



Material Safety Data Sheet



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Product Name F.S. W.A.B. PLASTERBOARD

1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

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Use(s) PLASTER BOARD
MSDS Date 01 May 2008

2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO ASCC CRITERIA

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE

UN No.	None Allocated	DG Class	None Allocated	Subsidiary Risk(s)	None Allocated
Packing Group	None Allocated	Hazchem Code	None Allocated	EPG	None Allocated

3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

Ingredient	Formula	CAS No.	Content
SILICA, CRYSTALLINE - QUARTZ	Si-O2	14808-60-7	0.6-0.8%
CALCIUM SULPHATE DIHYDRATE	Ca.SO4.2H2O	10101-41-4	>60%
CALCIUM CARBONATE	Ca-C-O3	471-34-1	<10%
FLY ASH	Not Available	68131-74-8	<10%
VERMICULITE	Not Available	1318-00-9	<10%
WAX	Not Available	Not Available	<10%
REINFORCED FIBREGLASS	Not Available	6599-17-3	<2%
STARCH	Not Available	9005-25-8	<2%

4. FIRST AID MEASURES

Eye If in eyes, hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.

Inhalation If inhaled, remove from contaminated area. Apply artificial respiration if not breathing.

Skin Exposure is considered unlikely. Skin irritation is not anticipated.

Ingestion For advice, contact a Poisons Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.

Advice to Doctor The manufacturer recommends to treat the patient symptomatically.

5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

Flammability	Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases if strongly heated.
Fire and Explosion	No fire or explosion hazard exists.
Extinguishing	Prevent contamination of drains or waterways.
Hazchem Code	None Allocated

6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

Spillage	If spilt, collect and reuse where possible.
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7. STORAGE AND HANDLING

Storage	Store in cool, dry area.
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.

8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/ PERSONAL PROTECTION

Exposure Stds	Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
			ppm	mg/m3	ppm	mg/m3
	Calcium carbonate	ASCC (AUS)	--	10	--	--
	Silica, Crystalline Quartz	ASCC (AUS)	--	0.1	--	--
	Starch (a)	ASCC (AUS)	--	10	--	--

REINFORCED FIBREGLASS

ES-TWA:	0.5 fibres/mL Synthetic mineral fibres
ES-TWA#:	2 mg/m3 Inhalable dusts

VERMICULITE

ES-TWA:	2.5 mg/m3 Inspirable (Proposed)
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Biological Limits	No biological limit allocated.
Engineering Controls	Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Avoid inhalation. Maintain dust levels below the recommended exposure standard.
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment is not required under normal conditions of use. When using large quantities or where heavy contamination is likely, wear: dust-proof goggles and rubber or PVA gloves. Where an inhalation risk exists, wear: a Class P1 (Particulate) respirator.

9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

Appearance	PAPER COVERED WHITE CORE	Solubility (Water)	0.2 %
Odour	LOW ODOUR	Specific Gravity	NOT AVAILABLE
pH	NOT AVAILABLE	% Volatiles	NOT AVAILABLE
Vapour Pressure	NOT AVAILABLE	Flammability	NON FLAMMABLE
Vapour Density	NOT AVAILABLE	Flash Point	NOT RELEVANT
Boiling Point	NOT AVAILABLE	Upper Explosion Limit	NOT RELEVANT
Melting Point	NOT AVAILABLE	Lower Explosion Limit	NOT RELEVANT
Evaporation Rate	NOT AVAILABLE		
Density	800 kg/m3 (Approximately)		

10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Chemical Stability	Stable under recommended conditions of storage.
Conditions to Avoid	Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.
Material to Avoid	Compatible with most commonly used materials.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	
Hazardous Reactions	Polymerization will not occur.

11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Health Hazard Summary	Low toxicity. This product may only present a hazard if boards-panels are sanded, drilled or cut with dust generation. Use safe work practices to avoid dust generation - inhalation. Due to the low levels of fibreglass present, an inhalation hazard is not anticipated. The manufacturer has classified this product as Hazardous according to NOSH criteria. However, due to the product form (solid), adverse health effects are greatly reduced and therefore this product has been allocated a GREEN colour rating.
Eye	Due to product form and nature of use, an eye hazard is not anticipated. Product may only present a hazard if dust is generated. Contact may result in mechanical irritation.
Inhalation	Exposure considered unlikely. An inhalation hazard is not anticipated unless cut, drilled or sanded with dust generation, which may result in irritation of the nose and throat.
Skin	Low irritant. Prolonged or repeated contact may result in mild irritation due to mechanical action.
Ingestion	Ingestion is considered unlikely due to product form.
Toxicity Data	SILICA, CRYSTALLINE - QUARTZ (14808-60-7) LCLo (Inhalation): 300 ug/m ³ /10 years (human) LDLo (Intratracheal): 200 mg/kg (rat) LDLo (Intravenous): 20 mg/kg (dog) TCLo (Inhalation): 16 000 000 particles/ft ³ /8 hours/17.9 years (human-fibrosis) CALCIUM CARBONATE (471-34-1) LD50 (Ingestion): 6450 mg/kg (rat)

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.
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13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste Disposal	Reuse where possible or return to manufacturer (the manufacturer may have a method/solution for neutralisation available). Alternatively, absorb with sand or similar and dispose of to an approved landfill site. Contact the manufacturer for additional information.
Legislation	Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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Shipping Name	None Allocated				
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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).
AICS	All chemicals listed on the Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS).

16. OTHER INFORMATION

Additional Information	ABBREVIATIONS: ADB - Air-Dry Basis. BEI - Biological Exposure Indice(s) CAS# - Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds. CNS - Central Nervous System.
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EINECS - European INventory of Existing Commercial chemical Substances.
IARC - International Agency for Research on Cancer.
M - moles per litre, a unit of concentration.
mg/m³ - Milligrams per cubic metre.
NOS - Not Otherwise Specified.
NTP - National Toxicology Program.
OSHA - Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
pH - relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm - Parts Per Million.
RTECS - Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances.
TWA/ES - Time Weighted Average or Exposure Standard.

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.

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.

Report Status

This document has been compiled by RMT on behalf of the manufacturer of the product and serves as the manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheet ('MSDS').

It is based on information concerning the product which has been provided to RMT by the manufacturer or obtained from third party sources and is believed to represent the current state of knowledge as to the appropriate safety and handling precautions for the product at the time of issue. Further clarification regarding any aspect of the product should be obtained directly from the manufacturer.

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