



## MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET

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### 1. PRODUCT AND COMPANY IDENTIFICATION

**Product Group:** REFRACTORY MORTAR  
**Chemical Name:** Aluminosilicate Product  
**Intended Use:** High Temperature Thermal Insulation  
**Trade Names:** Air-Set™ (Dry, Wet); Smooth-Set (Dry, Wet); High Temp: IFB (Dry, Wet); SR®-90 Dry; Mul-Set™ F (Dry, Wet); Unistik® A; K®-Bond (Dry, Wet); Cements; Cer-Flex® Mortars

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For additional MSDSs and to confirm this is the most current MSDS for the product, visit our web page [[www.thermalceramics.com](http://www.thermalceramics.com)].

### 2. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

<u>INGREDIENT &amp; CAS NUMBER</u>	<u>% BY WEIGHT</u>	<u>OSHA PEL</u>	<u>ACGIH TLV</u>
Aluminum silicate 1302-76-7	Up to 52	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total dust); 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (inhalable dust) 3 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)
Aluminum oxide 1344-28-1	Up to 50	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total dust); 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Silica, amorphous 7631-86-9	Up to 40	(80 mg/m <sup>3</sup> ÷ % SiO <sub>2</sub> ) or 20 mppcf	10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Kaolin 1332-58-7	Up to 27	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)
Crystalline silica 14808-60-7 or 14464-46-1	Up to 20	See notes <sup>(1)</sup>	0.05 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)
Water 7732-18-5	0 to 11	Not established	Not established
Borate, tetra, sodium salt, decahydrate 1303-96-4	0 to 2	15 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (total dust); 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (respirable dust)	5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

**NOTES:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Depending on the percentage and type(s) of silica in the mineral, the OSHA Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) for respirable dust containing crystalline silica (8 HR TWA) is based on the formula listed in 29 CFR 1910.1000, "Air Contaminants" under Table Z-3, "Mineral Dust". For quartz containing mineral dust, the PEL = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> / (% of silica + 2); for cristobalite or tridymite, the PEL = 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> / (% of silica + 2); for mixtures, the PEL = 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup> / (% of quartz + 2 (% of cristobalite) + 2 (% of tridymite) + 2).

(See Section 8 "Exposure Controls / Personal Protection" for exposure guidelines.)

**3. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION****EMERGENCY OVERVIEW****WARNING!**

Respirable dust from these products may contain crystalline silica, which is known to cause respiratory disease.  
(See Section 11 for more information)

**POSSIBLE HEALTH EFFECTS**

**Target Organs:** Eyes, skin, nose and/or throat  
**Primary Entry Route:** Inhalation  
**Acute effects:** May cause temporary, mild mechanical irritation to the eyes, skin, nose and/or throat. Pre-existing skin and respiratory conditions may be aggravated by exposure.  
**Chronic effects:** Prolonged/repeated inhalation of respirable crystalline silica may cause delayed lung injury (e.g.: silicosis, lung cancer).

**HAZARD CLASSIFICATION**

Dust samples from these products have not been tested for their specific toxicity, but may contain more than 0.1% crystalline silica, for which the following apply:

The **International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC)** has classified crystalline silica inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite from occupational sources as carcinogenic to humans (Group 1).

The Ninth Annual Report on Carcinogens (2000), prepared by the **National Toxicology Program (NTP)**, classified silica, crystalline (respirable size), as a substance known to be a human carcinogen.

The **American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH)** has classified crystalline silica (quartz) as "A2-Suspected Human Carcinogen."

The **State of California**, pursuant to Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, has listed "silica, crystalline (airborne particles of respirable size)" as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

The **Canadian Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS)** – Crystalline silica [quartz and cristobalite] is classified as Class D2A - Materials Causing Other Toxic Effects.

The **Hazardous Materials Identification System (HMIS)** –

Health: 1\* Flammability: 0 Reactivity: 0 Personal Protection Index: X (Employer determined)  
(\* denotes potential for chronic effects)

**4. FIRST AID MEASURES****EYE IRRITATION:**

Flush with large amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Do not rub eyes.

**SKIN IRRITATION:**

Wash affected area gently with soap and water. Skin cream or lotion after washing may be helpful.

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**INGESTION:**

Unlikely route of exposure.

**INHALATION:**

Remove affected person to dust free location. See Section 8 for additional measures to reduce or eliminate exposure.

- If symptoms persist, seek medical attention. -

## 5. FIRE FIGHTING MEASURES

**NFPA CODES:** Flammability: 0, Health: 1, Reactivity: 0, Special: 0

**NFPA Unusual Hazards:** None

**Flash Point:** None

**Extinguishing Media:** Use extinguishing media suitable for type of surrounding fire.

**Explosion Hazards:** None

**Hazardous Decomposition Products:** None

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**SPILL/LEAK PROCEDURES:**

Avoid creating airborne dust. Follow routine housekeeping procedures. Vacuum only with HEPA filtered equipment. If sweeping is necessary, use a dust suppressant and place material in closed containers. Do not use compressed air for clean-up. Personnel should wear gloves, goggles and approved respirator.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

**HANDLING**

Limit the use of power tools unless in conjunction with local exhaust. Use hand tools whenever possible. Frequently clean the work area with HEPA filtered vacuum or wet sweeping to minimize the accumulation of debris. Do not use compressed air for clean-up.

**STORAGE**

Store in original factory container in a dry area. Keep container closed when not in use.

**EMPTY CONTAINERS**

Product packaging may contain residue. Do not reuse.

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

**ENGINEERING CONTROLS**

Use engineering controls, such as ventilation and dust collection devices, to reduce airborne particulate concentrations to the lowest attainable level.

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**

When it is not possible or feasible to reduce airborne crystalline silica or particulate levels below the PEL through engineering controls, or until they are installed, employees are encouraged to use good work practices together with respiratory protection. Before providing respirators to employees (especially negative pressure type), employers should **1) monitor for airborne crystalline silica and/or dust concentrations using appropriate NIOSH analytical methods and select respiratory protection based upon the results of that monitoring, 2) have the workers evaluated by a physician to determine the workers' ability to wear respirators, and 3) implement respiratory protection training programs.** Use NIOSH-certified particulate respirators (42 CFR 84), in compliance with OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard 29 CFR 1910.134 and 29 CFR 1926.103, for the particular hazard or airborne concentrations to be encountered in the work environment. For the most current information on respirator selection, contact your supplier.

**PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

Wear full body clothing, gloves, hat, and eye protection as necessary to prevent skin irritation. Washable or disposable clothing may be used. If possible, do not take unwashed work clothing home. If soiled work clothing must be taken home, employers should ensure employees are trained on the best practices to minimize or avoid non-work dust exposure (e.g., vacuum clothes before leaving the work area, wash work clothing separately, rinse washer before washing other household clothes, etc.).

**EYE PROTECTION**

Wear safety glasses with side shields or other forms of eye protection in compliance with appropriate OSHA standards to prevent eye irritation. The use of contact lenses is not recommended, unless used in conjunction with appropriate eye protection. Do not touch eyes with soiled body parts or materials. If possible, have eye-washing facilities readily available where eye irritation can occur.

**9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

<b>ODOR AND APPEARANCE:</b>	Concrete like material
<b>CHEMICAL FAMILY:</b>	Refractory mortar
<b>BOILING POINT:</b>	Not applicable
<b>WATER SOLUBILITY (%):</b>	Not soluble in water
<b>MELTING POINT:</b>	Up to 3200°F (depending on the product)
<b>SPECIFIC GRAVITY:</b>	Not applicable
<b>VAPOR PRESSURE:</b>	Not applicable
<b>pH:</b>	Not applicable
<b>VAPOR DENSITY:</b>	Not applicable
<b>VOLATILE BY VOLUME (%):</b>	Not applicable
<b>MOLECULAR FORMULA:</b>	Not Applicable

**10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

<b>HAZARDOUS POLYMERIZATION:</b>	Will not occur
<b>CHEMICAL INCOMPATIBILITIES:</b>	Powerful oxidizers; fluorine, manganese trioxide, oxygen disulfide
<b>HAZARDOUS DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS:</b>	None

**11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION****TOXICOLOGY**

Dust samples from these products have not been tested. They may contain respirable crystalline silica.

**Crystalline silica**

Some samples of crystalline silica administered to rats by inhalation and intratracheal instillation have caused fibrosis and lung cancer. Mice and hamsters, similarly exposed, develop inflammatory disease including fibrosis but no lung cancer.

**EPIDEMIOLOGY**

No studies have been undertaken on humans exposed to these products in occupational environments.

**Crystalline silica**

Exposure to crystalline silica can cause silicosis, and exacerbate pulmonary tuberculosis and bronchitis. IARC (Monograph vol. 68, 1997) concluded that "crystalline silica from occupational sources inhaled in the form of quartz or cristobalite is carcinogenic to humans (Group 1)", and noted that "carcinogenicity in humans was not detected in all industrial circumstances studied" and "may be dependent on inherent characteristics of the crystalline silica or on external factors affecting its biological activity".

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## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Adverse effects of this material on the environment are not anticipated.

## 13. DISPOSAL INFORMATION

### WASTE MANAGEMENT

To prevent waste materials becoming airborne during waste storage, transportation and disposal, a covered container or plastic bagging is recommended. Comply with federal, state and local regulations.

### DISPOSAL

If discarded in its purchased form, this product would not be a hazardous waste under Federal regulations (40 CFR 261). Any processing, use, alteration or chemical additions to the product, as purchased, may alter the disposal requirements. Under Federal regulations, it is the waste generator's responsibility to properly characterize a waste material, to determine if it is a hazardous waste. Check local, regional, state or provincial regulations to identify all applicable disposal requirements.

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

Hazard Class:	Not Regulated	United Nations (UN) Number:	Not Applicable
Labels:	Not Applicable	North America (NA) Number:	Not Applicable
Placards:	Not Applicable	Bill of Lading:	Product Name

### INTERNATIONAL

Canadian TDG Hazard Class & PIN: Not regulated  
Not classified as dangerous goods under ADR (road), RID (train) or IMDG (ship).

## 15. REGULATORY INFORMATION

### UNITED STATES REGULATIONS

**SARA Title III:** This product does not contain any substances reportable under Sections 302, 304, 313 (40 CFR 372). Sections 311 and 312 apply.

**OSHA:** Comply with Hazard Communication Standards 29 CFR 1910.1200 and 29 CFR 1926.59 and Respiratory Protection Standards 29 CFR 1910.134 and 29 CFR 1926.103.

**TSCA:** All substances contained in this product are listed in the TSCA Chemical Inventory

**California:** "Silica, crystalline (airborne particles of respirable size)" is listed in Proposition 65, The Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 as a chemical known to the State of California to cause cancer.

**Other States:** Crystalline silica products are not known to be regulated by states other than California; however, state and local OSHA and EPA regulations may apply to these products. Contact your local agency if in doubt.

### INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS

**Canadian WHMIS:** Class D-2A Materials Causing Other Toxic Effects

**Canadian EPA:** All substances in this product are listed, as required, on the Domestic Substance List (DSL).

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION

### SARA TITLE III HAZARD CATEGORIES

<b>Acute Health:</b>	No	<b>Pressure Hazard:</b>	No
<b>Chronic Health:</b>	Yes	<b>Reactivity Hazard:</b>	No
<b>Fire Hazard:</b>	No		

**DEFINITIONS:**

<b>ACGIH:</b>	American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists
<b>ADR:</b>	Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (International Regulation)
<b>CAA:</b>	Clean Air Act
<b>CAS:</b>	Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number
<b>CERCLA:</b>	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act
<b>EPA:</b>	Environmental Protection Agency
<b>EU:</b>	European Union
<b>f/cc:</b>	Fibers per cubic centimeter
<b>HEPA:</b>	High Efficiency Particulate Air
<b>HMIS:</b>	Hazardous Materials Identification System
<b>IARC:</b>	International Agency for Research on Cancer
<b>IATA:</b>	International Air Transport Association
<b>IMDG:</b>	International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code
<b>mg/m<sup>3</sup> :</b>	Milligrams per cubic meter of air
<b>mppcf:</b>	Million particles per cubic meter
<b>MSHA:</b>	Mine Safety and Health Administration
<b>NFPA:</b>	National Fire Protection Association
<b>NIOSH:</b>	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
<b>OSHA:</b>	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
<b>PEL:</b>	Permissible Exposure Limit
<b>PNOC:</b>	Particulates Not Otherwise Classified
<b>PNOR:</b>	Particulates Not Otherwise Regulated
<b>RCRA:</b>	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
<b>RID:</b>	Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (International Regulation)
<b>SARA:</b>	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
<b>Title III:</b>	Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act
<b>...Section 302:</b>	Extremely Hazardous Substances
<b>...Section 304:</b>	Emergency Release
<b>...Section 311:</b>	MSDS/List of Chemicals
<b>...Section 312:</b>	Emergency and Hazardous Inventory
<b>...Section 313:</b>	Toxic Chemicals Release Reporting
<b>STEL:</b>	Short-Term Exposure Limit
<b>TCLP:</b>	Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedures (EPA)
<b>TLV:</b>	Threshold Limit Values (ACGIH)
<b>TSCA:</b>	Toxic Substance Control Act
<b>WHMIS:</b>	Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada)
<b>29 CFR 1910.134 &amp; 1926.103:</b>	OSHA Respiratory Protection Standards
<b>29 CFR 1910.1200 &amp; 1926.59:</b>	OSHA Hazard Communication Standards

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