

## 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MATERIAL AND SUPPLIER

### 1.1 Product identifier

**Product name** CEMSTIK  
**Synonym(s)** BLUE CIRCLE SOUTHERN CEMENT CEMSTIK • CEMSTIK (BCSC) (FORMERLY)

### 1.2 Uses and uses advised against

**Use(s)** CEMENT ADDITIVE • CEMENT BONDING AGENT ADDITIVE

### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the product

**Supplier name** BORAL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS LTD.  
**Address** Level 3, 40 Mount Street, Nth Sydney, NSW, 2060, AUSTRALIA  
**Telephone** (02) 9220 6300  
**Email** [sds@rmt.com.au](mailto:sds@rmt.com.au)  
**Website** <http://www.boral.com.au>

### 1.4 Emergency telephone number(s)

**Emergency** 1800 555 477 (8am – 5pm WST)  
**Emergency (A/H)** 13 11 26 (Poisons Information Centre)

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS ACCORDING TO SAFE WORK AUSTRALIA CRITERIA

**GHS classification(s)** Skin Sensitization: Category 1

### 2.2 Label elements

**Signal word** WARNING

**Pictogram(s)**



**Hazard statement(s)**

H317 May cause an allergic skin reaction.

**Prevention statement(s)**

P261 Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.  
P272 Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.

**Response statement(s)**

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P321 Specific treatment is advised - see first aid instructions.  
P333 + P313 If skin irritation or rash occurs: Get medical advice/attention.  
P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse.

**Storage statement(s)**

None allocated.

**Disposal statement(s)**

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

**2.3 Other hazards**

No information provided.

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**3. COMPOSITION/ INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

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**3.1 Substances / Mixtures**

Ingredient	CAS Number	EC Number	Content
VINYL ACETATE	108-05-4	203-545-4	<1%
5-CHLORO-2-METHYL-4-ISOTHIAZOLIN-3-ONE	26172-55-4	247-500-7	<0.45%
2-METHYL-4-ISOTHIAZOLIN-3-ONE	2682-20-4	220-239-6	<0.15%
NON HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS	Not Available	Not Available	Remainder

**Ingredient Notes** Preparation description: Polyvinyl acetate polymer.

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**4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

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**4.1 Description of first aid measures**

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

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

**Skin** If skin or hair contact occurs, remove contaminated clothing and flush skin and hair with running water. Continue flushing with water until advised to stop by a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.

**Ingestion** For advice, contact a Poison Information Centre on 13 11 26 (Australia Wide) or a doctor (at once). If swallowed, do not induce vomiting.

**First aid facilities** Eye wash facilities and safety shower should be available.

**4.2 Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed**

Isothiazolinones may cause an allergic skin reaction.

**4.3 Immediate medical attention and special treatment needed**

Treat symptomatically.

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**5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES**

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**5.1 Extinguishing media**

Use an extinguishing agent suitable for the surrounding fire.

**5.2 Special hazards arising from the substance or mixture**

Non flammable. May evolve toxic gases (carbon/ nitrogen/ sulphur oxides, chlorides, hydrocarbons) when heated to decomposition.

**5.3 Advice for firefighters**

Treat as per requirements for surrounding fires. Evacuate area and contact emergency services. Remain upwind and notify those downwind of hazard. Wear full protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) when combating fire. Use waterfog to cool intact containers and nearby storage areas.

**5.4 Hazchem code**

None allocated.

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**6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES**

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**6.1 Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures**

Wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as detailed in section 8 of the SDS. Clear area of all unprotected personnel. Ventilate area where possible. Contact emergency services where appropriate.

**6.2 Environmental precautions**

Prevent product from entering drains and waterways.

**6.3 Methods of cleaning up**

Contain spillage, then cover / absorb spill with non-combustible absorbent material (vermiculite, sand, or similar), collect and place in suitable containers for disposal. Eliminate all sources of ignition.

**6.4 Reference to other sections**

See Sections 8 and 13 for exposure controls and disposal.

**7. HANDLING AND STORAGE**

**7.1 Precautions for safe 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.

**7.2 Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities**

Store in a cool, dry, well ventilated area, removed from moisture, incompatible substances, heat or ignition sources and foodstuffs. Ensure containers are adequately labelled, protected from physical damage and sealed when not in use.

**7.3 Specific end use(s)**

No information provided.

**8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION**

**8.1 Control parameters**

**Exposure standards**

Ingredient	Reference	TWA		STEL	
		ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>	ppm	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Vinyl acetate (h)	SWA (AUS)	10	35	20	70

**Biological limits**

No biological limit values have been entered for this product.

**8.2 Exposure controls**

**Engineering controls** Avoid inhalation. Use in well ventilated areas. Where an inhalation risk exists, mechanical extraction ventilation is recommended. Maintain vapour levels below the recommended exposure standard.

**PPE**

- Eye / Face** Wear splash-proof goggles.
- Hands** Wear PVC or rubber gloves.
- Body** Wear coveralls.
- Respiratory** Where an inhalation risk exists, wear a Type AB (Organic and Inorganic gases/vapours) respirator.



**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

<b>Appearance</b>	WHITE MILKY LIQUID
<b>Odour</b>	FAINT ACETIC ODOUR
<b>Flammability</b>	NON FLAMMABLE
<b>Flash point</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Boiling point</b>	100°C (Approximately)
<b>Melting point</b>	NOT AVAILABLE
<b>Evaporation rate</b>	< 1 (Butyl acetate = 1)
<b>pH</b>	4.7 (Approximately)
<b>Vapour density</b>	> 1 (Air = 1)
<b>Specific gravity</b>	1.03 to 1.09
<b>Solubility (water)</b>	SOLUBLE
<b>Vapour pressure</b>	AS FOR WATER
<b>Upper explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT
<b>Lower explosion limit</b>	NOT RELEVANT

**9.1 Information on basic physical and chemical properties**

Partition coefficient	NOT AVAILABLE
Autoignition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Decomposition temperature	NOT AVAILABLE
Viscosity	NOT AVAILABLE
Explosive properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Oxidising properties	NOT AVAILABLE
Odour threshold	NOT AVAILABLE

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**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

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**10.1 Reactivity**

Carefully review all information provided in sections 10.2 to 10.6.

**10.2 Chemical stability**

Stable under recommended conditions of storage.

**10.3 Possibility of hazardous reactions**

Polymerization will not occur.

**10.4 Conditions to avoid**

Avoid heat, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources.

**10.5 Incompatible materials**

Incompatible with oxidising agents (e.g. hypochlorites), alkalis (e.g. sodium hydroxide), heat and ignition sources.

**10.6 Hazardous decomposition products**

May evolve toxic gases (carbon/ nitrogen/ sulphur oxides, chlorides, hydrocarbons) when heated to decomposition.

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**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**11.1 Information on toxicological effects**

<b>Acute toxicity</b>	No known toxicity data is available for this product. Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
<b>Skin</b>	Not classified as a skin irritant. Contact may result in mild irritation, redness and rash.
<b>Eye</b>	Not classified as an eye irritant. Contact may cause discomfort, lacrimation and redness.
<b>Sensitization</b>	Isothiazolinones may cause an allergic skin reaction. This product is not known to be a respiratory sensitiser.
<b>Mutagenicity</b>	Insufficient data available to classify as a mutagen.
<b>Carcinogenicity</b>	Not classified as a carcinogen. However, this product may contain trace amounts of vinyl acetate monomers (below that to require classification). Vinyl acetate is classified as possibly carcinogenic to humans (IARC Group 2B).
<b>Reproductive</b>	Insufficient data available to classify as a reproductive toxin.
<b>STOT – single exposure</b>	Not classified as causing organ effects from single exposure.
<b>STOT – repeated exposure</b>	Not classified as causing organ effects from repeated exposure.
<b>Aspiration</b>	This product is not classified as causing aspiration.

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**12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

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**12.1 Toxicity**

No information provided.

**12.2 Persistence and degradability**

No information provided.

**12.3 Bioaccumulative potential**

No information provided.

**12.4 Mobility in soil**

No information provided.

**12.5 Other adverse effects**

Isothiazolinones are used as industrial microbiocides, indicating a high degree of toxicity to aquatic microorganisms.

**13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

**13.1 Waste treatment methods**

**Waste disposal** For small amounts, absorb with lime and dispose of to approved landfill site. For large quantities, contact the manufacturer/supplier for additional information.

**Legislation** Dispose of in accordance with relevant local legislation.

**14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

NOT CLASSIFIED AS A DANGEROUS GOOD BY THE CRITERIA OF THE ADG CODE, IMDG OR IATA

	LAND TRANSPORT (ADG)	SEA TRANSPORT (IMDG / IMO)	AIR TRANSPORT (IATA / ICAO)
14.1 UN Number	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.2 Proper Shipping Name	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.3 Transport hazard class	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated
14.4 Packing Group	None Allocated	None Allocated	None Allocated

**14.5 Environmental hazards** No information provided

**14.6 Special precautions for user**

**Hazchem code** None Allocated

**15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

**15.1 Safety, health and environmental regulations/legislation specific for the substance or mixture**

**Poison schedule** A poison schedule number has not been allocated to this product using the criteria in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons (SUSMP).

**Classifications** Safework Australia criteria is based on the Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.  
The classifications and phrases listed below are based on the Approved Criteria for Classifying Hazardous Substances [NOHSC: 1008(2004)].

**Hazard codes** Xi Irritant

**Risk phrases** R43 May cause sensitisation by skin contact.

**Safety phrases** S24 Avoid contact with skin.  
S28 After contact with skin, wash immediately with plenty of water.  
S36/37/39 Wear suitable protective clothing, gloves and eye/face protection.

**Inventory listing(s)** **AUSTRALIA: AICS (Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances)**  
All components are listed on AICS, or are exempt.

**16. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Additional information**

ISOTHIAZOLONES 1: Isothiazolone compounds are broad spectrum antimicrobial agents used in cosmetics in concentrations of 3 to 15 ppm. They are used industrially as slimicides in latex emulsions, cooling tower water, metal-working fluids, oil-field drilling muds, and in paper mills. Corrosive to eyes in concentrations of 1.5% or greater-corrosive effects may be delayed. Irritant at concentrations of 0.3% or greater. Non-irritating at 0.06% - irritant effects may be delayed.

ISOTHIAZOLONES 2: Maternal and fetal deaths but no teratogenicity were observed in rabbits and rats given 1.5 to 15 mg/kg. The concentration required to produce detectable mammalian cell mutations was 0.3 ppm. To reach these levels in testicular tissue in a 70 kg man, exposure to 21 mg would be required.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:**

The recommendation for protective equipment contained within this 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 a ChemAlert report which would encompass all possible scenarios, it is anticipated that users will assess the risks and apply control methods where appropriate.

**Abbreviations**

ACGIH	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
CAS #	Chemical Abstract Service number - used to uniquely identify chemical compounds
CNS	Central Nervous System
EC No.	EC No - European Community Number
GHS	Globally Harmonized System
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
LC50	Lethal Concentration, 50% / Median Lethal Concentration
LD50	Lethal Dose, 50% / Median Lethal Dose
mg/m <sup>3</sup>	Milligrams per Cubic Metre
OEL	Occupational Exposure Limit
pH	relates to hydrogen ion concentration using a scale of 0 (high acidic) to 14 (highly alkaline).
ppm	Parts Per Million
STEL	Short-Term Exposure Limit
STOT-RE	Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)
STOT-SE	Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)
SUSMP	Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons
SWA	Safe Work Australia
TLV	Threshold Limit Value
TWA	Time Weighted Average

**Revision history**

Revision	Description
2.0	Converted to GHS
1.0	Initial Release

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**Report status**

This document has been compiled by RMT on behalf of the manufacturer, importer or supplier of the product and serves as their Safety Data Sheet ('SDS').

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