



MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. Product and Company Identification

Material name VOLCLAY® HPM 20
Version # 38
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CAS # 1302-78-9
Synonym(s) SMECTITE CLAY

Manufacturer

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2. Hazards Identification

Potential health effects

Routes of exposure Inhalation. Eye contact.

Eyes Dust or powder may irritate eye tissue. Symptoms include itching, burning, redness and tearing.

Skin Non-irritating to the skin. Not expected to be a primary skin irritant.

Inhalation Inhalation of dusts may cause respiratory irritation. Repeated or prolonged inhalation may cause toxic effects. For additional information on inhalation hazards, see Section 11 of this safety data sheet.

Ingestion No significant adverse effects are expected upon ingestion of the product.

Target organs Lungs.

Chronic effects This product has the potential for generation of respirable dust during handling and use. Dust may contain respirable crystalline silica. Overexposure to dust may result in pneumoconiosis, a respiratory disease caused by inhalation of mineral dust, which can lead to fibrotic changes to the lung tissue, or silicosis, a respiratory disease caused by inhalation of silica dust, which can lead to inflammation and fibrosis of the lung tissue.

3. Composition / Information on Ingredients

The manufacturer lists no ingredients as hazardous according to OSHA 29 CFR 1910.1200.

Composition comments

Bentonite contains naturally occurring crystalline silica (not listed in Annex I of Directive 67/548/EEC) in quantities less than 6%. Occupational Exposure Limits for impurities are listed in Section 8.

4. First Aid Measures

First aid procedures

Eye contact Flush eyes immediately with large amounts of water. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

Skin contact No special measures required. Get medical attention if irritation develops or persists.

Inhalation If symptoms are experienced, remove source of contamination or move victim to fresh air. If the affected person is not breathing, apply artificial respiration. If breathing is difficult, give oxygen. Call a physician if symptoms develop or persist.

Ingestion No special measures required. If ingestion of a large amount does occur, seek medical attention.

Notes to physician Provide general supportive measures and treat symptomatically.

General advice If you feel unwell, seek medical advice (show the label where possible).

5. Fire Fighting Measures

Flammable properties

The product is not flammable. This material will not burn.

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Flammable properties None known.

Extinguishing media

Suitable extinguishing media Use any media suitable for the surrounding fires. Dry chemical, CO₂, water spray or regular foam.

Protection of firefighters

Protective equipment and precautions for firefighters Material can be slippery when wet

6. Accidental Release Measures

Personal precautions Material can be slippery when wet. Wear a dust mask if dust is generated above exposure limits.

Environmental precautions No special environmental precautions required.

Methods for containment None necessary.

Methods for cleaning up Avoid the generation of dusts during clean-up. Collect dust or particulates using a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter. Reduce airborne dust and prevent scattering by moistening with water.

7. Handling and Storage

Handling Keep formation of airborne dusts to a minimum. Provide appropriate exhaust ventilation at places where dust is formed. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.

Storage Guard against dust accumulation of this material. No special storage conditions required. No special restrictions on storage with other products.

8. Exposure Controls / Personal Protection

Occupational exposure limits

ACGIH

| Impurities | CAS # | Type | Value | Form |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| NUISANCE PARTICULATES | RR-00072-6 | TWA | 3 mg/m ³ | |
| | | TWA (inhalable particles, reco) | 10 mg/m ³ | (inhalable particles, recommended) |
| QUARTZ | 14808-60-7 | TWA | 0.025 mg/m ³ | (respirable fraction) |

U.S. - OSHA

| Impurities | CAS # | Type | Value | Form |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| NUISANCE PARTICULATES | RR-00072-6 | TWA | 5 mg/m ³ | (respirable fraction) |
| | | TWA (total dust) | 15 mg/m ³ | (total dust) |

Exposure guidelines Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

ACGIH - Threshold Limits Values - TLV Basis - Critical Effects

QUARTZ 14808-60-7 lung cancer; pulmonary fibrosis

U.S. - OSHA - Final PELs - Table Z-3 Mineral Dusts

QUARTZ 14808-60-7 ((250)/(%SiO₂ + 5) mppcf TWA (respirable)); ((10)/(%SiO₂ + 2) mg/m³ TWA (respirable)); ((30)/(%SiO₂ + 2) mg/m³ TWA (total dust))

Engineering controls If material is ground, cut, or used in any operation which may generate dusts, use appropriate local exhaust ventilation to keep exposures below the recommended exposure limits. If engineering measures are not sufficient to maintain concentrations of dust particulates below the OEL, suitable respiratory protection must be worn.

Personal protective equipment

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| Eye / face protection | Wear dust goggles. |
| Skin protection | No special protective equipment required. |
| Respiratory protection | Use a particulate filter respirator for particulate concentrations exceeding the Occupational Exposure Limit. |
| General hygiene considerations | Eye wash fountain is recommended. Use good industrial hygiene practices in handling this material. |

9. Physical & Chemical Properties

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| Appearance | Not available. |
| Color | Various. |
| Odor | None. |
| Odor threshold | Not available. |
| Physical state | Solid. |
| Form | Granular. Powder. Pellets. or Chips. |
| pH | 7 - 10 |
| Melting point | Not available. |
| Freezing point | Not available. |
| Boiling point | > 2192 °F (> 1200 °C) |
| Flash point | Non-flammable |
| Evaporation rate | Not available. |
| Flammability | Not available. |
| Flammability limits in air, upper, % by volume | Non-explosive |
| Flammability limits in air, lower, % by volume | Non-explosive |
| Vapor pressure | Not available. |
| Vapor density | Not available. |
| Specific gravity | 2.6 |
| Relative density | Not available. |
| Solubility (water) | Negligible |
| Partition coefficient (n-octanol/water) | Not available. |
| Auto-ignition temperature | Not available. |
| Decomposition temperature | Not available. |

10. Chemical Stability & Reactivity Information

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|---|------------------------------|
| Chemical stability | Stable at normal conditions. |
| Conditions to avoid | None known. |
| Incompatible materials | None known. |
| Hazardous decomposition products | None known. |
| Possibility of hazardous reactions | Will not occur. |

11. Toxicological Information**Component analysis - LD50****Toxicology Data - Selected LD50s and LC50s**

| | | |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------|
| BENTONITE | 1302-78-9 | Oral LD50 Rat: >5000 mg/kg |
| QUARTZ | 14808-60-7 | Oral LD50 Rat: 500 mg/kg |

Chronic effects

In 1997, IARC (the International Agency for Research on Cancer) concluded that crystalline silica inhaled from occupational sources can cause lung cancer in humans. However in making the overall evaluation, IARC noted that "carcinogenicity was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied. Carcinogenicity may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity or distribution of its polymorphs." (IARC Monographs on the evaluation of the carcinogenic risks of chemicals to humans, Silica, silicates dust and organic fibres, 1997, Vol. 68, IARC, Lyon, France.)

In June 2003, SCOEL (the EU Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) concluded that the main effect in humans of the inhalation of respirable crystalline silica dust is silicosis. "There is sufficient information to conclude that the relative risk of lung cancer is increased in persons with silicosis (and, apparently, not in employees without silicosis exposed to silica dust in quarries and in the ceramic industry). Therefore, preventing the onset of silicosis will also reduce the cancer risk..." (SCOEL SUM Doc 94-final, June 2003)

According to the current state of the art, worker protection against silicosis can be consistently assured by respecting the existing regulatory occupational exposure limits. Occupational exposure to nuisance dust (total and respirable) and respirable crystalline silica should be monitored and controlled.

Carcinogenicity

ACGIH - Threshold Limits Values - Carcinogens

QUARTZ 14808-60-7 A2 - Suspected Human Carcinogen

IARC - Group 1 (Carcinogenic to Humans)

QUARTZ 14808-60-7 Monograph 68 [1997] (listed under Crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources)

NTP (National Toxicology Program) - Report on Carcinogens - Known Carcinogens

QUARTZ 14808-60-7 Known Carcinogen

12. Ecological Information

Ecotoxicity This material is not expected to be harmful to aquatic life.

Ecotoxicity - Freshwater Fish Species Data

BENTONITE 1302-78-9 96 Hr LC50 Salmo gairdneri: 8-19 g/L

Environmental effects Based on the physical properties of this product, significant environmental persistence and bioaccumulation would not be expected.

Persistence and degradability Not available.

13. Disposal Considerations

Disposal instructions Dispose in accordance with all applicable regulations. Material should be recycled if possible.

14. Transport Information

DOT
Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IATA
Not regulated as dangerous goods.

IMDG
Not regulated as dangerous goods.

15. Regulatory Information

US federal regulations OSHA Process Safety Standard: This material is not known to be hazardous by the OSHA Highly Hazardous Process Safety Standard, 29 CFR 1910.119.

CERCLA (Superfund) reportable quantity
None

Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA)

Hazard categories
Immediate Hazard - No
Delayed Hazard - Yes
Fire Hazard - No
Pressure Hazard - No
Reactivity Hazard - No

Section 302 extremely hazardous substance No

Section 311 hazardous chemical Yes

Inventory status

| Country(s) or region | Inventory name | On inventory (yes/no)* |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Australia | Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances (AICS) | Yes |
| Canada | Domestic Substances List (DSL) | Yes |
| Canada | Non-Domestic Substances List (NDSL) | No |
| China | Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances in China (IECSC) | Yes |
| Europe | European Inventory of New and Existing Chemicals (EINECS) | Yes |
| Europe | European List of Notified Chemical Substances (ELINCS) | No |
| Japan | Inventory of Existing and New Chemical Substances (ENCS) | No |
| Korea | Existing Chemicals List (ECL) | Yes |
| New Zealand | New Zealand Inventory | Yes |
| Philippines | Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS) | Yes |
| United States & Puerto Rico | Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Inventory | Yes |

A "Yes" indicates that all components of this product comply with the inventory requirements administered by the governing country(s)

State regulations

WARNING: This product contains a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

U.S. - California - Proposition 65 - Carcinogens List

QUARTZ 14808-60-7 carcinogen, initial date 10/1/88 (airborne particles of respirable size)

U.S. - New Jersey - Right to Know Hazardous Substance List

QUARTZ 14808-60-7 sn 1660

U.S. - Pennsylvania - RTK (Right to Know) List

QUARTZ 14808-60-7 Present

16. Other Information

Recommended restrictions

Workers (and your customers or users in the case of resale) should be informed of the potential presence of respirable dust and respirable crystalline silica as well as their potential hazards. Appropriate training in the proper use and handling of this material should be provided as required under applicable regulations.

Further information

This safety datasheet only contains information relating to safety and does not replace any product information or product specification.

HMIS ratings

| | | |
|---------------------|---|---|
| HEALTH | * | 1 |
| FLAMMABILITY | | 0 |
| PHYSICAL HAZARD | | 0 |
| PERSONAL PROTECTION | | |

NFPA ratings

Health: 1
Flammability: 0
Instability: 0

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