eye(s). Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists. |
| INHALATION: | Move to fresh air. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist. |
| SKIN CONTACT: | Wash off with soap and water. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. |
| INGESTION: | Rinse mouth and drink plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get medical attention. |

Most Important Symptoms and Effects, both Acute and Delayed:

Inhaling dust may cause discomfort in the chest, shortness of breath, and coughing. Prolonged inhalation may cause chronic health effects. This product contains crystalline silica. Prolonged or repeated inhalation of respirable crystalline silica liberated from this product can cause silicosis, and may cause cancer.

Indication of Immediate Medical Attention and Special Treatment Needed, If Necessary:

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| EYE CONTACT: | Causes serious eye irritation. Symptoms may include discomfort or pain, excess blinking and tear production, with possible redness and swelling. |
| INHALATION: | Dust may cause respiratory tract irritation. |
| SKIN CONTACT: | Causes skin irritation. Wear gloves when handling product to avoid drying and mechanical abrasion of the skin. May cause sensitization by skin contact. |
| INGESTION: | Not a normal route of exposure. May result in obstruction and temporary irritation of the digestive tract. |



Section 5—Fire Fighting Measures

Extinguishing Media:

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| SUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: | Treat for surrounding material. |
| UNSUITABLE EXTINGUISHING MEDIA: | Not available |
| SPECIAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE-FIGHTERS: | Use protective equipment appropriate for surrounding materials. No specific precautions. |

Section 6—Accidental Release Measures

Personal Precautions, Protective Equipment and Emergency Procedures:

Wear appropriate protective equipment and clothing during clean-up of materials that contain or may release dust.

Methods and Materials for Containment and Cleaning-Up

Spilled material, where dust is generated, may overexpose cleanup personnel to respirable crystalline silica-containing dust. Do not dry sweep or use compressed air for clean-up. Wetting of spilled material and/or use of respiratory protective equipment may be necessary. Avoid discharge of fine particulate matter into drains.

Section 7—Handling And Storage

Precautions for Safe Handling:

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| HANDLING: | Avoid contact with skin and eyes. Good housekeeping is key to prevent accumulation of dust. Avoid generating and breathing dust. Use wet methods, if appropriate, to reduce the generation of dust. The use of compressed air for cleaning clothing, equipment, etc, is not recommended. Handle with care. When using do not eat or drink. (See section 8) |
| GENERAL HYGIENE ADVICE: | Laundry contaminated clothing before reuse. Wash hands before eating or drinking. |
| CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE, INCLUDING ANY INCOMPATIBILITIES: | Avoid dust buildup by frequent cleaning and suitable construction of the storage area. |



Section 8—Exposure Controls and Personal Measures

Control Parameters:

OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS:

- 1—Value equivalent to OSHA formulas (29 CFR 1910.1000; 29 CFR 1917; 29 CFR 1918)
- 2—Value also applies to MSHA metal/Non-Metal (1973 TLVs at 30 CFR 56/57.5001)
- 3—OSHA enforces 0.250 mg/m³ in construction and shipyards (CPL-03-00-007)
- 4—Value also applies to OSHA construction (29 CFR 1926.55 Appendix A) and shipyards (29 CFR 1915.1000 Table Z)
- 5—MSHA limit = 10 mg/m³

| Ingredient | OSHA-PEL | ACGIH-TLV |
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| Coarse aggregate | Not available | Not available |
| Portland cement | 15 mg/m ³ (total); 5 mg/m ³ (resp) | 1 mg/m ³ (<1% crystalline silica, respirable fraction) |
| Ashes (residues) | Not available | Not available |
| Silica, crystalline, quartz | ((10 mg/m ³)/(%SiO ₂ +2) (resp)) ((30 mg/m ³)/(%SiO ₂ +2) (total)) ((250)/(%SiO ₂ +5) mppcf (resp)) | 0.025 mg/m ³ |
| Ferric oxide | 10 mg/m ³ | 5 mg/m ³ (iron oxide fume; dust as Fe) |
| Calcium carbonate | 15 mg/m ³ (total); 5 mg/m ³ (resp) | 10 mg/m ³ |
| Calcium hydroxide | 15 mg/m ³ (total); 5 mg/m ³ (resp) | 5 mg/m ³ |
| Silica, amorphous | 80 mg/m ³ /%SiO ₂ | 10 mg/m ³ |
| Admixtures | Not available | Not available. |

ENGINEERING CONTROLS:

Use ventilation adequate to keep exposures (airborne levels of dust, fume, vapor, etc.) below recommended exposure limits.

EXPOSURE GUIDELINES:

OSHA PELs, MSHA PELs, and ACGIH TLVs are 8-hr TWA values. NIOSH RELs are for TWA exposures up to 10-hr/day and 40-hr/wk. Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

Individual Protective Measures:

HYGIENE MEASURES:

Observe good hygiene, such as washing after handling the material and before eating and drinking. Routinely wash work clothing and protective equipment.

EYE/FACE PROTECTION:

Wear safety glasses with side shields (or goggles).

HAND/BODY PROTECTION:

Use personal protective equipment as required.

HAND/BODY PROTECTION:

When performing work that produces dust or respirable crystalline silica in excess of applicable exposure limits, wear a NIOSH-approved respirator that is properly fitted and is in good condition. Respirators must be used in accordance with all applicable workplace regulations.



Section 9—Physical And Chemical Properties

Appearance:

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| APPEARANCE: | Fully cured and hydrated concrete |
| COLOR: | Not available. Varies |
| ODOR: | Odorless |
| ODOR THRESHOLD: | Not applicable |
| PHYSICAL STATE: | Solid |
| PH: | Not applicable |
| MELTING/FREEZING POINT: | Not applicable |
| BOILING POINT: | Not applicable |
| FLASH POINT: | Not applicable |
| EVAPORATION RATE: | Not applicable |
| FLAMMABILITY: | Not flammable |
| LOWER FLAMMABILITY/EXPLOSIVE LIMIT: | Not applicable |
| UPPER FLAMMABILITY/EXPLOSIVE LIMIT: | Not applicable |
| VAPOR PRESSURE: | Not applicable |
| VAPOR DENSITY: | Not applicable |
| RELATIVE DENSITY/SPECIFIC GRAVITY: | Not applicable |
| SOLUBILITY: | Insoluble |
| PARTITION COEFFICIENT: N-OCTINOL/WATER: | Not applicable |
| AUTO-IGNITION TEMPERATURE: | Not applicable |
| DECOMPOSITION TEMPERATURE: | Not applicable |
| VISCOSITY: | Not applicable |
| SADT: | Not applicable |
| OXIDIZING PROPERTIES: | Not applicable |
| EXPLOSIVE PROPERTIES: | Not applicable |

Section 10—Stability and Reactivity

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| Reactivity: | Product is stable and non-reactive under normal conditions of use, storage and transport. |
| Chemical Stability: | Material is stable under normal conditions. |
| Hazardous Reaction Possibility: | No dangerous reaction known under conditions of normal use. |
| Conditions to Avoid: | None known |
| Incompatible Materials: | None known |
| Hazardous Decomposition: | None known |



Section 11—Toxicological Information

Information on Toxicological Effects

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| ACUTE TOXICITY: | | Not expected to be acutely toxic. |
| IRRITATION/CORROSION: | <i>Skin:</i> | Causes skin irritation. Wear gloves when handling product to avoid drying and mechanical abrasion of the skin. May cause sensitization by skin contact. |
| | <i>Eyes:</i> | Causes serious eye irritation. Symptoms may include discomfort or pain, excess blinking and tear production, with possible redness and swelling. |
| | <i>Ingestion:</i> | Not likely due to product form. However accidental ingestion may cause discomfort. |
| | <i>Inhalation:</i> | Dust may cause respiratory tract irritation. |
| SENSITIZATION: | <i>Respiratory Sensitization:</i> | No respiratory sensitizing effects known. Skin sensitization: Not known to be a dermal irritant or sensitizer. |
| | MUTAGENICITY: | No data available to indicate product or any components present at greater than 0.1% are mutagenic or genotoxic. |
| ASPIRATION HAZARD: | | Not expected to be an aspiration hazard. |
| REPRODUCTIVE TOXICITY: | | Not expected to be a reproductive hazard. |
| SYMPTOMS: | <i>Dust:</i> | Discomfort in the chest. Shortness of breath. Coughing. |
| CARCINOGENICITY: | | Respirable crystalline silica has been classified by IARC and NTP as a known human carcinogen, and classified by ACGIH as a suspected human carcinogen. |

Acute Toxicity:

| Ingredient | IDLH | LC50 | LD50 |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Coarse aggregate | Not available | Not available | Not available |
| Portland cement | 5000 mg/m ³ | Not available | Not available. |
| Ashes (residues) | Not available | Not available | Oral > 2000 mg/kg, rat |
| Water | Not available | Inhalation 90000 mg/m ³ /4h, rat | Oral >90000 mg/kg, rat Dermal >90000 mg/kg, rabbit |
| Silica, crystalline, quartz | Ca [25 mg/m ³ (cristobalite, tridymite); 50 mg/m ³ (quartz, tripoli)] | Not available | Oral 500 mg/kg, rat |
| Ferric oxide | 2500 mg Fe/m ³ | Not available | Oral >10000 mg/kg, rat |
| Calcium carbonate | Not available | Not available | Oral 6450 mg/kg, rat |
| Calcium hydroxide | Not available | Not available | Oral 7340 mg/kg, rat |
| Silica, amorphous | Not available | Inhalation 58.8 mg/l/1h, rat | Oral >5000 mg/kg, rat Dermal >2000 mg/kg, rabbit |
| Admixtures | Not available | Not available | Not available. |



Section 12—Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity: No ecological consideration when used according to directions.

Persistence and degradability: Not applicable

Bioaccumulative potential: Not applicable

Mobility in soil: Not applicable

Other adverse effects: No other adverse environmental effects (e.g., ozone depletion, photochemical ozone creation potential, global warming potential) are expected from this component.

Section 13—Disposal Considerations

Disposal Methods: Do not allow fine particulate matter to drain into sewers/water supplies. Do not contaminate ponds, waterways or ditches with fine particulates. Dispose of contents in accordance with local/regional/national/international regulations.

Hazardous Waste Code: Not regulated

Waste From Residues/Unused Products: Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Empty containers or liners may retain some product residues. This material and its container must be disposed of in a safe manner.

Section 14—Transportation Information

| | DOT Classification | TDG | NOM-004-SCT2-1994 |
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| UN Number | Not regulated | Not regulated | Not regulated |
| UN Proper Shipping Name | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Transport Hazard Class(es) | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Packing Group | Not applicable | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| Environmental Hazards | Not available | | |

Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73/78 and the IBC Code: Not available.



Section 15—REGULATORY INFORMATION

Safety, Health and Environmental Regulations/Legislations Specific for the Chemical:

US: SDS prepared pursuant to the Hazard Communication Standard (CFR29 1910.1200) HazCom 2012.

SARA Title III:

| Ingredient | Section 302 (EHS) TPQ (lbs.) | Section 304 EHS RQ (lbs.) | CERCLA RQ (lbs.) | Section 313 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Coarse aggregate | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Portland cement | Not listed. | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Ashes (residues) | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Water | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Silica, crystalline, quartz | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Ferric oxide | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Calcium carbonate | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Calcium hydroxide | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Silica, amorphous | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |
| Admixtures | Not listed. | Not listed | Not listed | Not listed |

Source Agency Carcinogen Classifications:

CP65

California Proposition 65

OSHA (O)

Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

ACGIH (G)

American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists

- A1 Confirmed human carcinogen.
- A2 Suspected human carcinogen.
- A3 Animal carcinogen.
- A4 Not classifiable as a human carcinogen.
- A5 Not suspected as a human carcinogen.

IARC (I)

International Agency for Research on Cancer.

- 1 The agent (mixture) is carcinogenic to humans.
- 2A The agent (mixture) is probably carcinogenic to humans; there is limited evidence carcinogenicity in humans and sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in experimental animals.
- 2B The agent (mixture) is possibly carcinogenic to humans; there is limited evidence of carcinogenicity in humans in the absence of sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in experimental animals.
- 3 The agent (mixture, exposure circumstance) is not classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans.
- 4 The agent (mixture, exposure circumstance) is probably not carcinogenic to humans.

NTP (N)

National Toxicology Program.

- 1 Known to be carcinogens.
- 2 Reasonably anticipated to be carcinogens.



Section 16—OTHER INFORMATION

Date of Preparation:

05-30-15

Expiration Date:

None

Version:

1.0

Revision Date:

N/A

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